

Prerak Daur Samman and GFC Star Rating

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The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced a new category of awards titled 'Prerak Daur Samman' as part of Swachh Survekshan 2021. **Swachh Survekshan, conducted by MoHUA since 2016**, is the world's largest **urban sanitation and cleanliness survey**. The primary goal of Swachh Survekshans is to encourage **large scale citizen participation** and create awareness amongst all sections of society.

Prerak Daur Samman

- The Prerak Daur Samman has a total of **five additional sub- categories** -Divya (Platinum), Anupam (Gold), Ujjwal (Silver), Udit (Bronze), Aarohi (Aspiring) – with the top three cities being recognized in each.
- In a departure from the present criteria of evaluating cities on 'population category', this new category will **categorize cities on the basis of six select indicator wise performance criteria** which are as follows:
 - Segregation of waste into wet, dry and hazard categories
 - Processing capacity against wet waste generated
 - Processing and recycling of wet and dry waste
 - Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste processing
 - Percentage of waste going to landfills
 - Sanitation status of cities

GFC Star Rating

The Ministry has also launched the protocol for **star rating of garbage free cities**. It has been designed to both help cities assess their progress while encouraging them to move towards a better rating.

- Garbage free status means that at any point of time in

the day, **no garbage or litter is found in any public, commercial or residential locations** (including storm drains and water bodies) **or in the city** (except in litter bins or transfer stations).

- Further, **100% of waste generated is scientifically managed**, all legacy waste has been remediated and scientifically managing its municipal solid waste, plastic waste and construction & demolition waste.
- The star rating conditions are based on **25 key parameters** across the solid waste management spectrum.
- Cities are required to carry out **self-assessment and self-verification** for achieving a certain star rating.
- This self-declaration will be further **verified through an independent third-party agency** appointed by MoHUA for 1-star, 3-star, 5-star and 7-star garbage free ratings.

Mandatory Parameters

- Door to door collection
- Segregation at source
- Sweeping of public, commercial and residential areas
- Litter bins and storage bins
- Waste processing-wet and dry waste
- Grievance redressal

Essential Parameters

- Bulk waste generators compliance
- Penalty/ spot fines
- Segregation at city level
- User charges
- Plastic ban
- Scientific landfill
- Water bodies and storm water drain
- Screening of nallahs

Desirable Parameters

- Sustainability

- On site wet waste processing
- Dump site remediation
- C&D waste segregation, processing and recycling