

DARPG Notifies the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025

For the year 2025, the scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration aims to recognize the contribution of civil servants under three categories through 16 Awards

Category and Awards Details: Category -1- Holistic Development of Districts under 11 priority sector programmes (05 awards); Category 2: Aspirational

Blocks Programme (05 awards); Category 3: Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts (06 awards)

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The Scheme for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025 is notified to Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts on 1st July, 2025 by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances.

2. The web portal for registration and submission of nominations on PM's Awards will be formally launched from 2nd October, 2025 and nominations can be submitted thereafter.

3. The Awards scheme has been notified to promote greater efforts for holistic development of India, with focus on saturation approach, collation of data/ documentary evidence and focussing on Good Governance and Qualitative aspects with respect to the implementation of 11 priority sector schemes which will be evaluated collectively under the Scheme.

4. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the entire concept and format of the PM's Excellence Award has undergone a revolutionary change since 2014. The objective of the Scheme is to encourage Constructive Competition, Innovation, Replication and Institutionalization of Best practices. Under this approach, emphasis would be on good governance, qualitative achievement and last mile connectivity, rather than on achievement of quantitative targets. The Award Scheme, this year, aims to recognize the performance of the District Collector through targeted individual beneficiaries and implementation with a saturation approach. With this focus, the applications for Awards would be evaluated on three parameters, Good Governance, Qualitative and Quantitative.

5. It is expected that all the districts participate in this Scheme of Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2025.

6. For the year 2025, the Scheme for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration aims to recognize the contribution of civil servants under three categories :

Category I- Holistic Development of Districts under 11 priority sector programmes. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.

Category II- Aspirational Blocks Programme. Under this category, 5 awards would be conferred.

Category III- Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments, States and Districts. Under this category, 6 awards would be conferred.

7. The Period of consideration is 1st April 2022 to 30th September, 2025 for the Category-I (Holistic Development of Districts) and 01st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2025 for Category-II (Aspirational Blocks Programme) and Category III (Innovations).

8. The evaluation process would include (i) Short-listing of Districts/Organizations by Screening Committee (first and second stage), (ii) Evaluation by Expert Committee and (iii) Empowered Committee. Prime Minister's approval will be taken on the recommendations of the Empowered Committee for the Awards.

9. The PM's Awards, 2025 will consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Scroll and (iii) an incentive of Rs. 20 lakh to the awarded District/organization to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging resources gaps in any area of public welfare.

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