

## Swachh Survekshan Rankings 2018

### What is the issue?

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- Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have released the Swachh Survekshan 2018 ranking, which ranks cities based on cleanliness.

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- Indore as the cleanest among 4,203 urban local bodies (ULBs) in the country for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in the row, which is followed by Bhopal.

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### How did Indore retain its prime position?

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- **Statistics** - Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has been taking out a strong campaign through songs and outreach programs.

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- The corporation also claims to have achieved 100% segregation of wet and dry garbage at source.

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- Waste is collected once a day from residential areas and twice from commercial areas.

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- The IMC has nearly 10,000 employees and officers and they are said to be aided by socially responsible citizenry.

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- **Penalties** - Lately, the municipal body began to slap spot fines from Rs 250 to Rs 500 on those spitting on roads, urinating in the open, or littering.

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- While efforts to deter habitual offenders haven't worked in the past, a public shaming campaign by naming them in media has been initiated recently.

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- **Nudging Push** - IMC distributed free bottle shaped suitably sized dustbins to vehicle owners to encourage them to not throw waste out of windows.

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- Innovative cleanliness products for sale are also aplenty in the open markets.  
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- **Technology** - Initiatives to segregate dry waste, installing recycling units in gardens, outside hotels, and marriage halls have been taken up.  
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- Compost pits were built at fruit and vegetable and markets, and a bio-methanation plant has also been set up.  
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- **Administrative steps** - IMC replaced garbage bins that used to overflow with suitable containers of sufficient capacity.  
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- Swachhata Samitis were set up in schools and colleges, and participants in religious and other processions were encouraged to keep the streets clean.  
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- Public toilets were built in large numbers.  
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