Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal confers SVANidhi Samman Awards 2026

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Assam, Sikkim , Mizoram , Tripura awarded among North-Eastern and Hilly States

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The Department of Urban Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India, organised the **SVANidhi Samman Awards 2026** on 20 November 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The awards were conferred by Shri Manohar Lal, Hon’ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, in the presence of Shri Tokhan Sahu, Hon’ble Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, as Guest of Honour, to **recognise the outstanding contributions of States/UTs, Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Lending Institutions and partner organisations** in strengthening street vendors’ livelihoods and advancing financial inclusion, digital adoption and social security under the PM SVANidhi Scheme.

Featuring **52 awards and 5 special recognitions**, the awards celebrated excellence across States, cities, banks and other stakeholders. Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh were among the leading States recognised for their performance in implementing the Scheme and expanding its outreach. Cities and ULBs were also recognised for their contribution to effective grassroots implementation, improved outreach and digital adoption.





Among the Lending Institutions, **State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank and Union Bank** were recognised for their lending performance and contribution towards extending accessible formal credit to street vendors.

Since its launch in June 2020, PM SVANidhi has enabled **around 81 lakh street vendors to access over 1.21 crore loans amounting to approximately ₹20,000 crore**. Following the restructuring of the Scheme in August 2025, around 22 lakh loans worth ₹6,294 crore were disbursed to 10.6 lakh new beneficiaries in the first year. The Scheme has also expanded access to formal credit through an UPI-linked RuPay Credit Card, offering eligible beneficiaries who have repaid their second loan tranche a credit limit of up to ₹30,000.

Under **SVANidhi se Samriddhi**, socio-economic profiling of over 52 lakh beneficiary families has been completed, resulting in more than 1.62 crore sanctions under eight Central Government welfare schemes. The Scheme is also strengthening the street vending ecosystem through initiatives such as the development of 50 Street Food Hubs and capacity-building programmes, including food safety and hygiene training.

The awards covered the Scheme's implementation ecosystem across **35 States/UTs, over 4,900 ULBs and more than 120 Lending Institutions**. The assessment was based on category-specific Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), using data primarily from the PM SVANidhi and SVANidhi se Samriddhi portals. Performance following the Scheme's restructuring was assessed for the period from 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2026, while overall performance was evaluated from the Scheme's inception up to 31 August 2026.

The SVANidhi Samman Awards 2026 recognise the collective contributions of stakeholders towards strengthening the street vending ecosystem and improving the livelihoods of street vendors. These efforts will further promote inclusive urban development and contribute towards realising the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Key Highlights from Addresses

Shri Manohar Lal emphasised that the vision of Antyodaya, leading towards Viksit Bharat @2047, can be realised by ensuring that the benefits of PM SVANidhi reach every eligible street vendor. He highlighted that the Scheme enables street vendors to progress from small loans to higher bank credit and expand their businesses, thereby promoting livelihood opportunities, financial inclusion and social security.

The Minister underscored that the success of PM SVANidhi is driven by the collective efforts of the Central and State Governments, banks and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs). He noted that the SVANidhi Samman Awards recognise the contributions of States, cities, institutions and officials in translating the objectives of the Scheme into tangible outcomes at the grassroots level.

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Referring to the Scheme's song, "Har mehnatkash ka saath diya, PM SVANidhi ne samman diya", the Minister highlighted how PM SVANidhi has extended support to hardworking street vendors while strengthening their dignity, recognition and respect in society.

MOS Shri Tokhan Sahu Speech Highlights

Addressing the gathering, Minister of State Shri Tokhan Sahu emphasised that the transformation in the lives of the poor should be viewed through the collective impact of various Government welfare initiatives rather than through any single scheme. Referring to the World Bank's October 2026 report, he highlighted that approximately 50 crore people in India have moved out of poverty, reflecting the impact of sustained and coordinated efforts towards inclusive development.

The Minister also highlighted Chhattisgarh's achievement of receiving four awards, particularly appreciating the recognition of Dantewada and Bade Bacheli, erstwhile Naxal-affected areas. He noted that this achievement reflects the reach of the vision of Hon'ble

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the positive transformation taking place in regions progressing towards becoming Naxal-free.

Awardees – States and Union Territories

Award Category	North-Eastern and Hilly States	Union Territories	Other States
Best Performing – Overall Performance	Assam	Chandigarh	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
Best Performing – Loan Performance	Sikkim	Puducherry	Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh
Best Performing – Digital Adoption	Mizoram	Ladakh	Kerala, Maharashtra
Best Performing – SVANidhi se Samriddhi	Tripura	–	Uttar Pradesh, Haryana

Award Category	Awardees
Best Performing – Special Campaigns	Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan
Best Performing – Fastest Mover	Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Odisha
Special Award – Overall Loan Disbursement Post Scheme Restructuring	Maharashtra, Gujarat, West Bengal

Awardees – Urban Local Bodies

ULBs were assessed across three categories of urban centres: Mega and Million-Plus Cities, Major Cities and Towns, taking into account their respective population sizes.

Award Category	Urban Centre	Awardees

Best Performing – Loan Performance	Mega and Million Plus Cities	Indore (Madhya Pradesh), Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Maharashtra)
	Major Cities	Parbhani (Maharashtra), Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh), Cuddapah (Andhra Pradesh)
	Towns	Parli (Maharashtra), Sarni (Madhya Pradesh), Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh)
Best Performing Digital Adoption	Mega and Million Plus Cities	Meerut, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh)
	Major Cities	Durgapur (West Bengal), Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)
	Towns	Bade Bacheli, Dantewada (Chhattisgarh)
Best Performing SVANidhi se Samriddhi	Mega and Million Plus Cities	Prayagraj, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
	Major Cities	Tumkur (Karnataka), Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh)
	Towns	Ramachandrapuram, Amalapuram (Andhra Pradesh)

Awardees – Lending Institutions

Award Category	**Awardees**
Best Performing Lending Institutions – Loan Performance	Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, Union Bank of India
Best Performing Lending Institution – Overall Loan Performance	State Bank of India

Special Recognition – Partner Organisations

Recognition Category	Awardee Organisation(s)
Capacity Building Efforts	Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
Impact Assessment and Academic Recognition	Indian School of Business (ISB)
Seamless Coordination for Sustenance of the Digital Ecosystem	National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
Innovative Support by Digital Payment Aggregators	Paytm and PhonePe

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