

Kayakalp Award

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The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had launched Kayakalp Award Scheme as an **extension of 'Swachh Bharat Mission'**. The objectives of the 'Kayakalp' Scheme are to:

- promote **cleanliness, hygiene and infection control practices in public healthcare facilities**, through incentivising and **recognising such public healthcare facilities that show exemplary performance** in adhering to standard protocols of cleanliness and infection control
- inculcate a culture of ongoing **assessment and peer review** of performance related to hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation
- **create and share sustainable practices** related to improved cleanliness in public health facilities linked to positive health outcomes

AIIMS has bagged the first prize of ₹3 crore under the government's Kayakalp scheme for 2018-19. Over the period, the **number of facilities under Kayakalp rose from 750 health facilities in 2015-16 to more than 26,000 facilities in 2018-19**. The number of facilities that got the Kayakalp Awards also increased from 97 2015-16 to 1,539 facilities in 2016-17 and 2,962 in 2017-18.

Thematic Areas of Kayakalp

- **Improving hospital/ facility upkeep**
- . Infrastructure maintenance
- . Hospital/ facility appearance

- . Pest and animal control
- . Landscaping & gardening
- . Maintenance of open areas
- . Maintenance of furniture and fixtures
- . Illumination and lighting
- . Removal of junk material
- . Water conservation
- . Work place management
 - **Improving sanitation and hygiene**
- . Cleanliness of circulation area
- . Cleanliness of wards
- . Cleanliness of procedure areas
- . Cleanliness of ambulatory areas (OPD, Emergency, Lab)
- . Cleanliness of toilets
- . Use of standard methods of cleaning
- . Drainage and sewage management
 - **Improving waste management**
- . Implementation of biomedical waste (BMW) rules, 2016 & 2018 (Amendment)
- . Segregation, collection and transportation of BMW
- . Storage of biomedical waste
- . Disposal of biomedical waste
- . Management of hazardous waste

- . Solid general waste management

- . Liquid waste management

- **Infection control**

- . adhering to recommended infection prevention practices, especially hand hygiene and use of PPEs

- . paying attention to well-established processes for decontamination, cleaning of soiled instruments and items, sterilisation or high-level disinfection

- . improving environment control in operating rooms and other high-risk areas

- . following proper isolation and barrier nursing techniques

- **Hospital support services**

- . Laundry services & linen management

- . Water sanitation

- . Kitchen services

- . Security services

- **Hygiene promotion**

- . Community monitoring and patient participation

- . Information, education and communication

- . Training, capacity building and standardisation