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SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAAN 2.0

This article covers "Daily Current Affairs" and the topic details "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2.0". The topic "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2.0" has relevance in the Governance section for the UPSC CSE exam.

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India achieves another major sanitation milestone – 50% of Villages Are Now ODF Plus under Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin Phase II

What is Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2.0?

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, also known as the Clean India Mission, was a significant cleanliness campaign launched by the Government of India on October 2, 2014. It aimed to make India clean and open defecation-free by October 2, 2019, in commemoration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

In order to sustain the achievements of SBM 1.0 the government launched the Phase-II of SBM (G):

The major components of the Phase-II of SBM (G) are:

1. Sustaining Open Defecation Free Status (ODF-S),
2. Solid (Biodegradable) Waste Management,
3. Plastic Waste Management (PWM),
4. Liquid Waste Management (LWM),
5. Faecal Sludge Management (FSM),
6. GOBARdhan, Information Education and
7. Communication/Behavior Change

The SBM-G program has been instrumental in improving the health and well-being of millions of people across the country. Several reports in the past few years have exhibited the ground impact of the SBM-G programme.

SBM(G) is a shining example of what can be achieved when there is a concerted effort to improve sanitation and hygiene. Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

congratulates and applauds the contribution of all villages, Gram Panchayats, Districts, States/UT on this proud achievement.

What is the significance of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan 2.0 ?

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 holds significance in the following aspects:

1. **Sustaining the Achievements:** SBM 2.0 aims at maintaining the cleanliness of public spaces, ensuring the usage and maintenance of constructed toilets, and promoting long-term behaviour change towards sanitation and hygiene practices.
2. **Strengthening Sanitation Infrastructure:** This could involve the construction of additional toilets, waste management systems, and promoting innovative and sustainable sanitation technologies.
3. **Behavioral Change and Awareness:** Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 further emphasises the importance of behavioural change in promoting cleanliness and hygiene practices.
4. **Waste Management and Environmental Sustainability:** SBM 2.0 aims to to strengthen waste management systems, promote recycling initiatives, and create awareness about the environmental impact of improper waste disposal.
5. **Urban Sanitation:** SBM 2.0 aims at urban planning, investment in sanitation facilities, and the adoption of smart technologies for efficient waste management.
6. **Inclusivity and Equity:** SBM 2.0 aims at targeted interventions, policies, and programs to address the specific needs and challenges faced by these groups.

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