Phase-II of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

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Why in News?

*The Centre has extended Phase-II of the **Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)** until **March 31, 2028**, with an expected allocation of around **Rs 7,000 crore** in the Union Budget 2027-28.*

- **Target Deadline –** The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** must ensure that all remaining villages achieve **'Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus'** status by March 31, 2028.
- **No Further Extensions –** The Finance Ministry's approval specifies that no additional time extensions will be considered beyond this date.
- **Current Progress –** Out of approximately 5.86 lakh villages across India, around **5.70 lakh villages** have attained ODF Plus status, leaving roughly 16,000 villages to be certified.

Definition of ODF Plus – *An ODF Plus village sustains its open-defecation-free status while implementing effective **solid and liquid waste management** and maintaining visual cleanliness.*

About Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)

- **Launch**– 2 October 2014.
- **Ministry–** Ministry of Jal Shakti (Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation).
- **Objective–** Eliminate open defecation and improve rural sanitation.
- **Phase II**– Approved by the Union Cabinet on 19 February 2020.
- **Initial duration**– 2020–21 to 2024–25; subsequently extended.
- **Current extension**– Until 31 March 2028.

Objectives of Phase II

- Sustain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status achieved during Phase I.
- Ensure scientific management of solid and liquid waste.
- Transform villages into ODF Plus villages.
- Promote behavioural change and community participation.
- Improve rural cleanliness and public health.
- Progress– According to the November 2026 report, 5.70 lakh out of 5.86 lakh villages

have been declared ODF Plus.

Financial Outlay and Fund Sharing

- **Total approved outlay (2020)-** Rs.1,40,881 crore.
- **Central share through DDWS**– Rs.52,497 crore.
- **Allocation for 2026-27**– Rs.7,192 crore.
- Funding sources include the 15th Finance Commission grants, MGNREGS and revenue-generation models.

Region	Centre - State
North-Eastern and Himalayan States, including J&K	90–10
Other States	60–40
Union Territories	100–0



Reference

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