

Winners for 6th National Water Awards declared today

Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu to confer the awards on 18th November 2025

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Hon'ble Union minister of Jal Shakti Shri CR Paatil announced the list of winners of 6th National Water Awards, today, at Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi. The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), under the Ministry of Jal Shakti announced the 46 winners, including joint winners, for the 6th National Water Awards for the year 2024 in 10 categories viz Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best School or College, Best Industry, Best Water User Association, Best Institution (other than school or college), Best Civil Society and Best individual for excellence in water sector. The list of winners is annexed.



In the category of Best State, the first prize has been conferred upon Maharashtra, with Gujarat securing the second position, and Haryana securing the third position.

Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), announced that award distribution ceremony for the 6th National Water Awards, 2024 is going to be held on 18th November, 2025 at 11.30 am at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu will be the Chief Guest at the event.



Hon'ble Minister of State for the Ministry of Jal Shakti Shri Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Secretary Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Sh V.L. Kantha Rao, Secretary Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation Shri Ashok K.K Meena and other Senior officials of Ministry of Jal Shakti joined the Cabinet Minister in announcing the National Water Awards.

The Ministry of Jal Shakti serves as the central ministry entrusted with the responsibility of establishing policy frameworks and implementing programs for the development, preservation, and efficient management of water as a national asset. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has been undertaking a comprehensive campaign to spread awareness about water management and water conservation on a national level. From this standpoint and to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and to help motivate people to adopt the best water usage practices, the 1st National Water Awards were launched in 2018 by the DoWR, RD & GR. The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th National Water Awards were given for the years 2019, 2020, 2022 and 2023. The awards were not given in the year 2021 due to CoVID pandemic.



For the year 2024, 6th National Water Awards were launched on 23rd October 2024 on Rashtriya Puraskar Portal of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). A total of 751 applications were received. The applications were scrutinised and evaluated by a Jury Committee. The ground truthing of the shortlisted applications was carried out by the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). Based on the ground truthing reports, a total of 46 winners, including Joint winners, covering 10 different categories have been selected for the 6th NWA for the year 2024.

The National Water Awards (NWAs) focus on the good work and efforts made by individuals and organisations across the country in attaining the government's vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat'. The awards are for creating awareness among the people about the importance of water and motivating them to adopt best water usage practices. The event provides an occasion for all people and organizations to further cement a strong partnership and people engagement in water resources conservation and management activities.



6th National Water Award, 2024 - Winners			
SN	Winner	State	Rank
	1. BEST STATE		
1	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	First
2	Gujarat	Gujarat	Second
3	Haryana	Haryana	Third
	2. BEST DISTRICT		
	East Zone		
4	Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh	First
	West Zone		
5	Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	First
	North Zone		
6	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	First
	South Zone		
7	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	First
	North East Zone		
8	Sepahijala	Tripura	First
	3. BEST ULB		
9	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	First

10	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Second
11	Nabadiganta Industrial Township	West Bengal	Third -Joint Winner
12	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Third -Joint Winner
	4. BEST INSTITUTION OTHER THAN SCHOOL & COLLEGE		
	<i>Inside-Campus category</i>		
13	Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	First -Joint winner
14	ICAR – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa	Goa	First - Joint winner
15	Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Rajasthan	Second -Joint winner
16	Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora	Jammu & Kashmir	Second -Joint winner
17	Assam Rifles, Manipur	Manipur	Special Mention
	<i>Outside-Campus category</i>		
18	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar	Haryana	First -Joint winner
19	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle	Odisha	First -Joint winner
SN	Winner	State	Rank
	5. BEST WATER USER ASSOCIATION		
20	Vettaikaranpudur Canal Odayakulam Village WUA, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	First
21	Kanifnath WUA, Nashik	Maharashtra	Second

22	Kharlan WUA, Sri Ganganagar	Rajasthan	Third
	6. BEST CIVIL SOCIETY		
23	Banaskantha District Co-operative milk producers union limited, Banaskantha	Gujarat	First
24	Ambuja Foundation , Jaipur	Rajasthan	Second
25	Art of Living, Bengaluru	Karnataka	Third
	7. BEST VILLAGE PANCHAYAT		
26	Dubbiganipalli, Annamayya	Andhra Pradesh	First -Joint winner
27	Payam, Kannur	Kerala	First -Joint winner
28	Kaweshwar, Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh	Second -Joint winner
29	Murugummi, Prakasam	Andhra Pradesh	Second -Joint winner
30	Balapuram, Tiruvallur	Tamil Nadu	Third - Joint Winner
31	Dumarpani, Kanker	Chhattisgarh	Third - Joint Winner
	8. BEST SCHOOL OR COLLEGE		
32	Krishna Public School, Raipur	Chhattisgarh	First - Joint Winner
33	Army Public School, Kolkata	West Bengal	First - Joint Winner
34	BHSS, Zainakote, Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	Second
35	Malusanta Govt Nodal Higher Secondary School, Damanjodi, Koraput	Odisha	Third - Joint Winner
36	Jharkhand Balika Aawasiya Vidyalaya (JBAV) Rahe, Ranchi	Jharkhand	Third - Joint Winner

37	Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, Delhi	Delhi	Special Mention
38	Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi	Delhi	Special Mention
39	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Model School, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	Special Mention
9. BEST INDUSTRY			
40	Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	First
41	Hero MotoCorp Limited, Gurugram	Haryana	Second
42	Jhajjar Power Limited, Jhajjar	Haryana	Third

SN	Winner	State	Rank
10. BEST INDIVIDUAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATER SECTOR			
	East Zone		
43	Shri Kishore Jaiswal	Bihar	First
	West Zone		
44	Shri Bajrang Lal Jaithu	Rajasthan	First
	North Zone		
45	Shri Mohan Chandra Kandpal	Uttarakhand	First
	South Zone		
46	Shri Podili Rajasekhara Raju	Andhra Pradesh	First

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