



Lilavati Award-2020

Why in News

Recently, the Union Minister of Education virtually launched the **Lilavati Award-2020**.

Key Points

▪ About:

- The award has been named after the **12th century book called “Lilavati”**. The book was written by the **mathematician Bhaskara II**.
 - Lilavati was the **daughter** of Indian Mathematician Bhaskara II.
- It is **AICTE's (All India Council for Technical Education)** Innovative education program to empower women.
- All the stakeholders (**especially the girl students**) in **AICTE** approved institutions would get an opportunity to present a **solution** to the prevalent **issues of gender discrimination, such as illiteracy, unemployment, economic and nutritional disparities, maternal mortality, human rights, etc.**

▪ Theme: Women Empowerment

▪ **Objective:** To create awareness about issues like **sanitation, hygiene, health, nutrition, literacy, employment, technology, credit, marketing, innovation, skill development, natural resources and rights** among women.

▪ **Areas Covered:** Women's health, self defense, sanitation, literacy, entrepreneurship and legal awareness.

▪ **Benefit:** Ensures the **participation of women** and **enables** them to hold **higher positions in educational institutions**.

▪ **Prize:** In each sub-category, the top three winners will be awarded with **certificates as well as prize money**. The first prize winner will get **Rs 1 lakh**, the second winner will get **Rs 75,000** and the third winner will get **Rs 50,000**.

▪ Other **government initiatives for the welfare** of girl child and women:

- **Sukanya Samridhi Yojana:** It is a small saving scheme under the Government of India which focuses on **encouraging the parents of the female child** for building a fund for their future education and marriage expenses.
- **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao:** The scheme is aimed at promoting **gender equality** and the significance of educating girls.
- **CBSE Udaan:** It is aimed at **promoting girl education** and addressing the issue of lowering of girl enrollment rates in engineering colleges in the nation. It is going to provide a platform for empowerment of girl students and will provide better learning opportunities for them.
- **Smart India Hackathon:** It is a nationwide initiative to provide students (with a minimum **one woman** in the team of six) a platform to solve some of the pressing problems of daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem solving.

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