Imagine a village where all households, schools, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Ghars have functional toilets. Furthermore, the village can manage its bio-degradable and liquid waste and has a system in place for waste collection and segregation. To top it all it is visually clean with minimal litter. A village that encompasses all this is considered an ODF (open defecation free) Plus village.

As many as 247 such villages across the country, having fulfilled all the criteria stipulated in the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) Phase II guidelines had declared themselves ODF Plus over the last 10 days. They did so by passing a Gram Sabha resolution to that effect.

“An ODF Plus village is defined as a village which sustains its ODF status, ensures solid and liquid waste management and is visually clean.”

Here is a breakup of the number of ODF Plus villages in each State as on 26th August 2020:

- Uttarakhand: 3
- Telangana: 22
- Sikkim: 8
- Manipur: 5
- Haryana: 112
- Gujarat: 5
- Chhattisgarh: 51
- Andhra Pradesh: 41
The above States have confirmed that the villages declared ODF Plus have fulfilled the following:

- All households in the village have access to functional toilets with the village having 100% sanitation coverage; and villages with more than 100 households have a community sanitary complex (CSC) in a public space.
- All schools, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Ghars have access to a functional toilet
- At least 80 per cent households and all schools, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Ghars have an arrangement for managing bio-degradable waste
- At least 80 per cent households, and all schools, Anganwadi Centres and Panchayat Ghars have an arrangement for managing their liquid waste
- All villages have waste collection and segregation sheds
- Visual cleanliness is maintained in the village with minimal litter and minimal stagnant wastewater and having no public waste dump