



Defence Estates Organisation under MoD honoured with JSJB Award in the category Best Partner Ministries/Departments

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The Defence Estates Organisation under Ministry of Defence was honoured with Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) 1.0 Award in the category Best Partner Ministries/Departments during the National Water Conservation Ceremony held in New Delhi on November 18, 2025. The achievement celebrates the organisation's exemplary contribution to water conservation and its role as a key national partner under the National Water Mission, Ministry of Jal Shakti. The organisation has emerged as a model for inter-departmental collaboration, effectively integrating community engagement with infrastructural and environmental initiatives.

Defence Estates demonstrated outstanding performance in advancing water security initiatives across Defence establishments nationwide. Through innovative planning, community-driven actions and effective implementation strategies, the organisation successfully promoted large-scale water conservation efforts; enhanced groundwater recharge across multiple regions; revived traditional water bodies & heritage water structures; encouraged behavioral change and community participation and strengthened long-term sustainability through responsible water stewardship.

The award underlined Defence Estates' pivotal role in supporting the Government of India's vision of a water-secure future with the ambitious target of creating 10 million artificial recharge and water conservation structures under JSJB 2.0.

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