

Monthly Summary of the principal activities of Ministry of Urban Development for the month of August, 2016.

I Swachh Bharat Mission

- i. During the month of August, 2016, about 3,845 additional wards across the country have been declared Open Defecation Free (ODF).
- ii. The Thematic Drives for the fortnight of 1st-15th August, 2016 was devoted to NSS, NCC and Eco Clubs and 16th - 31st August, 2016 was devoted to cleanliness drives around sports clubs and stadiums. On the occasion of the thematic drive on Eco Clubs, Sports clubs and Stadium, the Ministry has brought out “Standard Operating Procedure for Swachh Club” which lays out the infrastructure norms assessment & inspection procedures and checklists, and sanitation and waste management best practices to be followed by the clubs.
- iii. The Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development launched the “Swachh Survekshan 2017” on 06th August, 2016. In a first of its kind initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), 500 cities simultaneously participated in the event through video conferencing.
- iv. In order to foster a healthy competition, “Swachh Survekshan 2017” guidelines were issued to conduct a survey to rank 500 AMRUT cities. A Self Assessment Tool has been prepared to assist ULBs to understand the principles of the Municipal Documentation Review.
- v. The Ministry has launched “Swachhata Helpline No. 1969” to address the queries of citizens on any issue in urban areas pertaining to Swachh Bharat Mission.
- vi. Janaagraha has developed Swachhata Mobile App (one click towards cleanliness) in association with the Ministry of Urban Development. Swachhata App is a platform for citizens to report cleanliness related issues and track its resolution and closure. The application covers all cities and towns across India.

- vii. Municipal Solid Waste Management Manual, 2016 has been prepared and published by the Ministry under SBM in alignment with the latest Municipal Solid Waste Management, Rules, 2016. This manual is a ready reckoner for all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the States.
- viii. Ministry of Urban Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghathan (NYKS) on 30th August, 2016 to initiate a youth engagement programme under the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- ix. Ministry of Urban Development has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Amar Chitra Katha on 31st August, 2016 to publish and distribute a special edition of the comic book focusing on Swachh Bharat Mission.

II Smart Cities Mission

- i. 3 cities of Fast Track Round, namely Lucknow, Port Blair and Panaji have created their Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) in the month of August, 2016.

III. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

- i. The State Annual Action Plans (SAAPs) for the year 2016-2017 in respect of the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana, Bihar and the UT of Dadra Nagar Haveli were approved.

IV. Local Self Government (LSG)

As per the decision taken in the meeting by Principal Secretary to Prime Minister on 09.06.2016, the Ministry has issued two Advisories to the States and UTs : (i) suggesting that interested Municipal Corporations, particularly

the larger ones, may consider setting up Post Graduate Medical and Research (PGMER) Institutes from their budget; and (ii) providing details of the Guidelines and Regulations on starting PGMER Institutes as provided by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

V. Urban Transport.

An amount of Rs. 5.79 crore has been released as 2nd instalment of Govt. of India Share to State Governments of Goa (Rs.1.79 crore for 50 buses) and Maharashtra Navi Mumbai (Rs.4 crore for 2 ancillary infrastructure projects).