

Summary of important policy decisions/events pertaining to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for the month of December, 2023

I. Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

- Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 5-week Clean Toilets Campaign from 19th November, World Toilet Day to 25th December Good Governance Day. Citizens, ULBs, SHG groups and States are actively participating in the Clean Toilets Campaign, not only by raising awareness on the significance of clean toilets but also by taking practical steps to ensure their cleanliness and maintenance. To identify the best model public toilets, under the Clean Toilets Challenge, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) called for nominations by cities, parastatal bodies, private operators, NGOs, SHGs, relevant Govt. Departments and Ministries. The nominations are based on the parameters of 'FACES' - Functional, Accessible, Clean, Eco-friendly, and Safe toilets. The nomination form for Clean Toilets Challenge is live on <https://ctc.sbmurban.org/> and the applications were open till 23rd Dec., 2023. Once the nominations conclude, an independent jury of experts and officials will evaluate the nominated toilets and the best model toilets selected by MoHUA, will be awarded the 'Swachh Bharat Saarvajanik Shauchalaya' seal recognizing their sanitation facilities as benchmarks for others to replicate and cross learn from.
- Out of total 4,884 ULBs/ towns have been declared as ODF (Open Defecation Free) of which 4,355 cities have been certified through third party verification, 3,547 cities have been certified as ODF+, 1191 cities have been certified as ODF++ and 14 cities (Indore, Surat, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Tirupati, Chandigarh, Navi Mumbai, Vijayawada, Hyderabad, Greater Visakhapatnam, Karad, Panchgani, Bhopal, Baramati and Mysore) have been certified as Water+.
- 67,407 toilets across more than 3,326 cities are live on Google Maps with the name of "SBM Toilet".

- Swachhata App emerged as an important tool towards enabling citizens to have their grievances addressed by the concerned Municipal Corporation. The Swachhata App has a total of 2.08 crore users, who have posted 2.55 crore complaints, of which 2.39 crore complaints have been resolved, with a resolution of above 94%.
- The result of GFC 2022 was declared on 01st October 2022 as part of the Swachh Survekshan Award Ceremony 2022. The number of cities with 7-Star Certification is 1, 5-Star Certification is 11, 3-Star Certification is 199 and 1-Star Certification is 234 under Star Rating Protocol for Garbage Free Cities(GFC).
- SBM-U in collaboration with AFD (Agence Française de Développement) and Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), have conducted the 'Swachhata Startup Challenge' on 27th Jan'22 to promote an enabling environment for development startups and entrepreneurs in the waste management sector. The Jury evaluated solutions of 30 Startups and selected 10 solutions for financial support of ₹ 25 Lakhs per selected project and 1 year incubation support by AFD. Further, it was decided to provide funding support to the next 20 Startups @ Rs 20 lakh per Startup by MoHUA and 1 year incubation support from Startup Incubation and Innovation Center (SIIC), IIT Kanpur. In this regard an MoU between MoHUA and SIIC, IIT Kanpur was signed on 06th January 2023. Presently the 20 Startups are being incubated by SIIC IIT Kanpur and the first tranche of Rs 5 Lakh has been released to 12 Startups. In order to nurture more startups in the domain of Waste Management, MoHUA plans to provide funding and incubation support to a total of 75 Startups in collaboration with SIIC IIT Kanpur

II. **Smart City Mission**

- 8,010 projects worth ₹1,71,086 crore are ongoing, of which 6,627 projects worth ₹ 1,32,199 crore have already been completed.
- 269 additional projects worth ₹ 10,986 crore have been completed during the month of December.
- Towards boosting urban mobility, smart cities have completed over 1,342 smart mobility projects and 327 projects are nearing completion with investments worth ₹ 9,063 crore. While 570

projects worth Rs. 14,758 crore. towards smart governance are completed.

- With a focus on public spaces like river/lakefronts, parks and playgrounds, and tourism destinations, 1,167 vibrant public space projects are completed, and 203 projects are in various stages of development with investments of about ₹ 4,062 crore. Towards making our cities more liveable and sustainable, 1,293 WASH projects and 622 smart energy projects have been completed. Further, 228 WASH and 63 smart energy projects are in the pipeline.

- **National Workshop on Streets and Public spaces**
Smart Cities Mission, MoHUA and Coimbatore Smart City Limited organised the National Workshop of Streets and Public Spaces on 16 December 2023 in Coimbatore Smart City. The workshop majorly focused on the importance of lake rejuvenation in urban areas. Mayors, deputy mayors, and corporation officials from over 50 smart cities across the country participated in this national workshop.

III Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

- a. Works have been completed for 5,163 projects worth Rs. 45,566 crores & works in progress for 739 projects worth Rs. 39381 crore. In all, physical work worth about Rs. 75,255 crore has been carried out in completed/ ongoing AMRUT projects.
- b. So far, ₹40,775 crore has been released to States/UTs towards project implementation (including the eligible projects of erstwhile JnNURM), Administrative & Office Expenses (A&OE), reform incentive, and under sub-schemes on 'Formulation of GIS based Master Plans in AMRUT cities' and 'Local Area Plan (LAP) and Town Planning Schemes (TPS) in 25 selected cities'.
- c. So far, State Water Action Plans have been submitted by States/UT's for 6,895 projects costing Rs. 1,53,574 crore (incl. O&M). Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared for 4,820 projects worth Rs. 1,07,042 crore, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been approved for 4,558 projects worth Rs. 96,880 crore, NIT issued for 3,593 projects worth Rs. 73,786 crore, work in progress for 2,092 projects worth Rs. 36,871 crore & 280 projects worth Rs. 462 crore have been completed.
- d. So far, Rs. 6,971 crore have been released for implementation of projects under AMRUT 2.0. Overall, Rs. 7,503 crore have been released under various components of AMRUT 2.0 such as projects and A&OE.

IV. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana /National Urban Livelihood Mission (DAY/NULM)

During the month of September of current financial year 11,582 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed; 4,044 SHGs were given Revolving Fund; 11,242 beneficiaries were assisted with loans for setting up of individual and micro enterprises and 18,256 no. of loans were given to SHGs under SHG-Bank linkage programme.

V. Housing

-All States/UTs have notified rules under RERA except Nagaland, which is under process to notify the rules.

-32 States/UTs have set up Real Estate Regulatory Authority (Regular - 27, Interim – 05). Ladakh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Sikkim are yet to establish Real Estate Regulatory Authority.

-28 States/UTs have set up Real Estate Appellate Tribunal (Regular - 24, Interim – 04). Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and West Bengal are yet to establish Appellate Tribunal.

- Regulatory Authorities of 30 States/UTs have operationalized their websites under the provisions of RERA. Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur are yet to operationalize.

-26 States/UTs have appointed Adjudicating Officer. 10 States/UTs i.e., Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh are yet to appoint Adjudicating Officer.

-1,19,957 Real Estate Projects and 84,991 Real Estate Agents have registered under RERA across the Country.

-1,18,254 Complaints have been disposed-off by the Real Estate Regulatory Authorities across the Country.

Progress made under Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act 2016 (as on 01.01.2024)

- 3130 Real Estate Projects have been registered under RERA in month of December 2023.
- 2191 Real Estate Agents have been registered under RERA in month of December 2023.

- 1682 Complaints have been disposed-off by different Real Estate Regulatory Authorities across the country in month of December 2023

Model Tenancy Act

As per Census-2011, nearly 1.1 crore houses were lying vacant in urban areas because landlords were unwilling to give their premises on rent. On the other hand, there is a shortage of 187.8 lakh urban houses estimated as per the report of Technical Group on Urban Housing Shortage in 2012. Existing rental laws of States/UTs inhibit renting of premises and have long drawn legal provisions. In order to promote renting of premises and to ensure Speedy dispute resolution, MoHUA has prepared the Model Tenancy Act.

MTA aims to balance the interests and rights of both landlord and tenant in accountable and transparent manner and prescribes a speedy dispute resolution mechanism. MTA will enable unlocking of vacant premises for rental purpose and create a vibrant and sustainable rental market.

After approval of Union Cabinet on 2nd June 2021, MTA has been shared with the States/Union Territories (UTs) for adoption either by legislating a new law or by amending existing rental law suitably on the lines of MTA. States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have already notified Tenancy Acts based on earlier draft of MTA and they have been requested to align their tenancy laws with the latest version of MTA. Assam Tenancy Act, 2021 has been enacted in the State of Assam on the lines of latest version of MTA, as approved by Union Cabinet.

The Union Cabinet has also approved (i) the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Tenancy Regulation, 2023, (ii) the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Tenancy Regulation, 2023 and (iii) the Lakshadweep Tenancy Regulation, 2023 on 4th October, 2023.

MoHUA is in constant touch with all the States and UTs to ensure adoption of MTA across the country at the earliest.