

Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship

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In news : Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship has been launched by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India under its “Waste to Wealth” Mission

About the Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship

The fellowship is an initiative to empower young innovators who are engaged in community work of waste management/awareness campaigns/waste surveys/studies, etc. as Swachhta Saarthis and implement actions to reduce waste for a greener planet.

Aims:

- To recognize students, community workers/self-help groups, and municipal/sanitary workers who are engaged in tackling the enormous challenge of waste management, scientifically and sustainably.
- To empower interested students and citizens to continuously engage in their attempts to reduce waste in cities and rural areas.

Categories of awards

The three categories of awards under the fellowships are as below:

1. **Category-A:** Open to **School students from 9th to 12th standards** engaged in waste management community work
2. **Category-B:** Open to **College students (UG, PG, Research students)** engaged in waste management community work
3. **Category-C:** Open to **Citizens working in the community and through SHGs, municipal or sanitary workers** working beyond specifications of their job requirement/descriptions

Waste to Wealth Mission

The Waste to Wealth Mission is one of the nine national missions of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

This mission will identify, develop, and deploy technologies to treat waste to generate energy, recycle materials, and extract worth

Its objectives are:

- To identify and support the development of new technologies that can help create a cleaner and greener environment
- To boost and augment the Swachh Bharat Mission and Smart Cities Project by leveraging science, technology and innovation
- To create circular economic models that are financially viable for waste management
- To streamline waste handling in India