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'World Habitat Award' for Odisha's JAGA Mission

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Why in News

Recently, **Odisha** has won the '**World Habitat Award**' for its ambitious initiative- **Jaga Mission**.

It **aims** at transforming the slums into liveable habitat with all necessary civic infrastructure and services at par with the better off areas within the same urban local body and to continuously improve the standard of the infrastructure and services and access to livelihood opportunities.

World Habitat Award

This award is given by **World Habitat**, in partnership with **United Nations Habitat**, **every year**, in recognition of innovative, outstanding, and revolutionary ideas, projects, and programmes from across the world in the field of housing.

United Nations Habitat or United Nations Human Settlements Programme

- It is the **United Nations agency for human settlements**. It is mandated by the **UN General Assembly** to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities with the goal of providing adequate shelter for all.
- It was **established in 1978** as an outcome of the **first UN Conference on Human Settlements and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat I)** held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1976.
- UN-Habitat is **headquartered at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, Kenya**.

World Habitat

- It is an **international not-for-profit organisation/foundation** established in the **United Kingdom**.

- It works internationally to help bring the best housing to the people who need it the most.

Jaga Mission

- **Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM)- JAGA** is a society under the Housing & Urban Development Department, Government of Odisha.
- The **slum land titling mission** was being executed in **collaboration with Tata Trusts and Norman Foster Foundation.**
- Odisha government rolled out this **first of its kind project** on **May 7, 2018.**
- This mission was also awarded the '**India Geospatial Excellence Award**' for **technological innovation** in transforming the lives of urban poor.

India Geospatial Excellence Award

This award is given by **GeoSmart India** which is an **interactive platform** that demonstrates the collective and shared vision of the Indian geospatial community and is the **most prominent stakeholder event** of the **Indian geospatial ecosystem.**

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