

Press Release from Urban Development Department, Government of Sikkim
The Hon'ble Minister for Urban Development Department and Food and Civil Supplies Department, Government of Sikkim, Shri Bhoj Raj Rai attended the National Review Meeting convened by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 19th

19th May, 2026 under the chairmanship of Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Union Minister for MOHUA. Also present were Shri Jitendra Singh Raje, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Urban Development Department and Shri Jigme Wangchuk Bhutia, Special Secretary, Urban Development Department. The UDD Ministers of all States were present in the meeting along with the officers.

The review meeting took stock of the progress made by the States/UTs in implementation of plans approved under Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban and also discussed the challenges faced by some States towards achieving the mission goals. Some of the key States also shared their experiences and best practices which could be adopted by others.

Speaking on the topic of visual cleanliness in Sikkim, Shri Bhoj Raj Rai highlighted the strong community participation towards swachhata in the State. He also mentioned some of the initiatives taken by the State Government to strengthen the waste management system.

The meeting also discussed at length the implementation of the new Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 with the participation of key ministries like the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.