

- c. Greywater management
- d. Faecal sludge management.

About Swachh Bharat Grameen Phase I:

As per the **census 2011**, **more than fifty percent** of India's population defecated in the open, and recent data showed that about 60% of rural households and 89% of urban households have access to toilets.

1. The Swachh Bharat Grameen Phase I guidelines (2017) state that **"requirements and sensitivities"** related to gender, including dignity and safety issues, are to be taken into account at all stages of sanitation programmes from planning to post-implementation."
2. The department of Drinking Water and Sanitation released the guidelines, recognising the **gender dimensions of sanitation in India**.
3. It emphasised not only the need for women's participation in planning and implementation of sanitation interventions but also **"their leadership in SBM-G committees and institutions"**.
4. **Planning, procurement, infrastructure creation, and monitoring** are the basic tenets of implementation in Swachh Bharat and the guidelines for the first phase of the mission called for strengthening the role of women.
5. The states were accordingly expected to ensure adequate representation of women in the village water and sanitation committees (VWSCs), leading to **optimal gender outcomes**.
6. The SBM-Grameen guidelines (Phase I) specifically recommended that 50 per cent of the members of VWSCs should be women.
7. In several states, the guidelines were strictly adhered to. There were inevitably cases where women were fronts for spouses.
8. During the early years of implementation, the messaging touched on the **"shame and dignity" of women"**.
9. While these were useful entry-point messages, they carry the risk of lack of ownership by men and the reinforcing of gender stereotypes.

Case study to motivate people to become open-defecation free:

There are no quick solutions other than **adopting concerted approaches** to ensure the survival and protection of the girl child through good health from sanitation and nutrition, and provision of water to liberate women from collecting water, and enabling their education.