



Sustainable Cities Challenge

Why in News?

The holy city of [Varanasi](#) has been selected as one of the three cities globally to participate in the [Sustainable Cities Challenge](#) along with **Detroit and Venice**.

- The launch event of the Sustainable Cities Challenge was hosted by the **Toyota Mobility Foundation**.

Key Points

- As part of the Sustainable Cities Challenge, the Toyota Mobility Foundation will provide funding of **USD 9 million**.
- Varanasi, which receives over seven crore tourists and pilgrims annually, will invite innovators and startups to develop **data-operated solutions** to make the city safer and more accessible for visitors.
- Varanasi is inviting innovators from around the world to develop [Crowd Management Solutions](#).
- Over **150 cities from 46 countries** around the world **participated in the challenge** after the call to cities was first **launched in June 2023**.

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