

NAMASTE Scheme

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Recently, the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment highlighted the NAMASTE Scheme.

About NAMASTE Scheme

- The **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)** ensures the safety, dignity and **social security of sanitation workers** while accelerating the transition towards mechanised sanitation across the country.
- It is jointly implemented by the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.**
- It aims to **eliminate hazardous manual cleaning of sewers** and septic tanks by promoting mechanised cleaning practices, skill development and comprehensive welfare measures for sanitation workers.
- **Implementing agency:** It is implemented by the **National Safai Karmacharis Finance Development Corporation (NSKFDC)** under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE)
- **Duration:** It would be implemented for three years from **FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26.**

- **The scheme targets**

- Zero fatalities in sanitation work,
- Eliminates direct contact with human faecal matter,
- Ensures all cleaning is done with safety devices by skilled workers,
- Strengthens Emergency Response Sanitation Units (ERSUs), and empowers workers through Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and entrepreneurship.

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