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₹1.64 Lakh Crore on Smart Cities. Are the Streets Cleaner?

Featured in NDTV India, with insights from Nitin Kaushal, Founder & CEO, SFK Group of Companies.



8,067 Projects

Technology in Every Waste Chain.



About **94%** of Smart Cities projects were complete by **May 2025,** and command centres are now operational in **all 100 cities.** More than 66 cities use technology for solid waste management, and **9,194 collection vehicles are RFID-enabled for live route tracking.**

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Collection Has Come a Long Way



Door-to-door collection now reaches **98%** of urban wards, and about 80% of urban waste is processed, up from **16% in 2014-15. More than 250,000 vehicles are now on the road.**

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Knowing Where the Truck Is Is Not the Same as a Clean Street



The Economic Survey points to gaps in segregation, processing and enforcement, with dumpsite remediation also lagging. Bottles, leaves and wrappers left in **markets, bus stops and parks** are out of reach of large vehicles, and a dashboard cannot pick them up.

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Machines That Complement the System



Nitin Kaushal told NDTV that the next phase should focus on what happens after monitoring flags a problem. SFK and Pune-based Spruce Up Industries have installed 100+ JATAYU machines in cities including **Gurugram, Jaipur and Mumbai.**

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The Real Test of a Smart City Is on the Street

The digital systems are largely in place.

What matters now is maintenance, enforcement, segregation, processing, and collecting what household routes miss, so residents can see the difference.

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