

## Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023

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The **President of India** recently conferred **Swachh Survekshan awards 2023** at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi hosted by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.



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### **About Swachh Survekshan:**

- Swachh Survekshan started to highlight **integrated strict process and discipline** among cities in terms of Swachhata, **since 2016**.
- It has evolved into the **world's largest annual survey** to foster healthy competition among cities and is a robust third-party assessment.
- Only **15-16% scientific processing of waste** was done in 2014, reaching almost 76% in 2023.
- By the end of this mission, India would be **fully transitioned from manhole to machine hole** and bring considerable **behavioural change** amongst people.
- Every city in India is **Open Defecation Free (ODF)** with a vision of Antodaya se Sarvodaya and aims to follow circular waste management under [Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0](#).
- The award ceremony served as a platform for cities and citizens to recommit themselves to the goal of achieving **Garbage Free cities**, with renewed determination and enthusiasm.

### **About Swachh Survekshan Awards 2023:**

- **Theme for 2023:** "Waste to Wealth".
- **Theme for Cleanliness Survey 2024:** "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle."
- This principle of Waste to Wealth, aligns with **Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-U 2.0** to foster circularity in waste management and extracting value from waste.
- The outreach of this initiative expanded to **4477 cities from 73 major cities in 2016**.
- It focused on transforming **waste into valuable resources** and was evaluated by a team of over **3,000 assessors** based on **46 indicators**.
- These **indicators include** segregated door-to-door waste collection, zero waste events, disabled-friendly toilets, and improved plastic waste management.



- City awards **prioritizes** legacy dumpsites, managing plastic waste, implementing the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and ensuring the **safety of Safai Mitras**.
- It marked the '**Ek Tareekh Ek Ghanta Ek Saath**' campaign and released the Swachh Bharat **Mission Anthem for 2024 as 'Naya Sankalp Hai, Naya Prakaalp Hai'**.
- An exhibition displaying **latest technologies** and equipments in **waste management** like mechanical sweeping machines, sewage cleaning robots, waste collecting robots, etc.

## Categories of Awards:

### ZONAL CLEAN CITY AWARDS

Zonal (North)	Zonal (East)	Zonal (North East)	Zonal (South)	Zonal (West)
Clean City (North Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Barwar</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population < 15,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Chikiti</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Jiribam</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Kilvelur</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population < 15,000) <b>Winner: Panchgani</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mullanpur Dakha</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) <b>Winner: Arang</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mohanpur</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Gundlapochampally</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 15,000 - 25,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Budni</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Anupshahr</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Kumhari</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Golaghat</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Nizampet</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 25,000 - 50,000) <b>Winner: Gadhinglaj</b>
Clean City (North Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Gajraula</b>	Clean City (East Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Mahasamund</b>	Clean City (North East Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) Clean City within State (Population < 1,00,000) <b>Winner: Lunglei</b>	Clean City (South Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Siddipet</b>	Clean City (West Zone) (Population between 50,000-1,00,000) <b>Winner: Karhad</b>

- Clean Cities:** Surat bagged the top honours, alongside Indore, who had conquered the top spot alone for 6 consecutive years, followed by Navi Mumbai, Visakhapatnam and Bhopal.
  - In the category of cities with a population of **less than 1 lakh**, **Sasvad, Patan and Lonavala** secured the top three spots.
  - The **dirtiest cities include** Kalyani, Madhyagram, Krishnanagar, Asansol, Rishra, Bidhannagar, Kanchrapara, Kolkata, and Bhatpara.
- Cleanest Cantonment:** Mhow Cantonment Board in Madhya Pradesh was first, while Nainital ranked last.
- Safai Mitra Suraksha:** Chandigarh walked away with the award for the Best Safaimitra Surakshit Sheher.
- Ganga Towns:** Varanasi and Prayagraj won the top two awards.
- Best Performing State:** Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh won the top three awards.

- **Least clean states** are Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, and Nagaland.