

Swachh Survekshan League (2020)

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Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the Swachh Survekshan League 2020 in June 2019. Swachh Survekshan League 2020 will be a **quarterly cleanliness assessment of cities and towns in India** and will be integrated with Swachh Survekshan 2020, the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness survey of urban India to be conducted between January – February 2020 by MoHUA under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban (SBM-U).

Key features

Objective of the SS League 2020

Sustaining the on ground performance of cities along with continuous monitoring of service level performance. The objective is to ensure high performance when it comes to cleanliness.

Special focus given in the Swachh Survekshan League include;

- Parameters pertaining to Wastewater treatment
- Reuse
- Fecal sludge management

Need for quarterly evaluation mechanism

- Every year, the Swachh Survekshan is redesigned innovatively, to ensure that the process becomes more and more robust, with a focus on sustaining the changed behaviours. However, one concern that was commonly voiced was that cities cleaned themselves up just before a survey and slipped down after that. This year, therefore, the ministry has launched the 'Continuous Survekshan' – the SS 2020 League, where

cleanliness assessments will happen throughout the year – similar to the continuous assessments that are followed in schools and colleges – and feed into the larger annual survey in January 2020.

Process of the SS League 2020

- SS League 2020 will be conducted in 3 quarters, i.e. April- June, July – September and October- December 2019 and will have a weightage of 2000 marks for each quarter to be evaluated on the basis of monthly updation of SBM-U online MIS by cities along with citizen's validation on the 12 service level progress indicators through outbound calls. These two parameters will together determine the quarterly ranking of cities.
- Ranks will be assigned in two categories, namely, cities with a population of one lakh and above and cities with a population of less than 1 lakh.

About Swachh Survekshan (SS) survey

It is conducted by an independent third party. The first edition of the annual cleanliness survey, 'Swachh Survekshan-2016' survey for the rating of 73 cities was conducted in January 2016.

Objectives of the Swachh Survekshan (SS) survey

- To encourage large scale citizen participation
- Ensure sustainability of initiatives taken towards garbage free and open defecation free cities.
- Provide credible outcomes validated by third party certification.
- Institutionalize existing systems through online processes and
- Create awareness amongst all sections of society about the importance of working together towards making towns and cities a better place to live in.
- Additionally, the survey also intends to foster a spirit

of healthy competition among towns and cities to improve their service delivery to citizens, towards creating cleaner cities.