



Digital India Awards 2020

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Why in News

Recently, the **President of India** has conferred **Digital India Awards 2020**.

Key Points

- **About the Awards:**

- Digital India Awards have been institutionalized under the ambit of **National Portal of India** to honor exemplary initiatives/**practices in Digital-Governance**.
 - **National Portal of India:** It is a **Flagship Project** to facilitate single window access to Government Information and Services in cyberspace.
 - **Digital-Governance:** It is a framework for establishing accountability, roles, and decision-making authority for an organization's digital presence.
- These are **conducted by the National Informatics Centre (NIC)** under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).
- The Awards **have been held for 5 seasons earlier**, in 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016 & 2018. The Awards were initially known as **Web Ratna Awards until 2014** and were **re-named** Digital India Awards **from the 2016 season**.

- **Awards 2020:**

- **22 digital governance initiatives/products** by Government entities **under seven categories** received Digital India Awards 2020 for designing and implementing innovative citizen-centric digital solutions and improving the ease of living for all citizens.
 - **'Innovation in Pandemic award'** was introduced this year.
- The award **also acknowledges States and Union Territories** that display exemplary initiative in establishing a comprehensive digital presence in sectors like health, labour, finance, social justice and environment, leading to the accomplishment of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)**.

- **Notable Winners:**

- **E-committee of Supreme court of India:**

- **E-Courts project** visioned and implemented by the e-Committee along with Department of Justice and NIC is a Mission Mode Project of Government of India.
- Citizens can access case status, causelist court orders anywhere, any time through e-courts services website, mobile app, sms email services from the 3,293 court complexes.

- **Arogya Setu:**

- It is a **mobile application** developed by the Government of India to connect essential health services with the people of India in a fight against Covid-19.
- The App is **aimed at augmenting the initiatives of the Government of India**, particularly the Department of Health, in proactively reaching out to and informing the users of the app regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories **pertaining to the containment of Covid-19.**

- **eOffice:**

- It is a **Mission Mode Project under the National E-Governance Plan**, developed and implemented by NIC.
- It is a **digital workplace solution**. The vision of eOffice is to achieve a simplified, responsive, **effective and transparent working of all government offices.**

- **eSanjeevani:**

- It is a **digital platform of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.**
- It has enabled **two types of telemedicine services** viz. Doctor-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani) and Patient-to-Doctor (eSanjeevani OPD) Tele-consultations.

- **Bihar Sahayata Mobile App:**

It was an innovative initiative **to transfer money directly to the bank accounts of 21 lakh stranded migrant workers outside the state.**

- **Madhya Pradesh Labour Department's Pravasi Shramik and Rojgar Setu Portals:**

These **gateways** have been recognised for facilitating identification, registration, skilling plus **employment of migrants and other workers** during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

- **States:**

Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal won the Award under 'Excellence in Digital Governance - State / UT' category.

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