

## Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards

*Prelims: Current events of national and international importance.*

### Why in News?

*President conferred Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 Awards at Vigyan Bhagwan, New Delhi.*

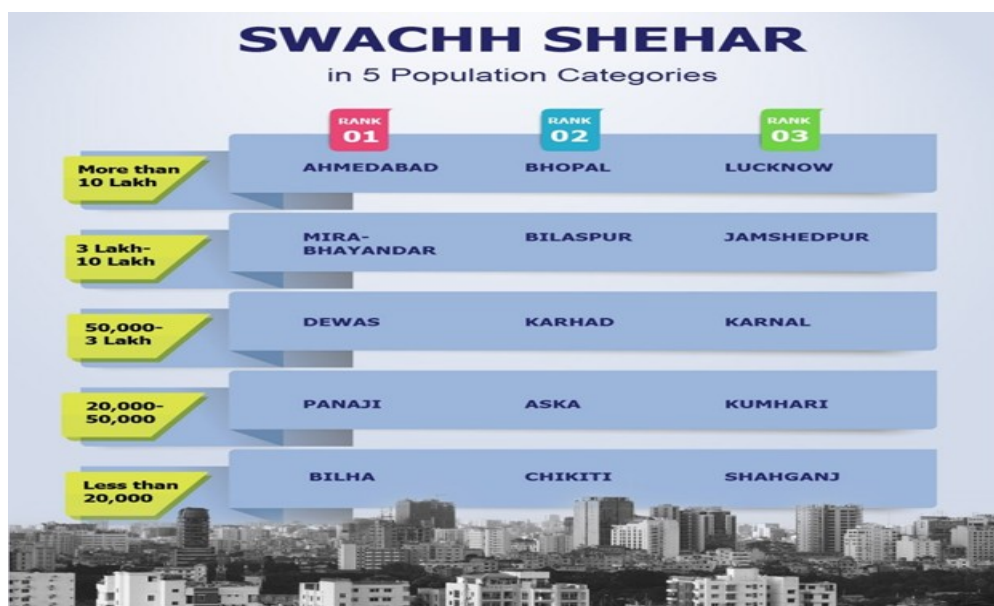
- **Swachh Survekshan** - It is an initiative under [Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban \(SBM-U\)](#), launched in 2016.
- **Hosted by** - The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

*Annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is now the largest urban sanitation survey in the world.*

- **Parameters** - Waste segregation, processing, sanitation in public spaces, and citizen feedback.

### Award Categories

- **Premier Super Swachh League cities** - Indore, Surat, Navi Mumbai with over 10 lakh population.
  - Indore is the cleanest city in this category for the past 7 years.
- **India's New Clean Cities** - Ahmedabad, Bhopal, and Lucknow, with a population of 10 lakh or above.
- **One city, One Award** - The top-performing cities from each State were recognized as Promising Swachh Shehars through the 'One City, One Award' principle.
- 34 cities across various States and Union Territories earned Promising Swachh Shehars, showcasing their notable progress in urban cleanliness and sanitation excellence.
- Cities awarded based on the classification of 5 population categories.



- **Best Ganga Town** - Prayagraj.
- **Best Cantonment Board** - Secunderabad Cantonment for its exemplary sanitation efforts.
- **Best SaifaiMitra Surakshit Shehar** - Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur, and Gorakhpur, were declared for their outstanding commitment to the safety and dignity of sanitation workers.
- State Govt. of UP, Prayagraj Mela Adhikari and Prayagraj Municipal Corporation as specially recognized for its exceptional urban waste management during the Mahakumbh.
- **New initiatives**
- **Swachh City Partnership initiative** - It emphasized the significance of peer learning for all 78 top performing cities will across all population categories & mentor 1 poor performing city each from the respective States.
- Following the mantra of "Each one clean one", the winning cities will guide, handhold and lead the way for the others.
- **Accelerated Dumpsite Remediation program** - It is a 1-year special program to help fast-track legacy waste remediation and unlock massive urban space and also

push the scientific waste processing capacity.

- **Significance** - Promoting the *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (3R) approach*
- Waste to wealth memento embracing the principles of a *circular economy*.
- Empowering youth, generating green jobs, and creating entrepreneurial opportunities, engaging SHGs.
- School interventions, initiatives for source segregation startups, zero waste colonies are making the resolve for Swachh Bharat stronger.

## Reference

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[Hindustan Times| Indore moved to Super Swachh League](#)

