



Status of Legacy Waste Management under SBM 2.0

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According to the dashboard of the [Swachh Bharat Mission \(SBM\) 2.0](#) the **legacy waste management** has progressed slowly, with **only 470 of 2,424 dumpsites remediated** and **16% of the area reclaimed** since 2021.

- **Legacy waste** refers to waste that has been **improperly collected and stored for years**, often found in **landfills, abandoned mines, and industrial sites**.
 - It poses several challenges, including **radiological characterization, safety issues, leachate management, and fire control**.
 - Processing methods include **bioremediation, biomining, stabilisation, and screening**.
 - It can be classified into four types: **containment and storage, buried garbage, soil and groundwater contamination, and waste from contaminated construction materials**.
- **Legacy waste dumpsites** have been created by [Municipalities](#) in India in city outskirts due to the lack of solid waste handling facilities.
- According to government estimates, around **15,000 acres of prime real estate** is buried under **nearly 16 crore tonnes of legacy waste** across the country.
- **State Performance:**
 - **Tamil Nadu** leads in reclaimed **area** with 837 acres (42%).
 - **Gujarat tops by percentage**, reclaiming 75% (698 out of 938 acres) of its landfill area.
- **Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM-U) 2.0** was **launched in 2021**, with a vision of achieving **"Garbage-Free Status"** for all cities **by 2026**.
 - [SBM-U 1.0](#) was launched to make urban India [Open Defecation Free \(ODF\)](#).

No. of Dumpsites:2425 *

* Primarily dumpsites having legacy waste >= 1000 Tonne

Legacy Waste Qty.	Remediated Waste Qty	Waste to be Remediated
2,200	896 (41%)	1,304 (59%)
Area	Area Reclaimed	Area to be Reclaimed
17,098.12	4,552.34 (27%)	12,546 (73%)

* Waste Qty in Lakh Tonne

* Area in Acre

Remediation Status

Remediation Completed		(470) No of Dumpsite
Legacy Waste Qty.	Remediated Waste Qty	Waste to be Remediated
299	299 (100%)	0 (0%)
Area	Area Reclaimed	Area to be Reclaimed
2,549.38	2,549.38 (100%)	0 (0%)



Read More: [2nd Phase of SBM-U, Making Swachh Bharat Mission A Reality](https://www.drishtiias.com/printpdf/status-of-legacy-waste-management-under-sbm-2-0)

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