

UNDP's Plastic Waste Management Programme

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Why in news?

As part of the initiative, the UNDP will distribute the 'Jan Dhan' account kits to waste segregation workers.

- The opening of the 'Jan Dhan' accounts has been facilitated through the **UNDP's plastic waste management programme**.
- The waste management promotes the collection, segregation, and recycling of all plastics to move towards a circular economy for the same.
- This is done at '**Swachhta Kendra**' or **material recovery facilities**.
- The plastic collected and processed so far has already crossed 1,38,000 metric tonnes.
- The programme also ensures the well-being and financial inclusion of the 'Safai Sathis' or waste-pickers, by linking them to the social protection schemes.
- According to the UN agency, a key **objective of the programme is to help move the sector from informal to formal**.
- This is done by **linking them to social protection schemes** like the 'Jan Dhan' accounts, Aadhar cards, 'Ayushman Bharat', pension schemes, and scholarships for children, among others.

Q1) What is the role of UNDP?

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