Launch of Web-Portal for Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026

For the year 2026, 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 12 priority sector programmes (05 awards); Category 2: Aspirational Blocks Programme (05 awards); Category 3: Innovations for Central Ministries/Departments, States/UTs and Districts (06 awards).

Under Holistic Development of Districts category, 9 new schemes added for the assessment of the Districts

The Central Ministries/Departments and the State/UT governments and the Districts will participate in their respective Innovation Category

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The **Web-Portal** (https://pmawards.gov.in/) **for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026** was officially launched to begin the registration process on **13th November 2026** by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances. The launch ceremony, was conducted via video conferencing, and was attended by officials from Ministries/Departments of Government of India, Principal Secretaries (Administrative Reforms) of States and Union Territories and District Collectors/District Magistrates (DCs/DMs). The session was attended by more than 2000 officers from across 750 different locations.

The total number of Awards under the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 would be 16. The Period of consideration is ***1st April, 2024 to 30th November, 2026.***

The Holistic Development of Districts category has been revamped comprehensively. For PMA 2026, the 9 newly added schemes are- *SBM (Urban) and AMRUT, Gyan Bharatam, PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, Crop Diversification under three components, PM SHRI, Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), National Mission on Natural*

Farming and Capacity Building under IGOT. The 3 schemes from PMA 2025 that have been continued for PMA 2026 include *Har Ghar Jal Yojana, PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana and Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0.*

The schemes approved under Prime Minister's Awards 2026 will also continue for the Prime Minister's Awards 2027.

Districts with Aspirational Blocks will participate in Aspirational Blocks Programme category covering 513 Aspirational Blocks, across 331 districts of India.

The Ministries were requested to submit their Quantitative, Qualitative, and Governance parameters to DARPG by November 17, 2026 to facilitate the formulation and uploading of the application form on the PM Awards portal to be submitted by the Districts.

The Prime Minister's Awards, 2026 will consist of: (i) Trophy, (ii) Scroll and (iii) an incentive of Rs. 20 lakhs 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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