Ministry of Jal Shakti

Ministry of Jal Shakti Launches 7th National Water Awards

Last date of submission of applications is 28th August 2026

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The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD & GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched the 7th National Water Awards on the Rashtriya Puraskar portal of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). All the applications will be received through the online Rashtriya Puraskar portal (www.awards.gov.in) only. Eligible organisations/entities/applicants may visit the portal or the Department's website (www.jalshakti-dowr.gov.in) for further details. The last date of submission of applications is **28th August, 2026**.

Eligibility for the awards:

Any State, District, Urban Local Body, Dam Own Agencies, & Industry who have done good work in the field of water conservation and management is eligible.

Trophy and Citation:

Each winner would be provided a Trophy with a Citation.

Selection Process:

All applications received for 7th National Water Awards are scrutinized/shortlisted by a Screening Committee & shortlisted applications are placed before the Jury Committee which is constituted by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The recommendations of the Committee are submitted to the Minister (Jal Shakti) for approval. Thereafter, the names of winners are announced on a suitable date and an award distribution ceremony is organised wherein the winners are conferred with the awards by the President of India or Vice President of India.

Details of the awards:

S No.	Category of Award	Sub-category	Eligible Entity	No. of Awards/Prize money	Selection process
1.	**Best State**	i. Water Resource Management	State Govt/ UT	**3 Awards** (First, Second & Third)	Applications received on MHA Puraskar portal
		ii. Jal Sanchay Jal Bhagidari (JSJB)	State Govt/UT	**3 Awards** (First, Second & Third)	To be selected from JSJB monitoring framework
		iii. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	State Govt/ UT	**3 Awards** (First, Second & Third)	To be selected from JJM-IMIS, JSAn (Jal Seva Aankalan) Data under JJM-IMIS, and WQMIS (Water Quality Monitoring Information System)

2.	**Best District**	i. Water Resource Management	District Admn/ DM/DC	**15 Awards** (Three awards – per zone first, second & third from five zones i.e., Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)	Applications received on MHA Puraskar portal
		ii. Jal Sanchay Jal Bhagidari (JSJB)	District Admn/ DM/DC	**15 Awards** (Three awards per zone-first, second & third from five zones i.e., Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)	To be selected from JSJB monitoring framework
		iii. Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)	District Admn/ DM/DC	**15 Awards** (Three awards per zone - first, second & third from five zones i.e. Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)	To be selected from JJM-IMIS, JSAn (Jal Seva Aankalan) Data under JJM-IMIS, and WQMIS (Water Quality Monitoring Information System)

3.	**Best Urban Local Body**	i. Water Resource Management	Urban Local Body	**5 Awards** (One award from each of the five zones i.e., Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)	Applications received on MHA Puraskar portal
		ii. Jal Sanchay Jal Bhagidari (JSJB)	Urban Local Body	**5 Awards** (One award from each of the five zones i.e., Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)	To be selected from JSJB monitoring framework
4.	**Best Implemented Project in water sector**	Theme for 7th NWAs is Dam Safety	Project Implementing Authorities	**3 Awards:** First, Second and Third award	Applications received on MHA Puraskar portal
5.	**Best Industry for CSR initiative in water sector**	-	Industry	**3 Awards:** First, Second and Third award	To be selected from portals related to CSR of Ministry of Corporate Affairs/related Ministries

The National Water Awards (NWAs) were introduced to recognize and encourage exemplary work and efforts made by States, Districts, individuals, organizations etc. across the country in accomplishing the government's vision 'Jal Samridh Bharat'. It aims to sensitize the public about the importance of water and motivate them to adopt the best water usage practices. The objective of the National Water Awards is to encourage the stakeholders to adopt a holistic approach toward water resource management in the

country as surface water and groundwater play a significant role in the water cycle. The first edition of the National Water Awards was introduced in the year 2018 by the Department and 6 editions of the Awards have been successfully organised by the Department.

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