



Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Awards

Why in News?

States, Union Territories and Districts have been awarded the [Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana Awards](#) by the Ministry of Women & Child Development for best performances in the implementation of the maternity benefit programme since its inception in 2017.

Key Points

Best Performers

- **States/ UTs with a population of more than 1 crore:** Madhya Pradesh > Andhra Pradesh > Haryana
- **States/ UTs having a population of less than 1 crore:** Dadra & Nagar Haveli > Himachal Pradesh > Chandigarh
- **Districts having a population of more than 1 crore:** Indore (Madhya Pradesh) > Kurnool (Andhra Pradesh) > South Salmara Mankachar (Assam)
- **Districts having a population of less than 1 crore:** Serchhip (Mizoram) > Unain (Himachal Pradesh) > Puducherry

Matru Vandana Saptah

- Matru Vandana Saptah (MVS) was held from 2nd to 8th December 2019.
- The objective of observing MVS was to increase the implementation of the Scheme and create a healthy competition amongst States/ UTs.
- The theme of the Saptah was **“towards building a healthy nation - Surakshit Janani, Viksit Dharini”**.

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