



Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) – India's Push Towards Zero Dumpsites

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the Dumpsite Remediation Accelerator Programme (DRAP) under the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0). The programme aims to fast-track the remediation of legacy waste dumpsites, aligning with India's vision of 'Lakshya Zero Dumpsites' and the broader national developmental agenda of Viksit Bharat 2047. Legacy waste dumpsites represent one of the largest urban environmental and public-health challenges. They release methane, contaminate groundwater, attract disease vectors, and occupy scarce urban land. DRAP aims to address these issues systematically through scientific remediation, institutional strengthening, financing, and technological integration.

Objectives and Features of DRAP

1. Accelerated Remediation Model
2. Urban Land Reclamation and Reuse
3. Reduction of Urban Pollution
4. Institutional Strengthening

MoHUA has set up the SBM Knowledge Management Unit (KMU) at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) to:

- Build ULB capacities
- Standardise biomining protocols
- Facilitate peer-learning and best practices
- Develop training modules for municipal officials

5. Financing through Private Sector Participation

HUDCO has launched the Urban Invest Window (UiWIN) to:

- Mobilise private investment
- Enable PPP-based remediation projects
- Support green infrastructure and circular economy initiatives