

## 12 sites identified for Phase IV of Swachh Iconic Places initiative



Under the IV Phase of the Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) initiative, as many as 12 sites have been selected to be transformed into Swachh Tourist Destinations. Cleanliness conditions of these destinations which are of heritage, religious and cultural significance will be improved to a distinctly higher level.

The tourist sites selected are Ajanta Caves, Maharashtra; Sanchi Stupa, Madhya Pradesh; Kumbhalgarh Fort, Rajasthan; Jaisalmer Fort, Rajasthan; Ramdevra, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan; Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Telangana; Sun Temple, Konark, Odisha; Rock Garden, Chandigarh; Dal Lake, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir; Banke Bihari Temple, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh; Agra Fort, Agra, Uttar Pradesh; and Kalighat Temple, West Bengal.

The multi-stakeholder initiative focusing on cleaning up 100 places across India that are iconic due to their heritage, religious and/or cultural significance has been inspired by the Prime Minister of India.

The initiative aims at enhancing the experience of both domestic and foreign visitors by improving the sanitation and cleanliness standards at and around the sites. The objective of SIP is to achieve a distinctly higher level of sanitation at these places, especially on the peripheries and in the approach areas.

This project is being coordinated by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti in association with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, and the concerned State/UT governments.

