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News: Swachh Bharat

- Yet another released recently government survey has called into question the Central government's claim in 2019 that all Indian villages are open defecation free (ODF).
- However, four government surveys/ reports released just before or after the announcement, including the latest Multiple Indicator Survey (MIS), have not only disputed the ODF status of most States but also shown persisting levels of poor sanitation in many of them.
- The three older surveys which disputed the ODF status were the National Statistical Office (NSO) survey from October 2018, the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) of 2019–20, and the National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS5) 2019–21.

Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM – Urban)

- Swachh Bharat Mission Urban (SBM – Urban) 1.0 was launched by **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** back in 2014.
- The focus of the mission was to **make urban India open defecation free (ODF). As well as, 100% scientific solid waste management.**

Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0

- The Budget 2021 had an upgradation to the Swachh Bharat Mission.
- The mission would be implemented over five years — from 2021 to 2026.

Following are focus areas of Mission:

- Faecal sludge management and waste water treatment, Source segregation of garbage, Reduction in single-use plastic, Reduction in air pollution by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and Bioremediation of all legacy dump sites.