Rudraprayag District Administration Got Silver Medal Under Digital India Award 2022 | Uttarakhand | 10 Jan 2023

Why In News?

- President Draupadi Murmu presented the Silver Medal at the seventh edition of Digital India Awards 2022 to Rudraprayag district administration of Uttarakhand at a function held in Delhi on January 7, 2023.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu honored Rudraprayag District Magistrate Mayur Dixit and Sub-District Magistrate Ukhimath Jitendra Verma with awards. Rudraprayag district administration has been given this award in the Digital Deposit Refund System (DRS) category.
- The district administration, under the leadership of District Magistrate Mayur Dixit had made a unique arrangement for recycling to dispose of water bottles, cold drinks and other plastic items used by lakhs of devotees coming on the yatra route.
- For this, QR code system was implemented on the Kedarnath Yatra Marg, Chopta, Tungnath and Deoriatal Marg as a pilot project in collaboration with the recycling organization. QR code system was started for disposal of plastic goods, under which tagging of plastic bottles was done. An additional Rs 10 is charged at the time of sale for each QR coded bottle, while Rs 10 is given to each bottle returned.
- District Magistrate Mayur Dixit said that the project started in the year 2022 with the installation of QR code on water bottles, while it was also implemented on cold drink bottles.
- The Digital India Awards **(DIA)** provide an opportunity to bring digital initiatives to the fore. These awards have been instituted under the aegis of The National Portal of India to encourage and honor innovative digital solutions by government institutions at all levels.
- The Digital India Awards 2022 aim to inspire not only government institutions but also startups to fulfil the Digital India vision.
- In this edition of Digital India Awards, awards were given to 22 teams in seven categories.

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