

“ROLE OF THE SWACHH BHARAT MISSION (GRAMIN) INTO THE NEW BHARAT”

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Introduction:

To accelerate efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation the Prime Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October 2014. The mission coordinator for SBM is secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. With two sub-mission the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban). Together they aim to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2019, as fitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary.

In Rural India this would mean improving the levels of cleanliness through Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities and making villages Open Defecation Free (ODF) clean and sanitised.

Vision:-

The aim of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is to achieve a clean and Open Defecation Free India by 2nd October 2019.

Objectives:-

1. To bring about an improvement in the general quality of life in the rural areas, by promoting cleanliness, hygiene and eliminating Open Defecation.
2. To accelerate sanitation coverage in rural areas to achieve the vision of Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019.
3. To motivate communities to adopt sustainable sanitation practices and facilities through awareness creation and health education.
4. To encourage cost effective and appropriate technologies for ecologically safe and sustainable sanitation.
5. To develop, wherever required, community manage sanitation systems focusing on scientific Solid and Liquid Waste Management systems for overall cleanliness in rural areas.
6. To create significant positive impact on gender and promote social inclusion by improving sanitation especially in marginalised communities.

To achieve the goal of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) the programme has been divided into many parts.

1. NamamiGange
2. SwachataPakhwada
3. School Sanitation
4. Anganwadi Sanitation
5. Railway Sanitation
6. Swachata at petrol pumps
7. RashtriyaSwachhata Kendra.

Table-1

Present state of open defecation in rural bharat since- 02 Oct-2014

1	Household toilet Built	96753984
2.	Open defecation free villages	567580
3.	Open defecation free district	622
4.	Open defecation free states/UTs	30

Source- Swachh Bharat Mission Report- 2019

According to the UN report between 2000 and 2017 India reduced open defecation by half.

Present scenario of India in to the world about Open Defecation.

Given its population, India is crucial to achieving the massive improvements needed to meet UNs Sustainable Development Goals. Open Defecation is one area the country has made strides in last two decades, with the Swachh Bharat Programme providing added impetus in recent years, as UN notes in a new report.

Table-2

Top 10 countries for reduction in population practising open defecation.

S.N	Name of Country	Reduction in population practising open defecation.
1	Sudan	27
2	Pakistan	30
3	Cabot Verde	31
4	Somalia	31
5	Mozambique	32
6	Laos	41
7	Nepal	45
8	India	47
9	Cambodia	53
10	Ethiopia	57

Source- The Times of India June 21, 2019

This table shows that India is near top of the list of 16 countries worldwide that have reduced open defecation by more than 20 percentage points since 2000. With only Ethiopia and Colombia doing better.

The global population practising open defecation halved from 1.3 billion 673 million. A total of 23 countries reduced open defecation rate below 1% and were classed as reading near elimination.

According to Work Bank and WHO data, the proportion of Indian practising open defecation on was high 66% in 2000. But that rate has kept coming down over the last two decades to less than 40% in2015. Even so, the latest UN report warns that in 2016, over 60% of child faeces in India was buried, thrown into garbage or not disposed of properly.

The latest Swachh Bharat data says that 99.2% of Indian households now have access to toilets.

Between 2000 and 2014, open defecation decreases by almost three percentage points per year. While from 2015 to 2019 it comes down by of over 12 percentage points per year.

If we study the changes in number of people practising open defecation by countries and regions from 2000 to 2017 we find that between these years 91 countries reduced open defecation by combined total of 696 million people with central and southern Asia accounting for three quarters of this reduction. However in the same period 39 countries recorded increased. Most of these countries were in Sub- Saharan Africa, which has seen rapid population growth since 2000.

While Swachh Bharat has greatly expanded sanitation covers, the poorest fifth of population still lacks access to basics. For Instance compared the richest fifth only 10% of poorest has to basic sanitation. The picture is starker when it comes to open defecation staggering 82% of the poorest fifth still practising it against only 1% of richest fifth.

Role of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) in to New Bharat.

Mahatma Gandhi had rightly said “sanitation is more important than Independence “. He was aware of pathetic situation of Indian rural people at that time and dream of clean India where he emphasized on cleanliness and sanitation as integral parts

of living. Unfortunately, after 67 years of Independence we had only about 30% of rural households with access to toilets in 2014. President Pranab Mukherjee in his address to the parliament in June 2014 said “for ensuring hygiene, waste management and sanitation across nation a Swachh Bharat Mission will be launched “. This will be our tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary to be celebrated in 2019.

In today’s new Bharat, Swachh Bharat Mission has tremendous role to play if we want to achieve a dream of developed economy. The following roles can be played out by Swachh Bharat Mission.

1. To reduce dropout rate of girl child at schooling levels.
2. To increase women work participation.
3. To ensure social security for women.
4. To change social behaviour and minnsset of the masses.
5. To get recognized by Swachhata tag.
6. To reduce child mortality.
7. To improve quality of water and air.
8. To promote tourism.

Conclusion:- The Swachh Bharat Mission a initiative by Government of India is very good initiative and will definitely going to help to achieve a dream of developed economy. The programme has been in his great pace as everyone in country is involved in it to keep their public or private spaces clean.

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