



# Varanasi received awards in 4 categories at the India Smart City Award ceremony

## Why In News?

Varanasi Smart City was awarded in four different categories at the prize distribution function of India Smart City Award competition organized by the Ministry of Urban and Housing Affairs, Government of India at Surat, Gujarat on April 18, 2022.

## Key Points

- The details of the 4 categories in which Varanasi has received awards are as follows-
  - 'Covid Innovation Award'
  - 'Smart City Leadership Award'
  - "City Award"
  - "Water Conservation Award"
- The Covid Innovation Award has been given for remarkable initiatives during the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and strict lockdown. During this period, Kashi Integrated Command and Control Center acting as 'Integrated War Room' provided facilities related to District Administration, Emergency Services, Health Department, Telemedicine and Municipal Corporation etc. under one roof in an integrated manner. .
- Similarly the city has been awarded '**Smart City Leadership Award**' for its efficient functioning and proper implementation of projects.

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