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## Bhopal Ranks 5th in Swachh Survekshan 2023 | Madhya Pradesh | 25 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Bhopal has **ascended from the 6<sup>th</sup> position in 2022 to secure the 5<sup>th</sup> spot** among cities with a population exceeding 1 lakh. The city **has achieved a notable 5-star Garbage Free City (GFC) rating**, solidifying its status as the cleanest State capital in the nation.

- Furthermore, **Bhopal holds the 5th position in the cleanliness rankings among cities with a population exceeding one million.**

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# Swachh Survekshan awards 2023



Indore and Surat were declared the joint cleanest cities of India as part of the Swachh Survekshan Awards. A look at the highlights

## TOP 10 CITIES

Rank Urban local body, State

- 1 Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- 1 Surat, Gujarat
- 3 Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4 Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 5 Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 6 Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh
- 7 New Delhi (NDMC), Delhi
- 8 Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
- 9 Greater Hyderabad, Telangana
- 10 Pune, Maharashtra

## BOTTOM 3

Rank ULB, State

- 1 Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2 Asansol, West Bengal
- 3 Haora, West Bengal

## TOP STATES

Rank State No of ULBs

- 1 Maharashtra 411
- 2 Madhya Pradesh 378
- 3 Chhattisgarh 169

## THE MOST IMPROVED

### PANAJI, GOA

Fastest moving city with population of over 100,000

### NOWROZABAD, MP

Fastest moving city with population less than 100,000

## Key Points

- To ensure the effective processing and disposal of waste, a **well-organized segregation system has been implemented** at all 12 Transfer Stations in Bhopal. Currently, the **city has 6 Material Recovery Facility (MRF)**.
- The **transformation of the Bhanpur dumpsite into a green area** underscores the State's commitment to **sustainable urban planning**.
- Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) has **shifted from traditional waste treatment and utilizes hazardous waste as a valuable source of fuel**.
  - The city has collaborated with Hazargo Industry Pithampur, **marking the establishment of the first preprocessing plant** in Bhopal to scientifically manage the hazardous waste released from homes, offices, and factories.
  - A common **Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBMWTF) to effectively process the bio-medical waste has been established** in the city.

- This facility **oversees the comprehensive handling, transportation, storage, and treatment of medical waste** from various healthcare facilities in the surrounding areas.
- As part of the ongoing projects, **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** has **signed an agreement with BMC** for setting up of 400 Tonnes Per Day (TPD) dry Municipal Solid Waste to torrefied charcoal plant. The **torrefied charcoal produced will be used as a by-product in the thermal power plants** of NTPC.
- Going forward Bhopal MC **plans to continue its upward journey towards a garbage-free city**, setting benchmarks for others to follow.

## Swachh Survekshan

- **About:**
  - Swachh Survekshan, **conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) since 2016**, is the world's largest **urban sanitation and cleanliness survey**.
    - It has been **instrumental in fostering a spirit of healthy competition among towns and cities** to improve their service delivery to citizens and towards creating cleaner cities.
- **Some of the Highlights of Swachh Survekshan of 2023:**
  - Madhya Pradesh **secured the second position in state cleanliness rankings**.
  - **Bottom Five States:** Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Rajasthan, Nagaland, and Tripura were ranked as the bottom five states in cleanliness.
  - **Chandigarh received the Safaimitra Surakshit Shehar award** for the city with the best safety standards for sanitation workers.
  - **Varanasi was recognized as the cleanest Ganga town.**

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