



IS YOUR CITY SAFE?

The safe city index and India story

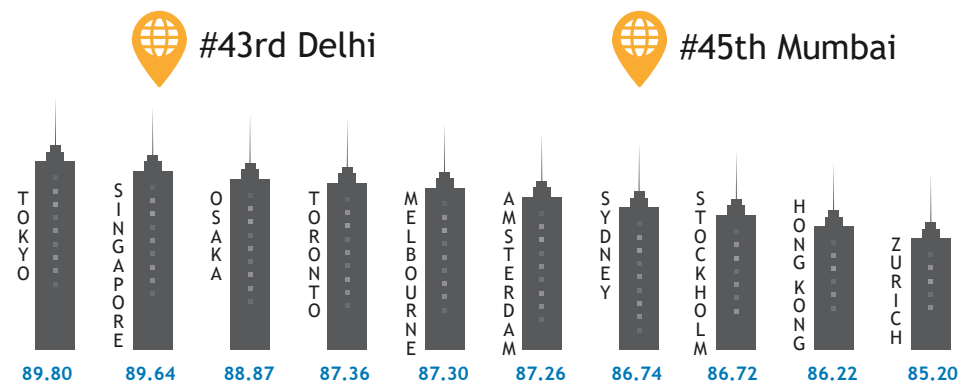
Increased security requirements and focus on public safety have demanded designers to chalk out a comprehensive surveillance design for cities. Any city design has to ensure safety of its citizens, organisations and institutions against threats to their well-being as well as the traditional functions of law and order. Today, with more than half of the global population living in urban areas, a safe city is considered essential in ensuring secure living and prosperity.

The very success of cities, their role as global, social and economic hubs makes them more vulnerable.



The Index presently ranks 60 cities of various regions across the world on parameters like public safety, digital security, governance model, infrastructure security, crime scenario and personal security.

The perfect safe city is awarded 100 points and the least safe 0 point. Below are the top 10 safe cities across the world and there are two Indian cities which have found a place in the ranking.



India Story

Why India lacks the safety ecosystem for its cities?

Although the safe city concept has been implemented around the world, it has recently been introduced in India. In India various factors contribute towards the low level preparedness of Indian cities in keeping its population safe.



What is causing the delay in implementation of safe cities projects?

1. Poor planning and strategy: Loopholes in planning and implementation.
2. Low technology adoption: Like drone-based surveillance, single command centre, use of sensors and CCTV in effective crime management.
3. Lack of funds: Lack of resources with the government and low involvement of private sectors is a major cause.
4. No governance infrastructure.

In order to create safer ecosystem for cities and to increase the sense of security and safety among the citizens, any safe city project should be built upon following three pillars:

