

Separate Note on Progress of Solid Waste Management (SWM) under SBM (G) Phase-II since 2020

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II, the District has been implementing Solid Waste Management (SWM) activities in a phased and systematic manner since 2020 with the objective of achieving ODF Plus sustainability and environmental sanitation in rural areas.

Progress Achieved since 2020

As of date, a total of **593 Resource Recovery Centres (RRCs)** have been constructed across **590 Gram Panchayats (GPs)** in the District. The operation and management (**RRC Sanchalan**) has been initiated in **all Gram Panchayats**, and basic infrastructure for waste segregation, storage, and processing has been made functional. Door-to-door waste collection has been started in most villages, and source segregation of wet and dry waste is being promoted through IEC and community engagement activities. The District has thus achieved substantial infrastructure coverage under SBM (G) Phase-II.

Challenges Faced

Despite significant progress, **100% saturation of door-to-door waste collection has not yet been achieved** in all villages. Key challenges include inconsistent household-level segregation, gaps in daily waste collection coverage, and the need for **additional supervision and monitoring** at GP and village levels. In some areas, limited manpower, irregular attendance of sanitation workers, and lack of community participation affect the efficiency of SWM operations. Strengthening behavioral change and ensuring regular monitoring remain critical challenges.

Way Forward for Covering Residual Villages and Ensuring Sustainability

To achieve full saturation and sustainability, the District will intensify **supervisory mechanisms** through regular field inspections by GP, Block, and District-level officials. Special focus will be given to residual villages to ensure **100% door-to-door collection coverage** and consistent waste segregation at source. Capacity building and refresher training of sanitation workers, SHGs, and GP representatives will be undertaken. IEC and BCC activities will be strengthened to reinforce community ownership, user compliance, and long-term behavioral change. Cluster-based operational models will be explored where required to optimize resources and improve efficiency.

Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Arrangements

Gram Panchayats will be responsible for the **operation and maintenance of RRCs and SWM assets**, with technical and administrative support from Block and District authorities. Regular supervision will be ensured to maintain uninterrupted door-to-door collection and proper functioning of RRCs. User charges, SBM-G incentives, and permissible convergence funds will be utilized to meet recurring O&M expenses such as sanitation worker honorarium, fuel, minor

repairs, and consumables. SHGs and village-level functionaries will be engaged for day-to-day operations, with clear roles and accountability mechanisms. Periodic reviews and monitoring will be conducted to ensure sustainability and compliance with SBM (G) Phase-II guidelines.