

DARPG Notifies the Scheme for National Awards for e-Governance 2026

The scheme for 23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026 aims to promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives under seven categories through 16 Awards

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Nominations can be submitted online on www.nceg.gov.in from 01st September, 2025

All Central Ministries/Departments, State/UTs, Districts, Gram Panchayats, Startups/ Academia/ Research & Development Organizations invited to participate in the National e-Governance Awards Scheme 2026

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The DARPG issued the scheme guidelines for the 23rd National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) 2026. Nominations for the National Awards for e-Governance can be submitted on the web portal (<http://www.nceg.gov.in>) from 1st September, 2025. Last date for the submission of application will be 15th October, 2025.

The National Awards for e-Governance are presented annually to honor and encourage excellence in implementing e-Governance initiatives. The awards seek to recognize significant achievements, foster the sharing of effective practices, and promote innovations in digital governance.

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The period of consideration requires that the project's launch date fall between 01.07.2023 and 30.06.2025. Additionally, the project must be fully commissioned and operational as of 01.08.2025 for all seven categories listed under NAeG 2026.

The NAeG Awards 2026 will comprise (i) a trophy, (ii) a certificate, and (iii) an incentive of ₹10 lakh for each Gold Awardee and ₹5 lakh for each Silver Awardee. The incentive will be awarded to the respective district/organization for use in project or programme implementation or to bridge resource gaps in any area of public welfare. A total of 16 awards will be conferred under NAeG 2026, including 10 Gold Awards and 6 Silver Awards.

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