



Swachh Survekshan 2021

Why in News

Recently, the President awarded the respective cities in the **6th Edition of [Swachh Survekshan \(SS\) 2021](#)** for their performance in maintaining cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation.

- The ceremony was held at the '**Swachh Amrit Mahotsav**', which is a celebration of the achievements of cities in the past seven years of [Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban](#) and a commitment from cities and citizens to move forward with renewed vigour in the next phase of Swachhata through [Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0](#).
- Earlier, the **Jal Shakti Ministry** launched [Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2021](#) or rural cleanliness survey 2021 under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II.

Key Points

▪ Swachh Survekshan:

◦ About:

- It is **an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns** across India.
- It was launched **as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**, which aimed to make India clean and free of open defecation.
- The **first survey was undertaken in 2016** and covered 73 cities.
 - By 2020 the survey had grown to cover 4242 cities and was said to be the **largest cleanliness survey in the world**.
- In 2021 Survekshan, participated by 4,320 cities, also saw an unprecedented number of citizens' feedback – over 5 crores, compared to 1.87 cores last year.

◦ Nodal Ministry:

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

▪ SS 2021 Categories:

◦ Less than 1 lakh Population:

- **Vita, Lonavala, and Saswad cities from Maharashtra** have ranked first, second, and third Cleanest Cities respectively.

◦ More than 1 Lakh Population:

- For the 5th consecutive year, **Indore (Madhya Pradesh)** was awarded the title of **India's Cleanest City** under Swachh Survekshan, while Surat and Vijayawada bagged the second and third spots respectively.
- **Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh** emerged as the '**Fastest Mover City**' thus securing a place among the top 100 cities at 87th position.

◦ Best Ganga Town: Varanasi.

◦ Cleanest Cantonment: Ahmedabad Cantonment, followed by Meerut Cantonment and

Delhi Cantonment.

- **Cleanest State:**

- **More than 100 Urban Local Bodies:**

- **Chhattisgarh** has been awarded as the 'Cleanest State' of India **for the 3rd consecutive year.**
- **Karnataka** emerged as the '**Fastest Mover State**'.

- **Less than 100 Urban Local Bodies:**

- **Jharkhand** won the 'Cleanest State' of India **for the second time** in this category.
- **Mizoram** emerged as the '**Fastest Mover State**'.

- **Prerak Daaur Samman:**

- This is a new performance category introduced under SS 2021, five cities - Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai, New Delhi Municipal Council and Tirupati were categorized as 'Divya' (Platinum).

- **Other Awards:**

- **Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge:**

- Under the [Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge](#), the **top performer cities are Indore, Navi Mumbai, Nellore, and Dewas** across different population categories among 246 participating cities while the **top performer states are Chhattisgarh and Chandigarh.**

- **5-star rated Garbage Free Cities in India:**

- Under the [Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities](#), 9 cities were certified as 5-star cities while 143 cities were certified as 3-star.
 - The **Star Rating Protocol** was launched by MoHUA in 2018 to **institutionalize a mechanism for cities to achieve Garbage Free status**, and to motivate cities to achieve higher degrees of sustainable cleanliness.
 - The nine 5-star rated cities are Indore, Surat, New Delhi Municipal Council, Navi Mumbai, Ambikapur, Mysuru, Noida, Vijayawada, and Patan.

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

- SBM-U 2.0, announced in [Budget 2021-22](#), is the continuation of [SBM-U first phase](#).
- The government is trying to tap safe containment, transportation, disposal of faecal sludge, and septage from toilets. It will be implemented over five years from **2021 to 2026 with an outlay of Rs. 1.41 lakh crore.**
- It focuses on source segregation of garbage, reduction in single-use plastic and air pollution, by effectively managing waste from construction and demolition activities and [bioremediation of all legacy dump sites](#).
- Under this mission, all wastewater will be treated properly before it is discharged into water bodies, and the government is trying to make maximum reuse a priority.

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