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Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019

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Why in News

Recently, the Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019 were conferred upon top-ranked states, Union Territories (UTs), and districts in the various categories by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti** in New Delhi.

It marked the occasion of **World Toilet Day, which** is observed every year on November 19.

Background

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti had commissioned **Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2019** (SSG 2019) through an independent survey agency.
- It aimed to develop rankings of all districts of India on the basis of **quantitative and qualitative sanitation (Swachhta) parameters**.

Rankings

- **Top 3 States**- 1) Tamil Nadu, 2) Haryana, 3) Gujarat
- **Top 3 Districts**- 1) Peddapalli (Telangana), 2) Faridabad (Haryana), 3) Rewari (Haryana)
- **State with Maximum Citizen Participation**- Uttar Pradesh
- **Corporates Felicitated:** Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA), Hindustan Unilever Limited and AMUL for their contribution under the **Swachhta Hi Seva campaign-2019** towards effective **plastic waste management**.

Key Points

- According to SSG 2019 survey findings,
 - 97.5% of people surveyed were **aware** of SSG 2019,
 - 81.3% of respondents credited **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G)** for the **substantial improvement in cleanliness** level,
 - Respondents reported **sufficient arrangements** in their village to **manage liquid waste** (83%), and **solid waste** (84.1%).
- The rankings were done based on a comprehensive set of parameters including surveys of public places like schools, Anganwadis, Haat/Bazaars, Panchayat, and citizen's perception of Swachhta.
- The survey agency used maps and simple handheld device/recording formats to record their observations and findings along with photographs/videos, wherever necessary.

Source: PIB