

EVALUATIONS OF MEASURABLE OUTCOMES DELIVERED BY SCM

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NITI Aayog in its report titled 'Evaluation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in Package 4 – Urban Transformation and Skill Development' published in September 2025, has concluded that the Smart Cities Mission demonstrates strong alignment with national urban priorities and citizen needs, contributing significantly to multiple United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. As per the report, the Mission has achieved a high project completion rate of 93% of 8,063 projects and 100% completion of Integrated Command and Control Centres (ICCCs), leading to measurable improvements in urban liveability, mobility, safety, and environmental outcomes.

Under Smart Cities Mission (SCM), as reported by the States/UTs as on 31.03.2026, a total 8,064 projects amounting to ₹1,64,811 Cr were taken up out of which 7,790 projects (97% of total projects undertaken) worth ₹1,56,257 Cr have been completed. The key achievements and transformative outcomes of SCM inter-alia includes:

- i. 100 ICCCs established for functions spanning crime monitoring, citizen safety, transport, waste, water, and disaster management
- ii. Public Safety and Security: More than 83,000 CCTV surveillance cameras installed
- iii. Vibrant Public Spaces: 1,300+ public-space projects completed, along with conservation of 484 heritage sites and market redevelopments in 58 cities
- iv. Water Supply: 17,000+ km of water supply network monitored via SCADA, reducing leakages and non-revenue water
- v. Solid Waste Management: ICCCs monitor RFID-enabled waste-collection vehicles, improving routes and collection efficiency
- vi. Mobility: 1,700+ km of smart, accessible roads built, with ITMS deployed and monitored via ICCCs for better traffic management
- vii. Public Private Partnership (PPP): 194 projects worth ₹9,190 Cr with have been completed.

Post closure of SCM on 31.03.2025, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has issued Advisory No. 27 dated 10th June, 2025 to all States/ UTs. As per the advisory, the Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) are to ensure the timely completion of all ongoing SCM projects and prepare O&M plans for the assets created. The Advisory has further outlined the envisioned future role of SPVs of smart cities and a roadmap for the continued functioning of ICCCs. The advisory underscores repurposing of SPVs to meet emerging urban challenges.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Tokhan Sahu in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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