



Jodhpur tops Railway Cleanliness Survey Conducted by the Quality Council of India

Jodhpur and Marwar in Rajasthan were declared the **cleanest railway stations** in the recently released **survey** conducted by the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** covering 407 major railway stations -- 75 in A1 category and 332 in A category stations.

- The first survey was conducted by the **IRCTC** followed by **QCI** in the second and third surveys.
- **Clean toilets at platforms, clean tracks and dustbins at stations** were some of the criterias for judging railway stations for cleanliness.
- **Jaipur** has bagged the second rank followed by **Tirupati** in the third spot.
- **Mathura**, a station frequented by devotees to the Krishna temple, is adjudged the least clean station among the major 75 stations.
- As per policymakers in Railways, the survey showed improvement in overall cleanliness at stations as compared to 2017.
- In the **cleanest zone category, North Western Railway (NWR)** topped the list followed by **The South Central Railway (SCR)** and **The East Coast Railway (ECR)** in the second and third position.

Quality Council of India

- **The Quality Council of India (QCI)** set up in 1997 is a pioneering experiment of the Government of India in setting up organizations in partnership with the **Indian industry**.
- Its mandate is to establish and operate the **National Accreditation Structure (NAS)** for conformity assessment bodies and providing accreditation in the field of **health, education and quality promotion**.
- Besides the role of putting in place the accreditation structure, it also promotes the adoption of quality standards relating to **Quality Management Systems, Food Safety Management Systems** and Product Certification and Inspection Bodies through the accreditation services provided by **National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB)**.
- Indian industry is represented in QCI by three premier industry associations namely **ASSOCHAM; CII; and FICCI**.