



Swachh Survekshan 2023

Why in News?

Prayagraj and Varanasi will get the **prestigious President's Award** in the [Swachh Survekshan 2023](#) - the cleanliness survey awards in New Delhi.

Key Points

- Eight cities, including **Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Kanpur, Ghaziabad, Aligarh, Jhansi, and Firozabad**, have earned a **3-star rating** while **Noida** has earned a **five-star rating**.
- About **648 cities** of the state have **achieved the [Open Defecation Free \(ODF\) status](#)**. **65 cities** secured the '**Garbage Free City**' status.
- Swachh Survekshan's 2023 results reveal that **129 cities** in Uttar Pradesh have **achieved [ODF++ status](#)**, reflecting adherence to open defecation-free standards and sustainable **waste management** practices.
- **435 cities** in the state have **attained ODF+ status**, showcasing the commitment of the government towards cleanliness in the state.
- **Many cities** in Uttar Pradesh are now **moving towards a 7-star rating**.
 - **Continuous efforts** are being made **by the government** to elevate more cities to **achieve 5-star and 3-star ratings**.

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- Swachh Survekshan was introduced by **the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** **in 2016** as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation while encouraging **large scale citizen participation**.
- Over the years, Swachh Survekshan has emerged as the largest **Urban sanitation survey in the world**.