

## **Launch of SBM- Knowledge Management Unit**

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#### **1. Capacity Building under Garbage Free Cities- Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0**

The capacity building component under the Garbage Free Cities (GFC) initiative, a key pillar of Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0, aims to strengthen the skills and competencies of diverse stakeholders - including elected representatives, State/city officials, sanitation workers, NGOs, civil society - through a structured and strategic framework. This framework encompasses needs assessments, targeted training on sanitation and waste management, knowledge exchange, and continuous skill development, ensuring sustained and impactful outcomes in urban sanitation and waste & used water management. Under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 3% of the total funds are allocated for Capacity Building.

#### **2. Why the need for Knowledge Management Unit (KMU)?**

As the ULBs/ States are already moving in an accelerated pace for advancing SBM-U 2.0 and their remains a need to capacitate them for fast tracking and progressing in the projects and provide state-of-the-art-training to do so. Recognizing the need for a uniform, standardized, and high-quality training to equip them for this pace, a time-bound, goal-oriented Knowledge Management Unit (KMU) will be established by MoHUA as a dedicated unit at NIUA, for driving capacity building, knowledge creation, and institutional learning.

While behaviour change has been a core focus of the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban, empowering ULBs and States through technical training and expertise in areas such as solid and liquid waste management, CBG plants, and legacy waste remediation is key to sustaining that change.

#### **3. Key functions of the KMU?**

- Creation of standardized and high-quality training content
- Designing an appropriate pedagogy for training different stakeholders
- Competency-based training for ground-level functionaries
- Creating a pool of Master trainers to train States and ULBs
- Quality assurance in the delivery of trainings
- Institutionalizing knowledge in States and ULBs

#### **4. Role of NIUA**

The National Institute of Urban Affairs will help create and map a pool of national master trainers who will enable a cascading effect. Each of these master trainers will train and create experts at the State level and further down at ULB level. It is envisioned that there will be 1 SWM and UWM trained official for approximately every 5000 population size. The goal is to have 1 lakh such trainers across the nation.

#### **5. Who are the other stakeholders for this initiative?**

The KMU will operate through a collaborative network that includes:

- Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) and State Knowledge Partners (SKPs)
- Technical institutions and sectoral experts

- International organizations and civil society partners  
NIUA will facilitate co-creation and deliver high-quality, demand-driven training at scale.

## **7. Digital Training Management**

An IT enabled portal is envisaged on which all learning resources will be hosted, featuring curated training modules, knowledge products, a training calendar, and an inventory of trained personnel across the country. The platform will follow a capacity-building model, similar to iGOT, Karmayogi, enabling trainees to access content online, connect with trainers, and foster a collaborative learning ecosystem.