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National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)

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Namaste is a **Central Sector Scheme** of the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)** as a joint initiative of the MoSJE and the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.

NAMASTE envisages safety and dignity of sanitation workers in urban India by creating an enabling ecosystem that recognizes sanitation workers as one of the key contributors in operations and maintenance of sanitation infrastructure thereby **providing sustainable livelihood and enhancing their occupational safety** through capacity building and improved access to safety gear and machines.

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NAMASTE would also aim at providing access to **alternative livelihoods support** and entitlements to reduce the vulnerabilities of sanitation workers and enable them to access self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities and break the inter-generationality in sanitation work.

In addition, NAMASTE would bring about a **behavior change amongst citizens towards sanitation workers** and enhance demand for safe sanitation services.

For the first time, 500 cities across India have declared themselves as '**SafaiMitra Surakshit Shehar**'.

The 'SafaiMitra Surakshit Shehar' declaration done by 500 cities aligns with Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban's longstanding goal of promoting sustainable sanitation practices and acting as a catalyst for the transformation of every 'manhole' into a 'machine hole'.

All Indian Cities to be SafaiMitra Surakshit by March 2024.

National Safai Karamchari Financial Development Corporation (NSKFDC) would be **implementing agency for NAMASTE**.

Skill Development and trainings of Safai Mitras is being taken up with the support of the MoSJE through the National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation (NSKFDC).

(NAMASTE PORTAL IS DIFFERENT FROM NAMASTE -National AYUSH Morbidity and Standardized Terminologies Electronic Portal (NAMASTE Portal) was launched on 17th October, 2017 (2nd Ayurveda day). The portal provides standardised terminologies and morbidity codes for Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines.)

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