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What are the challenges to solid waste management in India? Discuss the governmental policy framework on solid waste management. Discuss the success/failure cases of Delhi and Indore cities highlighting the salient features of their solid waste management initiatives.

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Indian Economy and issues relating to planning, mobilization of resources, growth, development and employment.

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Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016

Replaced the 2000 municipal waste rules, mandating source segregation, extended producer responsibility, and integration of informal waste pickers.

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)

Launched in 2014 and extended through SBM-U 2.0 to make Indian cities garbage-free through massive infrastructure and behavioral interventions.

Indore Municipal Model

Achieved top rank in Swachh Survekshan consistently through 100 percent source segregation, zero tolerance for littering, and scientific processing of all waste streams.

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