

# 13 August 2019: PIB Summary & Analysis

## Swachh Survekshan 2020

### Context

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing & Urban Affairs launched the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (SS 2020), the fifth edition of the annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)

### Focus areas of Swachh Survekshan 2020

- Collect segregated waste and maintain till processing site
- Utilising capacity of wet waste processing facilities
- Treat and reuse waste water
- Curtail solid waste based air pollution
- Uplift social condition of informal waste pickers
- Promote procurement through GeM
- Assess Ganga Towns separately to accelerate action
- Engage technology driven monitoring

### Difference between Swachh Survekshan 2020 and 2019

Swachh Survekshan 2019	Swachh Survekshan League2020
 <b>Annual Survey</b> : Conducted once a year ,on cumulative progress made by the ULBs	 <b>Quarterly Survey</b> : Continuous assessment through quarterly survey followed by final assessment in 2020
 <b>Data capture</b> through Online MIS with <b>multiple data fields</b> for Service Level Progress and Certifications	 <b>Integrated tech enabled data capture</b> for reliable data driven analytics and decision making
 <b>Citizen Centric Engagement</b> through indicators and feedback i.e. citizens can directly contribute to the city's performance	 <b>Citizens Validation</b> of the progress claimed by ULB to ensure continuous and sustained progress.
 <b>Sustainability</b> through Star Rating for Garbage Free City Protocol and ODF, ODF+ and ODF++ protocols for sustainable sanitation	 <b>Institutionalizing Sustainability</b> through Garbage Free City, ODF++ and Water+ protocols for holistic solid & liquid waste management and environmental sustainability

**CSR expenditure to be made tax deductible**

## Context

Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary (Corporate Affairs), presented the Report of the High Level Committee on CSR to the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

## Recommendation

- The main recommendations include, making Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure tax deductible, provision for carry forward of unspent balance for a period of 3 – 5 years.
- The other recommendations include developing a CSR exchange portal to connect contributors, beneficiaries and agencies, allowing CSR in social benefit bonds, promoting social impact companies, and third party assessment of major CSR projects.
- The Committee has emphasized on not treating CSR as a means of resource gap funding for government schemes.
- It has emphasized on CSR spending as a board driven process to provide innovative technology based solutions for social problems.
- The Committee has also recommended that companies having CSR prescribed amount below Rs. 50 lakh may be exempted from constituting a CSR Committee.
- The Committee has also recommended that violation of CSR compliance may be made a civil offence and shifted to the penalty regime.