



Kayakalp Awards

Why in News

Recently the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has conferred **5th National Kayakalp awards** to **Public and Private Health Facilities** for high standards of Sanitation and Hygiene.

Key Points

▪ Background:

- Government of India launched a **National Initiative 'Kayakalp'** on 15th May 2015 to ensure **hygiene, sanitation and cleanliness in Public Health Facilities in India.**

▪ About:

- Those District Hospitals, Sub-divisional hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Health & Wellness Centres in the public healthcare system who have achieved high levels of cleanliness, hygiene and infection control were **recognised and felicitated with awards.**

▪ Objectives:

- To promote **cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public healthcare facilities**, through incentivizing and recognizing such public healthcare facilities that show exemplary performance in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control
- To inculcate a **culture of ongoing assessment** and peer review of performance related to hygiene, cleanliness, and sanitation.
- To create and share **sustainable practices related to improved cleanliness in public health facilities** linked to positive health outcomes

▪ Other Initiatives under Kayakalp:

◦ Mera Aspataal:

- The Mera Aspataal Initiative was launched to **capture patient reaction** to the **services offered in the hospital and help improve the services** by taking corrective measures.

◦ Swachh SwasthSarvatra (SSS) :

- MoHFW had collaborated with **Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation** and launched **SSS program**, under which, **one community health centre (CHCs)** situated within **Open Defecation Free block receives one-time grant** of Rs. **10.00 lakhs** under the **National Health Mission** for undertaking improvement activities, so that the CHC becomes Kayakalp CHC.

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