

E-waste clinic

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Why in news?

- India's first E-waste clinic has been opened in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

What is it?

- Electronic waste or e-waste forms the **discarded electrical or electronic devices**.
- These products have exhausted their utility value through redundancy, replacement, or breakage.
- They include both "**white goods**" such as refrigerators, washing machines, microwaves and "**brown goods**" such as televisions, radios, computers, and cell phones.
- **About the initiative:**
- It would be a **3-month pilot project**, which, if successful, will be replicated everywhere in India.
- Under it, E-waste will be **collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the clinic** in exchange for a fee.
- For door-to-door collection, either **separate carts for the collection** of e-waste will be designed, or **separate bins will be attached to existing ones** meant for solid and wet waste.
- The CPCB will provide technical support at the unit and the collected hazardous waste will then be **sent to Bengaluru for recycling**.
- The clinic is being **conceived in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016**.