



NAIRMALYA Initiative in Kalyana Karnataka: Construction of

400

Community Sanitary Complex Units



The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), launched by the Government of India, has significantly advanced sanitation across the nation, emphasizing the construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) and Community Sanitary Complexes (CSC). Karnataka has made remarkable progress under the SBM, achieving a 99% open defecation-free status by 2018-19. The state has constructed numerous IHHLs and CSCs, contributing significantly to maintaining its ODF+ (Open Defecation Free Plus) status.

Although the state has retained its ODF+ status, individuals in several districts have not prioritized the construction of individual toilets for various reasons. This issue is particularly evident in the Kalyan Karnataka region, where open defecation persists. In response, the Karnataka government has implemented a significant initiative.

The Government of Karnataka, in its **2023-24 budget**, has announced an ambitious project aimed at enhancing sanitation and maintaining the Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+) status in the Kalyana Karnataka region. With a

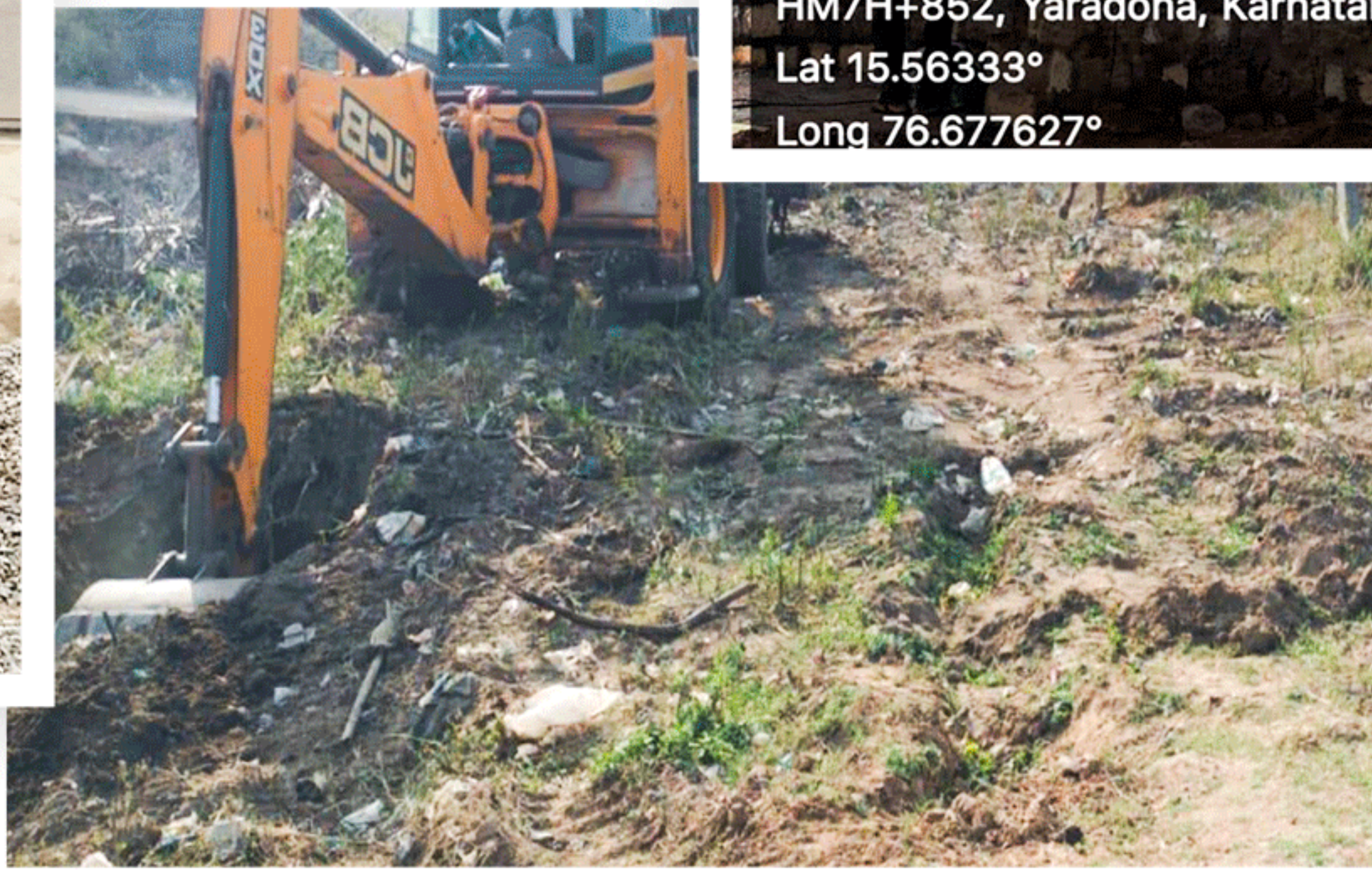
dedicated allocation of ₹100 crores,

this initiative focuses on constructing 400 Community Sanitary Complexes (CSCs) across the districts of Ballari, Bidar, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Raichur, Vijayanagar, and Yadgir. Each CSC is designed to cost ₹25 lakh, ensuring the inclusion of state-of-the-art infrastructure and essential facilities.

Out of 400
community sanitary
complex units,
281 are under
progress.



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Objective and Significance

This project primarily addresses the challenges faced by households unable to construct individual toilets due to lack of space or other constraints. By providing access to well-equipped sanitation facilities, the initiative ensures dignity, privacy, and safety, particularly for women and girls, while fostering better hygiene practices.

Key goals include:

01

Sustaining Karnataka's ODF+ status.

02

Providing access to sanitation for underserved communities.

03

Promoting gender equality and safeguarding women's dignity.

Each CSC unit, built with a budget of

₹25 lakh,
includes these silent features:

1. Toilets and bathing areas for women and physically challenged women:
 - a. 10 Indian-style Water Closets (IWCs)
 - b. 1 European-style Water Closet (EWC) for elderly women and physically challenged women
2. Overhead Tank (OHT) facility for adequate water supply.
3. Emergency light facility with a 4-hour backup.
4. Septic tank for insitu processing
5. Three handwashing sink/stations (washbasins) and two cloth washing stones.
6. Skid-free and strain-free flooring and walls.



Operation & Maintenance Guidelines

Recognizing the importance of sustainable operations, the government has developed a comprehensive Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Guidelines. This guidelines ensures Community involvement for upkeep, Financial mechanisms for routine cleaning and repairs, Regular monitoring by local governance bodies, Awareness campaigns to promote responsible use and ownership.

Members of women's self-help groups will be employed to manage and maintain the already constructed Community Sanitation Complexes (CSCs), fostering local-level employment opportunities.

The construction of CSCs is a transformative step toward improving public health, environmental sustainability, and social equity in Kalyana Karnataka. By prioritizing sanitation, the government addresses critical issues such as the spread of diseases, water contamination, and gender-based inequalities in access to hygiene facilities.

The Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department (RDWSD) of Karnataka has been proactive in promoting sanitation. The objectives of SBM (G) Karnataka include encouraging all rural households to construct and use toilets, promoting personal hygiene, and ensuring cleanliness at the household level.

This initiative reflects Karnataka's commitment to inclusive development and its vision for a cleaner, healthier state. The 400 CSCs will not only strengthen sanitation infrastructure but also uphold the dignity and well-being of vulnerable communities, reinforcing the state's leadership in achieving ODF+ status.



A Step Towards Cleanliness