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).

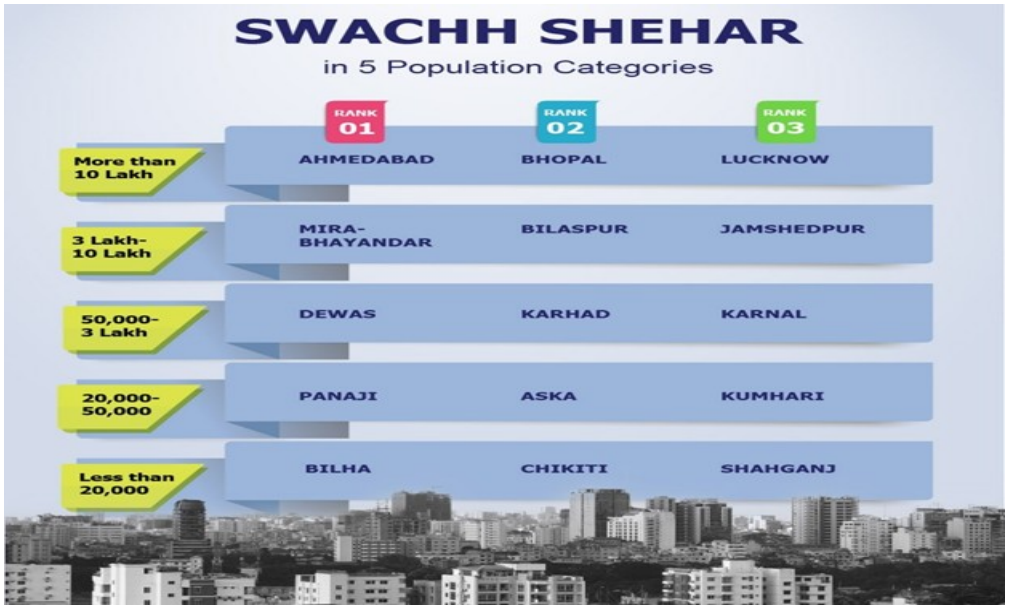
Annual cleanliness survey conducted by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is now the largest urban sanitation survey in the world.

- **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.

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