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National Swachh Survekshan: Kerala's Remarkable Leap in Urban Sanitation Performance

Mattannur bagged national award in special category.

Kerala has made a historic leap in urban cleanliness as per the results of the Swachh Survekshan 2024, India's largest sanitation survey. For the first time, eight municipalities from Kerala have secured ranks in the top 100 cities in the country, a significant improvement considering there were no Kerala municipalities in the top 1000 last year.

The top performers include Kochi Corporation (Rank 50), Mattannur (Rank 53), Thrissur Corporation (Rank 58), Kozhikode Corporation (Rank 70), Alappuzha Municipality (Rank 80), Guruvayur Municipality (Rank 82), Thiruvananthapuram Corporation (Rank 89) and Kollam (Rank 93).

A total of 82 municipalities from the State have made it to the top 1000 ranks, showcasing the success of Kerala's waste management reforms, especially after the 2023 Brahmapuram fire. The Government's 'Malinyamuktham Nava Keralam' (Waste-Free New Kerala) campaign spearheaded scientific and result-oriented interventions in waste management, driving this turnaround.

The Mattannur Municipality received a special national award, capturing attention for its remarkable transformation in waste processing. It climbed from rank 1854 in 2023 to rank 53 nationally, and secured the top spot in the state.

In a first, 23 municipalities in Kerala have earned ‘Garbage Free City’ star ratings—with three receiving 3-star ratings (Alappuzha, Shornur, Pattambi) and 20 earning 1-star ratings. Thiruvananthapuram Corporation achieved Water+ certification, and 77 municipalities received ODF+ status. Kalpetta and two others were awarded the prestigious ODF++ certification.

The award was received at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, from Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar by Kerala’s Minister for Local Self-Government M.B. Rajesh, Mattannur Municipal Chairman N. Shajith, Additional Chief Secretary Puneet Kumar, Special Secretary T.V. Anupama, Executive Director of Suchitwa Mission U.V. Jose, and Joint Director Muhammad Huwais.

Minister M.B. Rajesh, in a statement in Delhi, emphasized that these accolades reflect the sustained efforts of the State Government and its integrated approach to sanitation. In addition to the State Government's Local Self-Government Department and the Suchitwa Mission, Haritha Keralam Mission, Kudumbashree, CKCL and KSWMP also contributed their services to improve the quality of the Swachh Survekshan ranking. These organizations coordinated closely with municipalities to implement the survey parameters, supported by committed leadership and public representatives, ensuring success