Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for 500 Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities was also launched along with smart city project. For AMRUT as well, states have been asked to recommend cities which can be included under this scheme.

Five hundred cities will be taken up under AMRUT. **The list of cities will be notified at the appropriate time. The category of cities that will be covered in the AMRUT is given below:**

i. All Cities and Towns with a population of over one lakh with notified Municipalities, including Cantonment Boards (Civilian areas),
ii. All Capital Cities/Towns of States/ UTs, not covered in above ,
iii. All Cities/ Towns classified as Heritage Cities by MoUD under the HRIDAY Scheme,
iv. Thirteen Cities and Towns on the stem of the main rivers with a population above 75,000 and less than 1 lakh, and
v. Ten Cities from hill states, islands and tourist destinations (not more than one from each State).

UP again leads the pack, as they can nominate 64 cities under this project. Here is the breakdown for different states:

1. Tamil Nadu: 33 cities
2. Maharashtra: 37
3. Gujarat: 31
4. Karnataka: 21
5. Andhra Pradesh: 31
6. Rajasthan: 30
7. West Bengal: 28
8. Bihar: 27
9. Odisha: 19
10. Haryana: 19
11. Kerala: 18
12. Punjab: 17
13. Telangana: 15
14. Chhattisgarh: 10

Under this scheme, Central Govt. will provide 30% of the overall cost, if the city has a population of more than 10 lakh; and 50% if under 10 lakh.

The purpose of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is to

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(i) ensure that every household has access to a tap with assured supply of water and a sewerage connection;
(ii) increase the amenity value of cities by developing greenery and well maintained open spaces (e.g. parks); and
(iii) reduce pollution by switching to public transport or constructing facilities for non-motorized transport (e.g. walking and cycling).

All these outcomes are valued by citizens, particularly women, and indicators and standards have been prescribed by the Ministry of Urban Development (MoUD) in the form of Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs).

The Mission will focus on the following Thrust Areas:

i. Water Supply,
ii. Sewerage facilities and septage management,
iii. Storm Water drains to reduce flooding,
iv. Pedestrian, non-motorized and public transport facilities, parking spaces, and
v. Enhancing amenity value of cities by creating and upgrading green spaces, parks and recreation centers, especially for children.

Cities Classifications:

Population classification	Population (2001 Census)
Tier-1	100,000 and above
Tier-2	50,000 to 99,999
Tier-3	20,000 to 49,999
Tier-4	10,000 to 19,999
Tier-5	5,000 to 9,999
Tier-6	less than 5000

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