



Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities

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Why in News

Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities Recently, the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MOHUA) has announced the results of the for the assessment year 2019-2020.

- A total of six cities have been certified as 5-Star, 65 cities as 3-Star and 70 cities as 1-Star.
- **Ambikapur (Chattisgarh), Surat and Rajkot (Gujarat), Indore (Madhya Pradesh) and Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra).** The 5-Star cities include

Key Points

- **Aim:**
 - **in 2018 to achieve Garbage Free status, sustainable cleanliness.** The Star Rating Protocol was launched by the Ministry to institutionalize a mechanism for cities and to motivate cities to achieve higher degrees of
 - **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)** It is one of the various initiatives which intends to make as a successful project.
- **Basis:**
 - **SMART framework -MART** It is based on 12 parameters which follow a Single metric, easurable, chievable, igorous verification mechanism and argeted towards outcomes.
 - **Solid Waste Management (SWM)** It is a comprehensive framework that assesses cities across 24 different components of and is graded based on overall marks received.

- **Procedure:**
 - **self-assessment and self-verification involvement of citizen groups** The Star Rating is supported by for achieving a certain star rating. It also ensures the for a transparent system of self-declaration.
 - **independent third party agency** Further, the self-declaration is further verified through an appointed by MoHUA.
- **Significance:**
 - **significant weightage Swachh Survekshan annual** Swachh Survekshan is the urban cleanliness survey conducted by the government.
The performance of cities under the Star Rating Protocol is crucial as it carries for their final assessment in .
 - **minimum standards of sanitation** It also ensures certain through a set of prerequisites defined in the framework.
 - **easier to implement and helps the cities incrementally improve** Since the rating is conducted at a city level, it makes the process their overall cleanliness.
 - **outcome-based tool** The rating protocol is an that helps MoHUA and other stakeholders to evaluate cities on the basis of this single rating.

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