



## Swachh Survekshan 2023

**For Prelims:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of SBM-U

**For Mains:** Swachh Bharat Mission, Government Policies and Interventions

### Why in News?

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the **eighth edition of [Swachh Survekshan \(SS\)](#) - SS 2023** under [Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0](#).

- SS 2023 is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management. The survey would give priority to the principle of 3Rs – Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.

### What is Swachh Survekshan 2023?

- Swachh Survekshan was **introduced by MoHUA in 2016 as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation** while encouraging large scale citizen participation.
  - Over the years, Swachh Survekshan has **emerged as the largest Urban sanitation survey in the world**.
- In SS 2023, **additional weightage has been given** to source segregation of waste, enhancement of waste processing capacity of cities to match the waste generation and reduction of waste going to the dumpsites.
  - Indicators have been introduced with **additional weightage on emphasizing the need for phased reduction of plastic**, plastic waste processing, **encourage waste to wonder parks** and zero waste events.
- **Ranking of Wards** within the cities is also being promoted through SS 2023.
- The cities would also be assessed on dedicated indicators on the issues of **'Open Urination' (Yellow Spots) and 'Open Spitting' (Red Spots)**, being faced by the cities.
- MoHUA will be promoting **cleaning of back lanes** of the residential and commercial areas.

### What is Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0?

- **About:**
  - SBM-U 2.0 was announced in [Budget 2021-22](#), as the continuation of SBM-U first phase.
  - The government is trying to tap safe containment, transportation, disposal of fecal sludge, and septage from toilets.
    - SBM-U first phase was launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 aiming at making urban India **[Open Defecation Free \(ODF\)](#)** and achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste. It lasted till October 2019.
  - It will be **implemented over five years from 2021 to 2026** with an outlay of Rs.1.41 lakh crore.
  - The Mission is being implemented under the overarching principles of “waste to wealth”, and **[“Circular Economy”](#)**.

▪ **Aim:**

- It focuses on source segregation of garbage, reduction in **single-use plastic** and air pollution, by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and **bioremediation of all legacy dump sites**.
- Under this mission, all wastewater will be treated properly before it is discharged into water bodies, and the government is trying to make maximum reuse a priority.

▪ **Mission outcomes:**

- All statutory towns will become **ODF+ certified (focuses on toilets with water, maintenance and hygiene)**.
- All statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become ODF++ certified (focuses on toilets with sludge and septage management).
- 50% of all statutory towns with less than 1 lakh population will become Water+ certified (aims to sustain toilets by treating and reuse of water).
- All statutory towns will be at least **3-star Garbage Free rated** as per MoHUA's Star Rating Protocol for Garbage Free cities.
- Bioremediation of all legacy dumpsites.

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