



Sustainable Cities Challenge | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Jun 2024

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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Stop Diarrhoea Drive | Uttar Pradesh | 29 Jun 2024

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The Uttar Pradesh health department is going to launch the '[Stop Diarrhoea](#)' campaign on **July 1, 2024**.

Key Points

- The risk of **viral, bacterial** and **parasitic infections** increases due to **accumulation of contaminated water** during the rainy season.
- In such situations, children may suffer from diarrhoea which increases the problem of dehydration. It is **transmitted through contaminated food and water**.
- [ASHA workers](#) will go door-to-door and teach the method of making [ORS solutions](#) to the families of children suffering from diarrhoea.
- They will also give information about the benefits of using **ORS and zinc** as well as cleanliness and hygiene.
- Attention will be given to **vulnerable areas**, like urban slums, remote areas, nomads, families of labourers engaged in construction work, and families living in brick kilns.

Diarrhoeal Disease

- Diarrhoea is defined as the **passage of three or more loose or liquid stools per day (or more frequent passage than is normal for the individual).**
- The most severe threat posed by diarrhoea is dehydration.
 - During a diarrhoeal episode, **water and electrolytes (sodium, chloride, potassium and bicarbonate) are lost through liquid stools, vomit, sweat, urine and breathing.**
 - Dehydration occurs when these losses are not replaced.

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