



Rajasthan CM Felicitates Candidates Selected in Central Civil Services

Why in News?

Recently, Rajasthan Chief Minister felicitated candidates from the State selected in the Central Civil Services after passing out the **2023 Union Public Service Commission's examination**.

- He **greeted the young officers** at a function in Jaipur by **dressing them in turbans and shawls, and presenting mementos to them**.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister called upon the youths to work with **honesty and dedication in all positions** where they are appointed.
- The young officers who attended the function at the Chief Minister's official residence shared their views on issues such as **women's empowerment, improving the education system, promoting tourism in Rajasthan, and improving the State's ranking in the Centre's Swachh Survekshan or cleanliness survey**.

Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2023

- It was **introduced by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in 2016 as a competitive framework to encourage cities to improve the status of urban sanitation** while encouraging large scale citizen participation.
 - Over the years, Swachh Survekshan has emerged as the largest Urban sanitation survey in the world.
- In SS 2023, **additional weightage has been given** to source segregation of waste, enhancement of waste processing capacity of cities to match the waste generation and reduction of waste going to the dumpsites.
 - Indicators have been introduced with **additional weightage on emphasizing the need for phased reduction of plastic**, plastic waste processing, encourage waste to wonder parks and zero waste events.
- **Ranking of Wards** within the cities is also being promoted through SS 2023.
- The cities would also be assessed on dedicated indicators on the issues of **'Open Urination' (Yellow Spots) and 'Open Spitting' (Red Spots)**, being faced by the cities.
- MoHUA will be promoting **cleaning of back lanes** of the residential and commercial areas.