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Delhi No. 1 on 'Liveability Index'; Mumbai, Chennai follow

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New Delhi: Delhi, being spruced up for 2010 Commonwealth Games, has beaten all other cities in India to emerge as the best city to live in India, according to a new survey.

'The Liveability Index 2010', a unique report based on a rigorous study conducted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Institute for Competitiveness (IFC) has put the national capital on top as the city which provides the best quality of life.

Coming close to the winner Delhi are the cities of Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and Pune ranked 2nd to 8th respectively in overall quality of life ratings.

Ironically the NCR region, which should have kept pace with the development of Delhi, has failed to do so. Gurgaon, Noida and Faridabad have been ranked 9th, 27th and 32nd respectively.

The Liveability Index 2010 is a methodical index of quality of living conditions brought-out after a comprehensive study on 37 cities, ranked on the basis of eight parameters: demographics, education, health & medical standards, safety, housing, socio-cultural political environment, economic environment and natural build & planned environment.

Interestingly, contrary to popular belief, Delhi has also emerged as the safest city in India followed by Bhopal and Bangalore.

The Delhi-NCR divide was also apparent on the safety parameter with both Gurgaon and Noida ranked 32nd while Faridabad does somewhat better at 18th.

Delhi also emerges as winner on the education and job front; closely followed by Mumbai and Bangalore. The poorest performers on the education front are Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Kanpur, Lucknow, Patna, and Vadodara.

However, Mumbai gains the top rank in socio-political environment, followed by Delhi, Kolkata, Goa and Chennai. Mumbai also leads in city planning followed by Chennai and Delhi.

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As per the authors of the survey Dr Amit Kapoor and Sandeep Mann, the only parameter in which Delhi has fared very poorly is regarding health and Medical standards as it stands 17th in the county on this count. The top three cities in India on this count are all from Kerala- Kozhikode, Trivandrum and Kochi.

Mumbai is 12th and Bangalore 18th. Lucknow, Noida and Patna (37th) are the last three ranked cities in providing convincing examples of health and medical standards. Health and medical standards is an issue of concern even in cities like Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Mumbai and Pune.

On the house-cost & availability front, Bangalore, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Gurgaon, and Noida come out as winners, while Vishakhapatnam, Nagpur, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Kochi, Nashik, and Vadodara fare poorly.

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It is hard to believe the survey ! Have they taken crime rate into considerations ? Isn`t it Delhi ranked # 1 in this parameter? Isn`t it Delhi #1 also in price index as the most expensive city in India?

S. D. - Toronto

CII don`t be blind........ City like Delhi tops the list...... What a lie..

Jivtesh Singh Sihdu - Chandigarh

delhi & mumbai r better than chennai & bengaluru? kolkata is better than hyderabad or pune? jamshedpur comes at the end? incredible!!! with aiims & others top-ranking institututions, delhi ranks 17th on healthcare?? Amazing ... Could anyone pls publish a. detailed ranking of all the cities, how they rate on each parameter? b. details on how the rankings were arrived at? sorry to sound sceptical, but this seems to me to be some sort of campaign ahead of the Commonwealth Games…

ag47 - kolkata

Delhi has been lucky in getting a large share of infrastructure and civic amenities.. all with the hard earned TAX paid moneys from the TAX compliant states of West and South India.Inspite of this to me it is a bad city. The average delhiite sucks and its a monochromatic panju culture. This is not just my view its pretty universalI am glad NCR is in the dumps. Im even happier that other cities of west and south are catching up. way to go

vk - Bengaluru

Whom are we fooling? Indians cities are the most unlivable in the civilised world.

Just look into the international ranking of cities regarding livaability. No Indian city ranks in the top 100!

Sam - India

What a lie................Delhi is Worst place to live in the world..........Lets come out of habit of self-glorification. Any slum area of china will be better than delhi. If delhi is put on top, i can understand the condition of mumbai and madras. Not even basic amenities are there in most area. Any body can get murdered, or child is lost in drain hole, watersupply is short in posh areas like vasant kunj..........and u say its higly liveable.............pls gimme a break
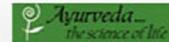
B Nazir - delhi

Congos to delhi.... but i still wonder how can anyone find it SAFE !!! And maybe it has a rich population or even high standard of living, but if a city cannot provide safety to its residents then its quality of living remains a BIG QUESTION MARK `?` .

⚠ Priyanka - Delhi

Its nice to know about many cities. Such surveys will encourage the city fathers to improve upon. Sadly, there is no mention in your entire article about my city Surat, which is 10th in the list and may be much above in other traits. You should have given an entire list of the ranking. Not in some cities, India lives, India lives in villages too!

⚠ Naresh Kapadia - Surat

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