Waste Picker Enumeration App

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Why in News?

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) launches a Nationwide Digital Application for Profiling Waste Pickers under the NAMASTE Scheme.

- It is a digital platform designed to catalog, recognize, and assist waste pickers through social security measures and livelihood support initiatives under the NAMASTE Scheme.
- **Involved Ministries** - Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) & Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DoDWS).
- **Implemented by** - National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC).
- **Objectives** - Acknowledge waste pickers as vital contributors to India's solid waste management framework.
- Ensure they receive proper identification and protection.
- Facilitate their integration into formal urban systems for improved recognition and support.
- It offers health insurance through the Ayushman Bharat initiative.

NAMASTE Scheme
• NAMASTE is a ***central sector scheme*** for improving the living standards of sanitation workers in urban areas. • It is a joint initiative of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. • The scheme focuses on preventing hazardous cleaning practices, promoting safe cleaning through trained and certified workers, and formalizing/rehabilitating those involved in hazardous sewer and septic tank cleaning. • The intended outcome is to eliminate direct contact with human faecal matter, achieve zero fatalities, and empower sanitation workers through various means.

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