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1. Independent Verification of Swachh Bharat Grameen confirms over 96% usage of toilets

- What are the key findings of the report?**
- What are Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)?**
- What are the significant impact of SBM?**

GS paper 2 (Population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies)

In this video, you can find detailed answers for all the above questions.

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What is the context about?

- The National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) 2018-19, conducted by an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) under the World Bank support project to the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), has found that 96.5% of the households in rural India who have access to a toilet use it.**

- ❑ The survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 and covered 92040 households in 6136 villages across States and UTs of India.
- ❑ The survey used the PPS (Probability Proportion to Size) sampling methodology, which yields results within a confidence interval of 95%.

What are the key findings of the report?

- ❑ The NARSS confirmed the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of 90.7% of villages which were previously declared and verified as ODF by various districts/States.
- ❑ 1% of households were found to have access to toilets during the survey period (the corresponding figure as per the SBMG MIS in November 2018 was 96%)
- ❑ 5% of the people who had access to toilets used them.
- ❑ 7% of villages which were previously declared and verified as ODF were confirmed to be ODF. The remaining villages also had sanitation coverage of about 93%.
- ❑ 4% of the villages surveyed found to have minimal litter and minimal stagnant water.

What are Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)?

- ❑ To accelerate the efforts to achieve universal sanitation coverage and to put focus on sanitation, the Prime

Minister of India launched the Swachh Bharat Mission on 2nd October, 2014.

- ❑ The Mission Coordinator for SBM is Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MDWS) with two Sub-Missions, the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban). Together, they aim to achieve Swachh Bharat by 2019, as a fitting tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th Birth Anniversary.
- ❑ The aim of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is to achieve a clean and Open Defecation Free (ODF) India by 2nd October, 2019.

What are the significant impact of SBM?

- ❑ Since its launch in October 2014, the SBM, the world's largest sanitation program, has changed the behaviour of hundreds of millions of people with respect to toilet access and usage.
- ❑ 500 million people have stopped defecating in the open since the SBM began, down from 550 million at the beginning of the programme to less than 50 million today.
- ❑ Over 9 crore toilets have been built across rural India under the Mission. Over 5.5 lakh villages and 615 districts have been declared ODF, along with 30 ODF States and Union Territories.

