

In a clarion call for assessment of cleanliness, Swachh Survekshan 2021 is being conducted in over 4,000 cities pan India through March 2021. A nationwide cleanliness mission organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Swachh Survekshan is a survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India. The winner grabs the title of the 'Cleanest City of India'.

Belonia Municipal Council has been awarded as best city in 'Citizen Feedback' category under Swachh Survekshan, 2020. In the Annual Survey of Swachh Bharat Mission under Swachh Survekshan, 2020 Panisager Nagar Panchayat ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, Dharmanagar Municipal Council ranked 6<sup>th</sup>, Mohanpur Municipal Council ranked 10<sup>th</sup> and Udaipur MC ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the North-east zone category, certified by MoHUA. Meanwhile, in Tripura, this competition can prove to be a challenging event and the collective efforts of the urban local bodies (ULBs), the state government, and the citizens. Twenty urban local bodies have been campaigning more than a month and will continue till 31<sup>st</sup> March in the need for cleanliness and hygiene.

Director of Directorate of Urban Development, Tripura, Dr. Sandeep N. Mahatme said in a press meet that the focus of the Municipal Corporation/Municipal Council/Nagar Panchayat is to maintain the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status, 100% door to door waste collection by women SHGs, waste management at source, and segregation of dry waste, wet waste, construction and demolition waste, plastic waste and e-waste, recycling, reusing and organised waste disposal. In view to this, secondary waste segregation centre and tertiary waste treatment plant will be set up soon in near future. All the 20 ULBs certified as open defecation free during financial year 2019-20.

For SWACHH Survekshan 2021: citizen's feedback is crucial as it indicates active, passive or non-participation by the citizens. All ULB should organise a campaign regarding this and we need to score well in Citizen's Feedback. The survey for Citizens' Feedback began over phone on January month and will continue till March 31. This is very crucial that residents of the ULBs should participate in the feedback in large numbers to achieve a good regional ranking of our state Tripura. Some ULBs are also participating for door to door campaigning regarding "Vote for your City".

People can give their feedback using the QR Code of Swachh Survekshan-2021 or visit <https://swachhsurvekshana2021.org> or call toll-free number 1969 to submit their views. People can download Swachhata app, SS2021 Vote for your city app or MyGov app to submit the feedback. A humble appeal to the public is that you all vote in large numbers for the overall development of your own city for Swachh Survekshan 2021.