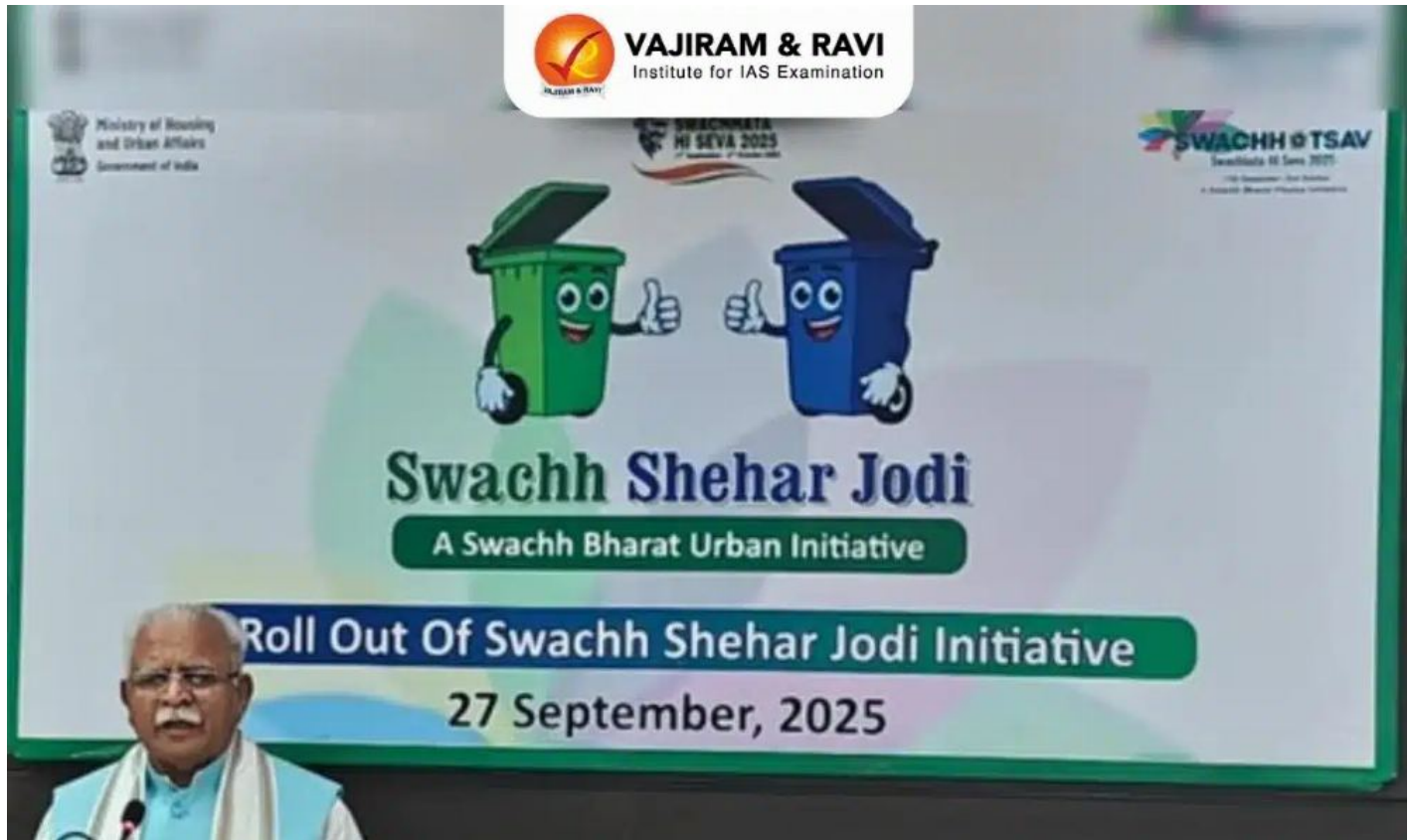


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Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the Swachh Shehar Jodi (SSJ) initiative.

About Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative

- It is a **structured mentorship and collaborative action program** involving 72 **mentor cities** and around 200 **mentee cities**.
- Based on the recent performance in the Swachh Survekshan rankings, **top-performing cities have been identified as mentor cities** and paired with **low-performing mentee cities**. It is implemented under the **Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban (SBM-U)**.
- It is aimed to **foster knowledge and experience sharing**, peer learning and transforming best practices in sanitation and waste management across urban India.

Objectives of Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative

- The objective is to support comparatively low performing cities in improving their swachhata performance by drawing on the experience of mentor cities to:
- **Replicate tested best practices** in sanitation and waste management

Implementation of Swachh Shehar Jodi Initiative

- It is envisioned that the **mentor cities** will be those cities that adhere to the following criteria:
 - Top performing cities that have featured across **Rank 1, 2 or 3 in Swachh Survekshan** (SS) 2022, 2023, and 2024 (i.e. – cities that are part of the Super Swachh League)
 - Top three cities that are featured across population **categories in Swachha Sarvesksha 2024.**
 - Promising clean cities that emerge across States/UTs as part of SS 2024.
- The **mentee city** may be selected on the basis of the following criteria:
 - Featured in the **bottom of the State cumulative ranking of** the latest SS rankings
 - Geographical proximity of the jodi cities to each other
- **Funding:** Both mentor and mentee cities may utilize the **Capacity Building (CB) Funds** allocated to each State/UT as part of **SBM-U 2.0. State/UT Governments** are encouraged to top up this fund, if required.
- Cities can also leverage funds from other sources / partner organizations.

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