

Swachh Survekshan 2021

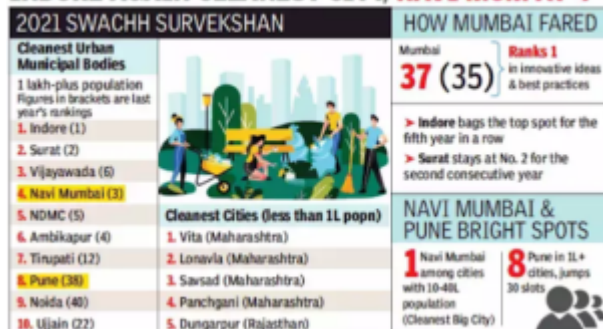
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In news– Recently, the President of India felicitated the awardees of the cleanest cities of India at the ‘Swachh Amrit Mahotsav’ hosted as part of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Key highlights-

- The award ceremony, organized to recognize the good work done for Swachhata by towns/ cities, States and UTs under various initiatives of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban), **Swachh Survekshan 2021, Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge, and certifications for Garbage Free Star rating for cities.**
- Swachh Survekshan is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India.
- It was launched by MoHUA in 2016 as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, which aimed to make India clean and free of open defecation by 2nd October 2019.
- **For the fifth consecutive year, Indore was awarded the title of India’s Cleanest City under Swachh Survekshan, while Surat and Vijayawada bagged the second and third spots** respectively in the ‘more than 1 lakh population’ category.
- **In the population category of ‘less than 1 lakh’, Vita, Lonavala and Sasvad, all from Maharashtra, bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.**
- **Varanasi emerged as the ‘Best Ganga Town’ while Ahmedabad Cantonment won the title of ‘India’s Cleanest Cantonment’,** followed by Meerut Cantonment and Delhi Cantonment.

INDORE AGAIN CLEANEST CITY, NAVI MUM AT 4



- In the category of **'Fastest Mover', Hoshangabad (Madhya Pradesh)**, with a jump of 274 ranks from 361st position in the 2020 rankings, jumped to the 87th position this year.
- **In the State awards, Chhattisgarh**, for the third consecutive year emerged as the **'Cleanest State'** in the category of "more than 100 Urban Local Bodies" while Jharkhand, for the second time, won the Cleanest State award in the "less than 100 ULBs category".
- Among the States, **Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh** bagged the award for best performing State and Union Territory under the Challenge.
- **Karnataka and Mizoram became the 'Fastest Mover States'** in the big (more than 100 ULBs) and small (less than 100 ULBs) state category respectively.
- **Maharashtra has successfully bagged a total of 92 awards**, the highest by any State in this year's Survekshan, followed by Chhattisgarh with 67 awards.
- Additionally, under the **Prerak Daaur Samman, a new performance category introduced** under Swachh Survekshan 2021, five cities – Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi Municipal Council and Tirupati were categorized as 'Divya' (Platinum).
- **Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore and Dewas emerged as the top performers, across different population categories** among 246 participating cities **in the Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge**, launched last year by MoHUA to eradicate human fatalities from hazardous cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.

- **Under the Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities, a** total of 9 cities – Indore, Surat, New Delhi Municipal Council, Navi Mumbai, Ambikapur, Mysuru, Noida, Vijayawada and Patan- have been certified as **5 star cities** while 143 cities have been certified as 3 star.
- The Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities was introduced as a SMART framework by MoHUA in 2018, to holistically evaluate cities across solid waste management parameters.