

Smart City Kashi bags award for best solid waste management

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VARANASI: In yet another feather to its cap, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency Varanasi was conferred with 'Best Solid Waste Practice' award at the 7th Smart Urbanization 2022 programme organised by the Smart Cities Council of India in Mumbai on Friday.

On behalf of Varanasi Smart City, chief general manager D Vasudevan and other representatives received the award, said SN Sonthalia, spokesperson, Varanasi Smart City project.

"As part of solid waste management in Varanasi, a team of over 6,000 persons collect garbage from the doorstep and shift it for segregation to the processing plant. This entire management is monitored from Kashi Integrated Command and Control Center under the Varanasi Smart City, where the attendance of employees is monitored with 130 biometric devices and over 400 cameras which also monitor over 150 locations of all the garbage dumps in the city," said Sonthalia.

Besides, tracking of vehicles and fuel monitoring work is done by more than 200 GPS-fitted garbage vehicles, he said, adding that along with this, over 900 volume sensors are embedded in dustbins installed across the city to keep an estimate of the amount of garbage generated.

On an average, the city generates about 700 tonnes of waste. He said that Varanasi Smart City had also been honoured with prestigious awards like ISAC Covid Innovation Award, Skoch Gold Award, Elets Award in the past.

According to him, Varanasi got 'Covid Innovation Award', 'Smart City Leadership Award', 'City Award' and 'Water conservation award' at the prize distribution ceremony of India Smart City Award contest in Surat, Gujarat in April this year.