

## 03 July 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

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### ASHA Workers

#### What's in News?

Karnataka's ASHA workers have emerged crucial in the fight against COVID-19.

#### ASHA Workers:

- ASHA stands for Accredited Social Health Activists. It is an initiative under the [National Rural Health Mission \(NRHM\)](#) to address the health requirements of rural India.
  - They spread awareness on health issues and mobilise the rural community to use health services more efficiently.
  - To learn more about ASHA, you can check the [Gist of Kurukshetra for May 2020](#) under the headline, "Chapter 4: ASHAs – The First Port of Call in India's Villages".
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### Swachh Survekshan 2021

#### Context:

A new category of awards titled 'Prerak Dauur Samman' announced as part of Swachh Survekshan 2021.

#### Details:

- The Prerak Dauur Samman has a total of five additional subcategories - Divya (Platinum), Anupam (Gold), Ujjwal (Silver), Udit (Bronze), Aarohi (Aspiring) - with top three cities being recognized in each.
- In a departure from the present criteria of evaluating cities on 'population category', this new category will categorize cities on the basis of six select indicator-wise performance criteria which are as follows:
  - Segregation of waste into Wet, Dry and Hazard categories
  - Processing capacity against wet waste generated
  - Processing and recycling of wet and dry waste
  - Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste processing
  - Percentage of waste going to landfills
  - Sanitation status of cities

#### Background:

- To encourage cities to improve urban sanitation, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been conducting the Swachh Survekshan since 2016.
- The competition has been able to imbibe a spirit of healthy competition among the citizens with respect to improving the cleanliness of their cities.
- In the 2020 Swachh Survekshan, an unprecedented 1.87 crore citizens participated. The results for 2020 are yet to be released by the Ministry.
- While Mysuru had won the award for the Cleanest City of India in the first edition of the survey, Indore has retained the top position for three consecutive years (2017, 2018, 2019).

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