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## TRAINING OF TRAINERS PROGRAMME FOR SANITATION OFFICIALS OF ULBS

### BACKGROUND

Urban sanitation has become a critical priority due to rapid urbanization, increasing population density, and mounting pressure on urban infrastructure. Ensuring effective sanitation service delivery requires not only strong policies and infrastructure but also well-trained human resources at the Urban Local Body (ULB) level.

Recognizing the key role of municipal functionaries in planning, implementation, and monitoring of sanitation activities, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized a **Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme** for sanitation officials of ULBs in Uttar Pradesh.

The programme aimed to develop a pool of skilled master trainers who can further build capacities at the grassroots level through a cascade training approach. Two batches of two-day trainings were conducted on **08–09 January 2026** and **20–21 January 2026**, with a total participation of **85 officials** from across the state.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- Strengthen technical knowledge on urban sanitation systems, including solid waste management, public health, and food safety.
- Build capacity of officials to function as **master trainers** for cascading knowledge to field-level staff.
- Familiarize participants with **Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0**, Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, and related policies.
- Enhance planning, implementation, and monitoring skills for sanitation service delivery.
- Promote **peer learning and exchange of best practices** across ULBs.
- Improve communication, training delivery, and facilitation skills of participants.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

#### Key Thematic Areas Covered:

- Solid Waste Management (SWM) and regulatory frameworks
- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0 guidelines and targets

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20-21 Jan, 2026	41	Dr. Nasruddin

- Garbage-Free Cities and Swachh Survekshan 2025–26
- Sustainable waste and wastewater management
- Behaviour change and community engagement strategies

#### Training Methodology:

- Expert-led sessions and presentations
- Case studies and group discussions
- Scenario-based problem-solving exercises
- Hands-on training and practical demonstrations
- Participant-led practice sessions for training delivery

#### Field Exposure Visit:

Participants visited the **Gwari Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Gomti Nagar, Lucknow**, where they observed:

- Waste segregation and processing systems
- Facility design and operational flow
- Integration of informal waste workers
- Technology-based monitoring practices

#### Special Focus:

- Training design and adult learning principles
- Communication and facilitation skills
- Practice sessions to build confidence as trainers

#### Assessment:

A post-training re-evaluation of all participants was conducted to assess understanding of SWM and SBM-U 2.0 concepts.

#### PARTICIPANTS

The programme saw participation from **85 officials** representing diverse roles across urban sanitation systems in Uttar Pradesh.

- **Programme Management & Administrative**

**Officials:** District Programme Managers (DPMs), Executive Officers, SBM Prabharis, and nodal staff

- **Technical Personnel:** Junior Engineers, Supervisors, and technical staff
- **Sanitation & Inspection Staff:** Sanitary Inspectors and Sanitary & Food Inspectors
- **Field-Level Functionaries:** Safai Nayaks and Safai Prabharis
- **Clerical & Support Staff:** Clerks, LDCs, Computer Operators, and SBM support staff

The diverse composition ensured a **holistic learning environment**, fostering cross-level understanding and strengthening coordination between planning, technical execution, and field implementation.



## TRAINING PROGRAMME ON CLEAN CITIES AND SANITATION ACHIEVING SDGS

### BACKGROUND

Rapid urbanisation in India has accelerated economic growth and improved access to urban services, but it has also intensified challenges related to sanitation, solid waste management, wastewater treatment, and environmental sustainability. Ensuring clean, inclusive, and resilient cities has therefore become a critical priority for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

In alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), there is a growing need to strengthen institutional capacities and improve urban governance systems. Municipal officials play a pivotal role in translating national missions and policies into effective on-ground action.

Recognizing this need, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized a Training Programme on “Clean Cities & Sanitation: Achieving SDGs” on 09–10 December 2025 and 04–05 February 2026 for officials from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Bihar.

The programme was conceptualized in the context of major national initiatives such as:

- Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0
- AMRUT 2.0
- National Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) Policy
- Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban)
- India’s commitments under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The training aimed to strengthen the technical knowledge, managerial capacities, and policy understanding of municipal officials to support sustainable sanitation systems and cleaner urban environments.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) related to sanitation and sustainable urban development, particularly SDG 6 and SDG 11.
- To strengthen technical capacities in solid waste

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management, used water management, and legacy waste management.

- To build knowledge on rejuvenation and restoration of urban water bodies for improving urban resilience.
- To promote adoption of Garbage Free City (GFC) frameworks and best sanitation practices.
- To enhance skills in Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and participatory planning for behavioural change and community engagement.
- To encourage peer learning and exchange of experiences among officials from different states.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Key Thematic Areas Covered:

- Sustainable Development Goals and urban sanitation
- Solid waste management and source segregation
- Used water management and wastewater reuse
- Legacy waste management and landfill diversion strategies
- Garbage Free City (GFC) framework
- Urban water body rejuvenation and environmental sustainability
- IEC strategies and behavioural change communication
- Participatory planning and community engagement
- Integration of social support systems with urban sanitation
- Training Methodology:
- Expert lectures and thematic presentations

- Interactive discussions and group exercises
- Case studies and practical examples
- Peer learning and experience sharing sessions

The programme emphasized practical, solution-oriented learning and encouraged participants to connect local sanitation interventions with broader sustainability and SDG goals.

### PARTICIPANTS

The training programme witnessed active participation from 58 officials representing Urban Local Bodies and urban development institutions from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Bihar.

The participants included:

- Municipal administrators and Executive Officers
- Sanitation and public health officials
- Engineers and technical personnel

- Urban development and mission officials
- Field-level implementation staff involved in sanitation and cleanliness initiatives

The programme successfully contributed towards strengthening institutional capacities and promoting sustainable urban sanitation practices aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. It reaffirmed the importance of empowered Urban Local Bodies in creating cleaner, healthier, and more resilient cities.



## ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF MUNICIPAL BODIES OF UTTAR PRADESH UNDER SWACHH BHARAT MISSION 2.0

### BACKGROUND

The Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) 2.0, launched by the Government of India under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), marks the second phase of India’s flagship urban sanitation initiative. While SBM-U 1.0 focused on achieving Open Defecation Free (ODF) status and strengthening sanitation infrastructure, SBM 2.0 emphasizes sustainable sanitation and scientific waste management.

The Mission envisions Garbage Free Cities (GFC), effective solid and plastic waste management, remediation of legacy dumpsites, faecal sludge and septage management (FSSM), used water management, and strengthened IEC strategies for behavioural change.

Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are the primary implementing agencies of SBM 2.0, and elected representatives play a crucial leadership role in policy decisions, financial prioritization, monitoring, and community mobilization. Recognizing this, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized an Orientation and Training Programme to strengthen their capacity and understanding of SBM 2.0.

Two batches of the programme were conducted on 9th–10th February and 12th–13th February 2026, with participation from elected representatives across Uttar Pradesh.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To enhance understanding of SBM 2.0 framework, guidelines, and Garbage Free City (GFC) protocols.
- To strengthen leadership and governance capacity in sanitation planning and monitoring.
- To promote scientific solid waste management practices, including segregation, processing, and disposal.
- To improve knowledge of FSSM, wastewater management, and sustainable sanitation systems.
- To encourage community participation through IEC and behavioural change strategies.
- To provide practical exposure through field visits to operational facilities.

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Date	No of Participants	Coordinator
09-10 February,	8	Dr. Nasruddin
12-13 February,	14	Mr. Himanshu Chandra

- To strengthen monitoring, reporting, and performance assessment aligned with Swachh Survekshan 2025–26.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Key Thematic Areas Covered:

- Overview of SBM 2.0 and Garbage Free City (GFC) framework
- Solid Waste Management (collection, segregation, transportation, processing)
- Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 performance parameters
- Legacy waste remediation (bio-mining and landfill reclamation)
- Plastic waste management and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)
- Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM)
- Used water management and reuse strategies
- Community participation and IEC strategies
- Integration of environmental sustainability in urban governance

### Training Methodology:

- Expert-led sessions and presentations
- Interactive discussions and case-based learning
- Experience sharing and peer learning
- Practical exposure visits

### Field Exposure Visit:

Participants visited the Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Gwari, Zone-4, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, where they observed:

- Waste segregation and sorting processes
- Recycling and resource recovery systems
- Facility operations and workflow management
- Integration of waste streams into the circular



economy

This on-site training helped bridge the gap between policy understanding and real-world implementation.

### PARTICIPANTS

A total of 22 elected representatives from Urban Local Bodies across Uttar Pradesh participated in the programme. The participants included Chairpersons and other elected representatives actively involved in urban governance and sanitation management.

Their participation ensured a strong focus on leadership-driven implementation, enhancing decision-making capacity and promoting citizen-centric sanitation governance at the city level.

This programme successfully strengthened the capacity of elected representatives to act as change agents, enabling improved implementation, monitoring, and sustainability of sanitation initiatives



## ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2025-26

### BACKGROUND

Cleanliness and effective solid waste management have become central to India's urban development agenda under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U). Among various initiatives, **Swachh Survekshan** has emerged as a key national assessment that evaluates city performance in sanitation, waste management, and citizen engagement.

Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 places greater emphasis on **sustainable sanitation practices, scientific waste processing, source segregation, and behavioural change**. A critical component of this framework is the **Garbage Free Cities (GFC) Toolkit**, which provides structured guidelines for cities to achieve star ratings (1 to 7) based on their compliance with scientific waste management practices.

To strengthen the capacity of urban officials and improve preparedness for upcoming assessments, the Regional Centre for Urban and Environmental Studies (RCUES), Lucknow organized an **Online Training Programme on Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 and Garbage Free Cities Toolkit** from 16th to 18th February 2026.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

- To familiarize participants with the **framework and evaluation parameters** of Swachh Survekshan 2025–26.
- To enhance understanding of the **Garbage Free Cities (GFC) Toolkit** and star rating protocol.
- To strengthen capacity in **scientific solid waste management practices**, including segregation, collection, and processing.
- To provide guidance on **documentation, monitoring, and reporting mechanisms** for assessments.
- To promote **best practices and innovative approaches** in waste management and sanitation.
- To encourage **community participation and IEC strategies** for behavioural change.
- To facilitate **inter-state knowledge exchange and experience sharing**.

### TRAINING PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

List of Training		
Date	No of Participants	Coordinator
17-Feb-26	74	Dr. Nasruddin
18-Feb-26	227	
19-Feb-26	89	

### Key Thematic Areas Covered:

- Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 assessment framework and indicators
- Garbage Free Cities (GFC) star rating protocol
- Scientific solid waste management practices
- Source segregation and door-to-door collection
- Waste processing technologies and landfill reduction
- Plastic waste management and sustainability measures
- Citizen engagement and IEC strategies
- Best practices from leading cities

### Training Methodology:

- Expert-led lectures and presentations
- Interactive discussions and Q&A sessions
- Case studies and best practice sharing
- Real-time virtual engagement across states

### Coverage:

The programme saw participation from officials across **Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh**, reflecting wide regional representation and strong institutional engagement.

### PARTICIPANTS

A total of **390 officials** from Urban Local Bodies, municipal departments, and urban development institutions participated in the programme.

### Participant Profile Included:

- **Administrative Officials:** Municipal Commissioners, Executive Officers, Chief Municipal Officers, Deputy Commissioners
- **Sanitation Officials:** Sanitary Inspectors, Chief Sanitary Inspectors, Zonal Sanitary

Officers, Nagar Swasthya Adhikaris

- **Technical Personnel:** Engineers (Executive, Assistant, Junior, Environmental), Infrastructure Specialists
- **Mission & Programme Staff:** City/District/State Mission Managers, SBM Nodal Officers, Coordinators
- **Data & IEC Personnel:** MIS Experts, Data Entry Operators, IEC Experts, Project Analysts
- **Field & Support Staff:** Supervisors, Safai Nayaks, SWM Experts, Consultants, and operational staff

The diverse composition created a **multi-disciplinary learning platform**, enabling cross-learning, exchange of best practices, and discussion of real-world challenges in sanitation and waste management.

**INDICATOR 5.3-Scientific processing of sewage and faecal sludge**

What percentage of sewage and faecal sludge generated from households, commercial establishments, and public or community toilets is being scientifically processed at Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs)?

**INDICATOR 5.4- Recycle/reuse of treated used water**

What percentage treated used-water is recycle/ reused by the ULB?

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the indicator is to assess whether the ULB is ensuring the scientific processing of faecal sludge and sewage. Following appropriate treatment protocols to protect public health and the environment.

**VALIDATION METHODOLOGY**

The validation for this indicator will be carried out by visiting the STP and FSTP facilities where city waste is being treated. Photographs and videos will be captured at the sampled locations.

**APPLICABILITY**

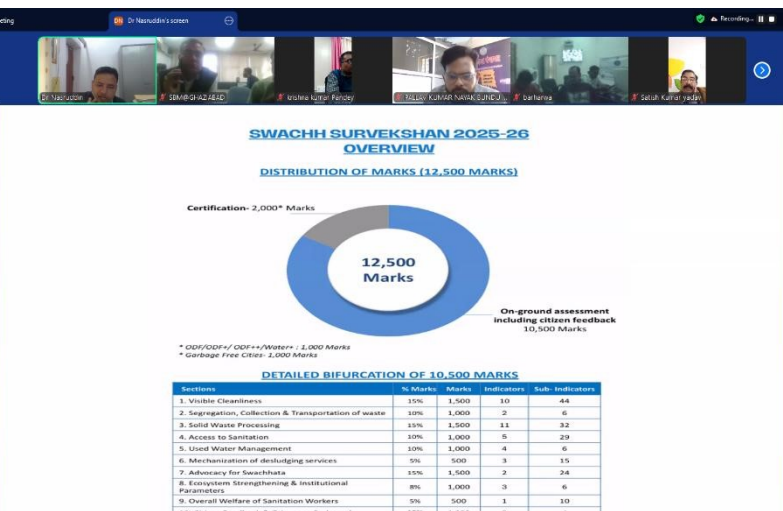
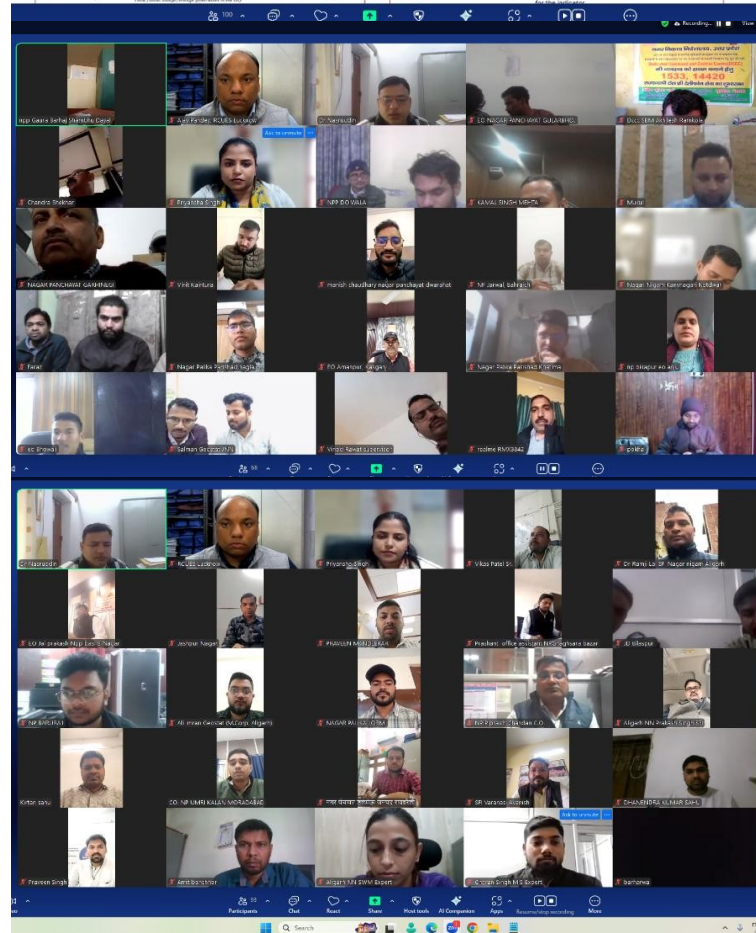
Very Small (≤ 20k Population)	Small (20k-10k Population)	Medium (10k-50k Population)	Big (50k-1Lakh population)	Million Plus (≥ 1Lakh population)
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**SCHEME OF MARKING**

Percentage of total sewage and faecal sludge treated out of total faecal sludge and sewage generated in the city	MAX MARKS: 500
At least 75% of total sewage and faecal sludge generated is being treated	500
At least 50% of total sewage and faecal sludge generated is being treated	200
At least 25% of total sewage and faecal sludge generated is being treated	100
<25% of total sewage and faecal sludge generated is being treated	0

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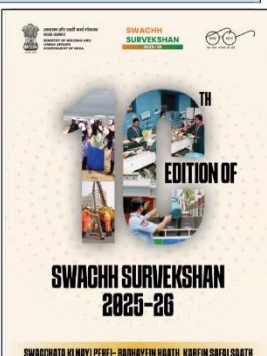
Whether treated wastewater is reused/recycled?	MAX MARKS: 150
>20% treated used-water is reused/recycled	150
10% - >20% treated used-water is reused/recycled	100
>10% treated used-water is reused/recycled	50
No treated used-water is reused/recycled	0



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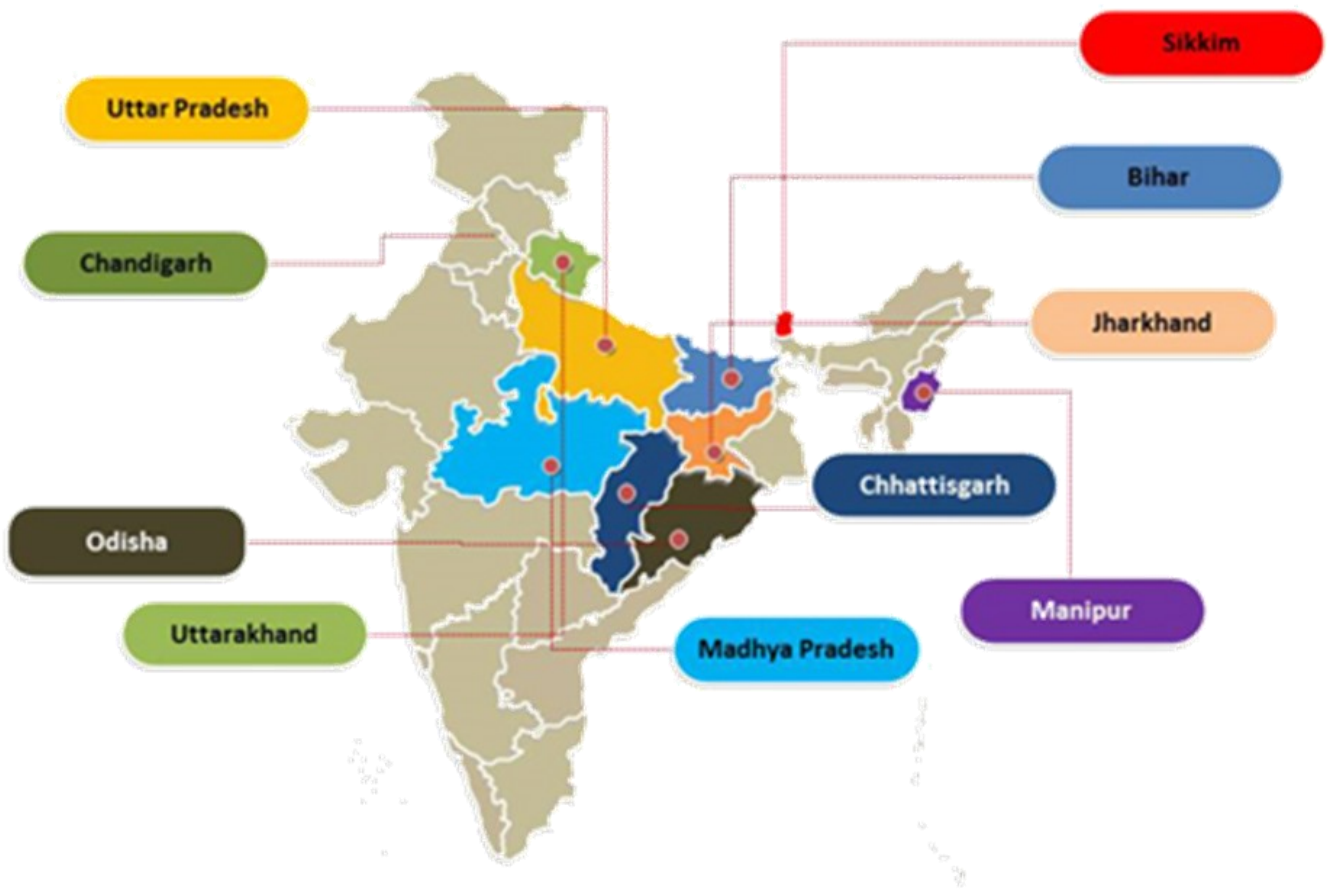
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This training programme significantly contributed to enhancing the **technical knowledge, operational understanding, and strategic preparedness** of urban officials, supporting cities in improving their performance in **Swachh Survekshan 2025-26** and progressing towards achieving **Garbage Free City** status.

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