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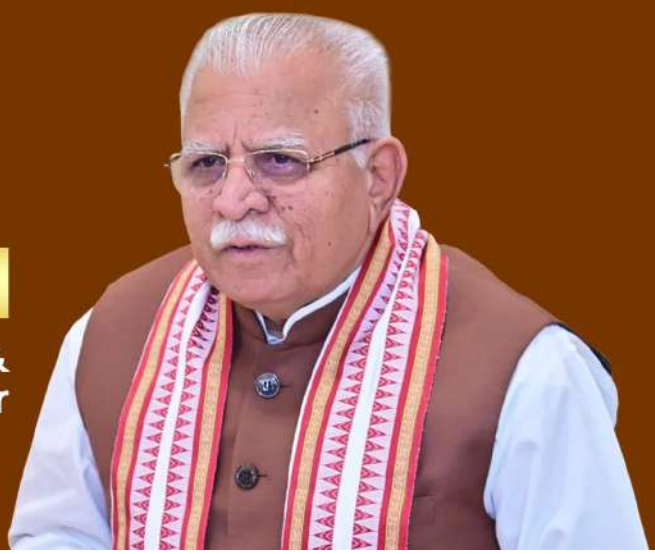
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Celebrating Urban Cleanliness: President Droupadi Murmu Honours India's Cleanest Cities at Swachh Survekshan 2025–26





Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble President of India, felicitated the nation's cleanest cities at the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26, held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, and organised by the Department of Urban Development (DoUD), MoHUA. The ceremony was attended by Shri Manohar Lal, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, and Shri Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State for MoHUA.

This year, awards were announced across seven categories, including Swachh Shehar Jodi, Clean Cities of Super Swachh League, Swachh Shehar across five population categories, Swachh River Front Town, Swachh Coastal Town, Clean Himalayan City and State First Swachh City.

Addressing the gathering, the President emphasised that cleanliness requires collective responsibility, citizen participation, behavioural change and sustained public engagement. She highlighted the importance of inculcating cleanliness values among children and youth, integrating plastic waste management into school curricula, and recognising the contributions of sanitation workers and citizen feedback. She also appreciated the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative for promoting collaborative learning and knowledge-sharing among cities.

Shri Manohar Lal highlighted the transformation of Swachh Bharat Mission into a nationwide people's movement under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Since 2014, urban waste processing has increased from 16% to 80%, door-to-door waste collection coverage has risen from 44% to over 96%, and nearly 11,000 acres of urban land have been reclaimed through legacy waste dumpsite remediation. He encouraged States to organise State-level Swachh Survekshan competitions to foster healthy competition among ULBs.

Shri Satendra Singh, Secretary, DoUD, MoHUA, highlighted Swachh Survekshan's decade-long contribution to strengthening urban sanitation and driving tangible improvements. He described the survey as a collective expression of citizens' commitment to a Swachh Bharat.

The results reflected strong progress across urban India, with over 350 ULBs improving their rankings by more than 500 positions. More than 1,700 ULBs with populations below 50,000 also improved their rankings over 2024–25, demonstrating the growing momentum of the Swachhata movement across cities and towns.

Ahmedabad–Sanand, Indore–Depalpur and Tirupati–Kuppam secured the top three positions in the Swachh Shehar Jodi category. Navi Mumbai, Surat and Vijayawada topped the Clean Cities of Super Swachh League, while GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur and Lucknow emerged as the top three Swachh Shehar in the million-plus population category. Awards were also introduced for Swachh River Front Town, Swachh Coastal Town and Clean Himalayan City for the first time.

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PMAY-U Strengthens Urban Housing in Ahmedabad with Major Housing Initiatives

Hon'ble Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah, inaugurated 1,176 EWS housing units and 16 shops across two projects at Ramapirno Tekro, Ahmedabad, under the In-Situ Slum Redevelopment (ISSR) vertical of PMAY-U, benefiting EWS families.



The Hon'ble Home Minister also laid the foundation stone for a slum redevelopment project at Gandhi Ashram, Vadaj, Ahmedabad, comprising 2,002 dwelling units and 84 shops.

Further, the draw of lots for allotment of 7,825 dwelling units under the Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) vertical of PMAY-U was held in the presence of the Hon'ble Home Minister, marking a significant step towards expanding affordable housing opportunities for eligible urban families.





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Namo Bharat Crosses 5 Crore Passenger Journeys, Records Fastest Ridership Growth and Strengthens Festive Connectivity with Additional Bhai Dooj Services





The Namo Bharat corridor has achieved a landmark milestone by recording over 5 crore passenger journeys, reflecting its growing popularity and increasing acceptance among commuters. Operations on the corridor commenced on 21 October 2023, with the inauguration of the 17-km priority section between Sahibabad and Duhai Depot. Subsequently, the entire corridor was dedicated to the nation by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 22 February 2026.

Since then, the corridor has witnessed a continuous surge in ridership. The growing popularity of Namo Bharat is evident from the fact that while it took 574 days to reach the first 1 crore passenger journeys, the latest 1 crore journeys were completed in a record 93 days, marking the fastest growth interval and taking the total to 5 crore passenger journeys in a remarkably short span.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister has also cited the corridor as a benchmark for positive governance, appreciating its adherence to project timelines, operational speed of 160 kmph and an impressive punctuality record of more than 99 per cent.

Further reinforcing its commitment to passenger convenience, NCRTC operated 32 additional Namo Bharat trips on 11 November 2026 on the occasion of Bhai Dooj. The additional services were introduced to accommodate the festive surge in passenger traffic, ensure seamless and comfortable travel, and encourage the use of public transit. With these additional trips, trains were available at intervals of less than 10 minutes, facilitating smoother and more convenient journeys for passengers along the Delhi-Meerut corridor.

Together, these milestones highlight Namo Bharat's growing role in transforming regional mobility through high-speed, reliable and punctual services, while NCRTC's proactive measures continue to enhance passenger convenience and promote public transportation.

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SVANidhi Mahotsavs Celebrated Across 76 Cities to Recognise Street Vendors' Achievements









SVANidhi Mahotsavs are being organised across 76 cities in the country as an outreach and celebratory initiative to recognise the achievements of the PM SVANidhi Scheme and its transformative impact on the livelihoods of street vendors.

The initiative aims to celebrate beneficiaries' success stories, acknowledge the entrepreneurial contributions of street vendors and their families, strengthen stakeholder engagement and expand awareness and outreach of the scheme, enabling more street vendors to access its benefits. It seeks to recognise their achievements and aspirations while celebrating their journey towards empowerment.

So far, SVANidhi Mahotsavs have been celebrated in 22 cities, namely Ahmedabad, Aizawl, Amritsar, Cuttack, Dehradun, Dhanbad, Dibrugarh, Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Greater Hyderabad, Gurugram, Haridwar, Madurai, Prayagraj, Puducherry, Rajkot, Rudrapur, Srinagar, Sri Vijaya Puram, Surat, Vadodara and Yamuna Nagar.

The events have witnessed enthusiastic participation from street vendors, their family members and various stakeholders. They have also been graced by the presence of Hon'ble Chief Ministers, Hon'ble Cabinet Ministers, Municipal Commissioners, Mayors and other public representatives from the respective cities and States/UTs. The Mahotsavs featured a range of activities, including distribution of loan sanction letters, issuance of PM SVANidhi Credit Cards and UPI IDs, felicitation of beneficiaries, sharing of success stories, organisation of SVANidhi Bazaars, showcasing of local cuisines and crafts, cultural performances, nukkad nataks, awareness campaigns and community engagement activities.

These initiatives provide a platform to recognise and celebrate the achievements and aspirations of street vendors and their families, with special felicitation of children of street vendors for their accomplishments in academics, sports, arts and other fields. The Mahotsavs also strengthen street vendors' integration into the formal financial ecosystem and promote inclusive urban development.

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5 Nov, 2026

NBCC Reports Strong Q2 and H1 FY 2026-27 Results; Standalone PAT Rises 30.54%

The Board of Directors of NBCC (India) Limited approved the financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2026 at its meeting on 5 November 2026. The results reflect strong growth across all key financial parameters.

In Q2 FY 2026-27, standalone operational income grew 37.78% to ₹2,889.62 crore, while EBITDA rose 153.98% to ₹219.03 crore. Standalone PBT increased 38.09% to ₹291.80 crore and PAT rose 30.54% to ₹225.24 crore. On a consolidated basis, operational income grew 16.54% to ₹3,395.78 crore, EBITDA rose 115.28% to ₹225.16 crore and PAT increased 33.93% to ₹209.85 crore.

For the first half of the year, standalone operational income grew 25.54% to ₹4,712.66 crore and standalone PAT rose 31.14% to ₹375.89 crore. The Board also declared a second interim dividend of 25% (₹0.25 per share) for FY 2026-27.



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DMRC Strengthens Cybersecurity Awareness through Month-Long Initiatives

DMRC observed National Cyber Security Awareness Month through a series of activities in October, including a quiz competition that witnessed enthusiastic participation from employees. The concluding day featured a key-note address by Rear Admiral Sanjay Sachdeva, DG, Defence Cyber Agency.

On the occasion, the DMRC Cyber Security Portal was launched by Managing Director Dr. Vikas Kumar in the presence of senior officials.

The event culminated in the 3rd CISO Roundtable Conclave, bringing together Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) from public and private sector organisations to deliberate on key cybersecurity challenges in critical sectors.





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NBCC's WHO–SEARO Building Receives GRIHA Provisional 5-Star Rating and GRIHA Appreciation Award

The redeveloped World Health Organization South-East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO) building in New Delhi, executed by NBCC (India) Limited, has been awarded the prestigious GRIHA Provisional 5-Star Rating and the GRIHA Appreciation Award. Sh. Aditya Chandra, CGM (Engg.), and Sh. Dineshwar Singh, CGM (Engg.), received the honour on behalf of NBCC.

The project was undertaken following an MoU signed in January 2019 between NBCC and the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, representing WHO-SEARO. Redeveloped on the same plot as the original building, the new facility increases the built-up area about fourfold, from around 10,500 sq m to 40,500 sq m. It also houses the WHO India Country Office.

Heritage elements of the old building, including a 1963 mural by the legendary artist M.F. Husain and Portuguese tile murals, have been carefully restored and integrated into the new structure. The building was inaugurated in December 2025.



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Key News of the Week

The Indian Express
(11 Nov, 2026)

Delhi vehicle curbs: Metro clocks nearly 4 days of over 78 lakh boardings in 1st week

Devansh Mittal
New Delhi, November 10

THE DELHI Metro recorded high passenger boardings in the first week of November, as winter pollution-control restrictions barred non-BS-VI vehicles registered outside the capital from entering the city.

On Monday, November 2, the first working day under the new restrictions, passenger boardings rose to 80.54 lakh, up 8.3 lakh from the previous Monday's figure of 72.24 lakh.

The numbers remained high through the week. The Metro recorded 78.47 lakh boardings on Tuesday and 79.22 lakh on Wednesday.

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The figure dipped slightly to 78.2 lakh on Thursday before falling to 72.43 lakh on Friday. On Monday, the Yellow and Blue lines carried the largest share of passengers. Each accounted for 26.4% of total boardings, with 21.27 lakh and 21.23 lakh respectively. They were followed by the Pink, Red and Violet lines.

Monday's figure also exceeded the network's typical daily average of around 64 lakh passenger journeys and came remarkably close to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's all-time record of 82.44 lakh boardings.

That previous peak, set in September 2026, was triggered by an operational crisis when a major strike by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus drivers halted over 80% of the city's public bus fleet and forced millions of daily bus commuters onto the trains.

Unlike the September surge, the increase in November followed the enforcement of the Delhi government's winter action plan.

The restrictions kept an estimated 48 lakh older vehicles registered in neighbouring National Capital Region districts out of Delhi.

To handle the inflow of commuters displaced by the vehicle curbs, the DMRC operated 40 additional train trips daily alongside enhanced station management measures.

How ridership rose during the DTC strike

During the earlier period of high ridership caused by the DTC strike, daily boardings ranged between 72 lakh and 82 lakh.

On the first day of the strike, a Monday, passenger boardings stood at 72.73 lakh. The figure rose to 76.86 lakh on Tuesday and 80.71 lakh on Wednesday. It reached a record 82.44 lakh on Thursday, when the maximum number of buses were off the roads. Passenger journeys are different from the number of people travelling on the Metro on a given day.

The figure counts the number of Metro lines a passenger uses to complete a journey.

For instance, if a passenger changes a line once to reach his destination, it will be calculated as two journeys, and if she changes their line twice, it will be calculated as three journeys.

Delhi Metro used to calculate passenger ridership until 2018, but it started reporting passenger journeys from 2019.

The Pioneer
(6 Nov, 2026)

PM lauds pace of urban India's transformation

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that cities like Pune would have had to wait decades for Metro connectivity if the network had continued expanding at the pace it did before 2014.

In a post on X, Modi said India had only 248 km of Metro lines across five cities in 2014, while the network has now expanded to nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities.

"If India's Metro network had continued expanding at the pace it did before 2014, how long would the wait be for cities like Pune to have a metro? Years ¦ no ¦ decades perhaps. And that was unacceptable," he said. Modi said over one crore people travel by Metro every day, adding that the expansion has meant less time in traffic, more family time, greater productivity, and better opportunities.



"This is the transformation we are working towards for urban India," he said.

The prime minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of Pune Metro projects worth around ₹21,800 crore on November 3 through video conferencing.

The Statesman
(8 Nov, 2026)

HUDCO advances Swachhta through CSR initiatives and workplace improvements under Special Campaign 6.0



Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), under Special Campaign 6.0, undertook a series of activities across its Corporate Office and Regional Offices to promote cleanliness, environmental sustainability, community welfare and efficient workplace management, reaffirming its commitment to the vision of a cleaner, greener and more inclusive India.

The Statesman
(8 Nov, 2026)

NBCC expands global footprint with formal opening of branch office in Australia



NBCC (India) Limited, a Navratna Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, has achieved a significant milestone in its international expansion with the formal inauguration of its branch office, "NBCC Australia" (ARBN 701 405 218), in Melbourne, Australia, on 28 October 2026. The opening ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of the Hon'ble High Commissioner of India to Australia, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Dr. K.P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC, along with other senior officials and distinguished dignitaries.

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The Millennium Post
(11 Nov, 2026)

NBCC's consolidated order book reaches ₹1.26 lakh crore at Q2 end

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, November 10

State-owned NBCC Ltd's consolidated order book has reached over Rs 1.26 lakh crore at the end of the July-September quarter and the company is expecting to secure more contracts in the second half of this financial year.

NBCC Ltd is into project management consultancy (PMC), Engineering Procurement & Consultancy (EPC) and real estate businesses.

"In terms of order book position, NBCC's standalone order book is standing at Rs 1,12,000 crore and consolidated order book Rs 1,26,000 crore," NBCC CMD K P Mahadevaswamy informed analysts. As per the transcript posted on stock exchanges on Tuesday, the new business secured in the second quarter stood at Rs 3,600 crore on a consolidated basis.

Mahadevaswamy said the company is in talks with many state governments, including Bihar and West Bengal. He hoped to secure substantial work order in the second half of the 2026-27 fiscal year.

Last week, NBCC Ltd signed an MoU with the Bihar government to develop four residential and commercial projects at a cost of Rs 2,000 crore.

The company informed that "a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with various departments of the Government of Bihar to undertake four redevelopment projects in Patna under Phase-I on a self-financing basis without budgetary assistance from the State Government".

The Times of India
(12 Nov, 2026)

Third Aqua Line extension gets nod, likely ready in 2031



The Times of India
(6 Nov, 2026)

Gujarat completes 497 AMRUT 2.0 projects:

Gujarat has completed 497 projects worth Rs 4,832 crore under the Centre's AMRUT 2.0 mission, expanding access to drinking water and underground drainage and improving urban green spaces, govt said in Gandhinagar on Thursday. The projects resulted in more than 2.7 lakh new household water connections and over 1 lakh sewer connections.

The Morning Standard
(10 Nov, 2026)

Centre okays ₹122 cr for Ghazipur waste plant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi



THE Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has cleared the way for setting up a 2,000-tonne-per-day waste-to-energy plant at the Ghazipur dumpsite, with the Centre agreeing to provide ₹122 crore aid and the electricity tariff fixed at ₹7.39 per unit, it said on Monday.

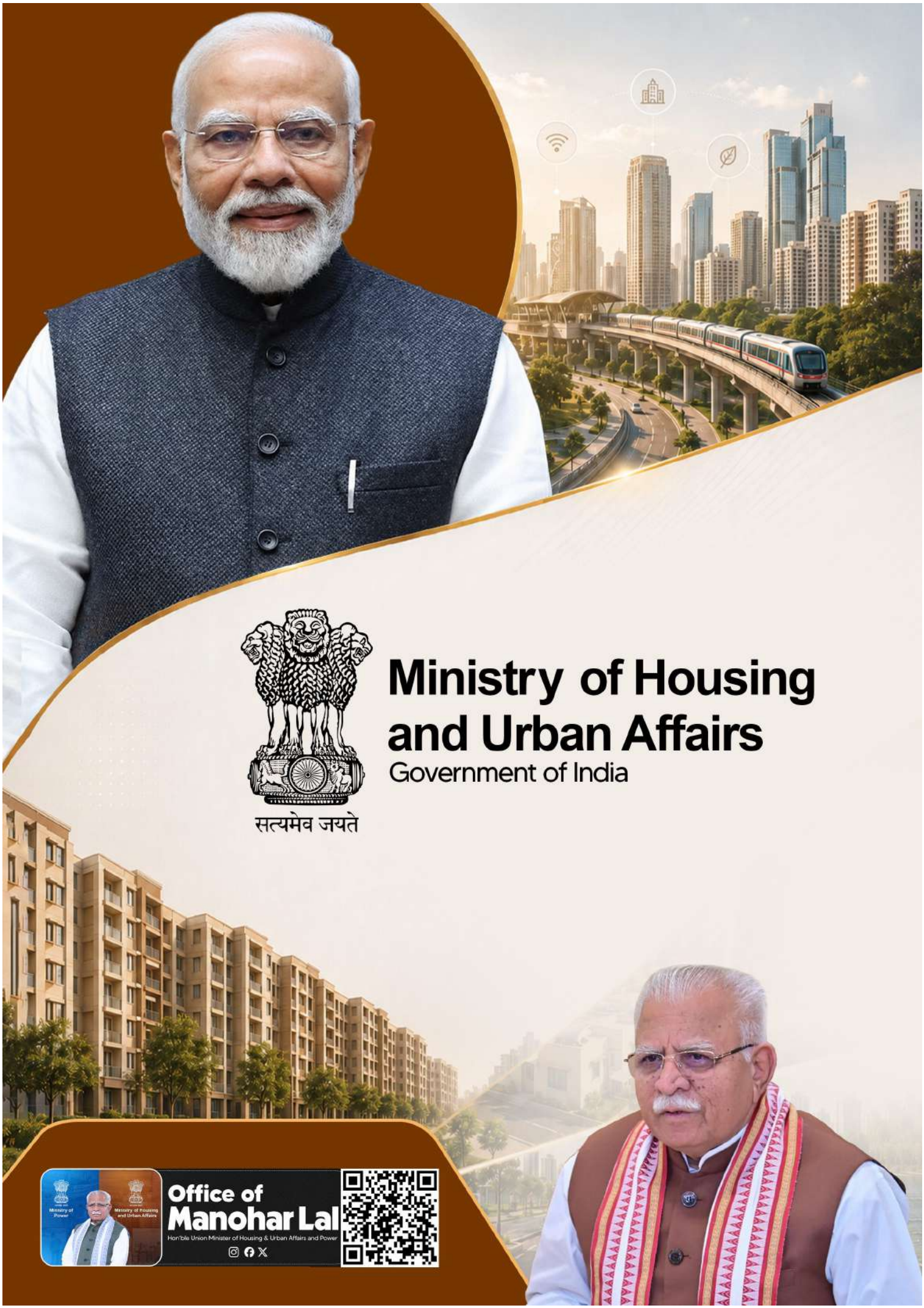
The plant, which will be developed under the public-private partnership (PPP) model, is aimed at increasing the city's capacity to process waste and generate electricity from it, Standing Committee chairperson Satya Sharma said.

Jabalpur MSW Private Limited has been selected to develop and operate the facility after a technical and financial evaluation through an e-tendering process. The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) approved the proposed power tariff of ₹7.39 per kilowatt-hour on October 13.

"The Centre of Housing and Urban Affairs will provide ₹122 crore as Viability Gap Funding under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0," Sharma said.

Under the agreement, the selected company will be responsible for financing, constructing and operating the plant. It will run the facility for 25 years after the commencement of commercial operations.

The civic body will provide land within the Ghazipur dumpsite premises on lease, subject to prescribed terms and conditions. Sharma said the project was an important step towards addressing the city's growing waste management challenges through modern technology and scientific disposal methods. The facility is expected to help process a substantial quantity of waste at Ghazipur while generating electricity from material that would otherwise add to the city's mounting waste burden.


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