

# Conference on Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) Progress & Brainstorming on SBM-G Next Phase

## A platform to assess progress and plan for the way forward.

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The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, will convene a “Roundtable Conference on Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) Progress & Brainstorming on SBM-G Next Phase” on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The deliberations will be chaired by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri C.R. Patil; Minister of State, Shri V Somanna; Secretary DDWS, Shri Ashok K.K. Meena and AS&MD NJJM & SBM(G), Shri Kamal Kishore Soan. The full-day programme will bring together senior leadership from across the country, including 17 State Ministers in-charge of Rural Sanitation, 21 Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, and 26 Mission Directors from 29 States and Union Territories..

The Conference will review the achievements and progress under SBM-G, focusing on sustaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus Model outcomes, strengthening solid and liquid waste management systems, and scaling innovative models like GOBARDhan and Faecal Sludge Management. An open house will set the stage for the brainstorming session outlining priorities for the next phase of the SBM-G with an emphasis on system strengthening, digital innovations, and convergence with climate resilience goals.

Till date, SBM-G Phase II has enabled over 11.93 crore Individual Household Latrines, 2.62 lakh Community Sanitary Complexes, 4.76 lakh ODF Plus Model Villages, over 950 functional GOBARDhan projects, and 124 Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants. As SBM-G Phase II approaches its conclusion in March 2026, this conference provides a critical opportunity to consolidate gains, reflect on lessons learnt, and chart a robust roadmap for the next phase of SBM-G.

DDWS looks forward to the participation of States and Union Territories, whose insights and experiences will be vital in shaping the contours of the next phase of SBM-G, thereby advancing the national vision of Swachh, Sujal, and Sustainable Villages.

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