

NATIONAL WATER AWARDS

1. Preamble

Water is one of the vital components of life. The rapid pace of irrigation growth, urbanization & industrialization has put enormous stress on water resources. Cumulative impact of increase in use of this precious natural resource has led to water scarcity in many regions of the country. Nevertheless, the climate change has also resulted in change in hydrologic cycle in the country. Hence, it is necessary that this scarce resource is protected by effective and efficient management on sound scientific methodology for its sustainable development.

The Ground Water Augmentation Awards and National Water Award were launched in the year 2007 with an objective to encourage all stakeholder including the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Gram Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, Water User Associations, Institutions, Corporate Sector, Individuals etc. for adopting innovative practices of ground water augmentation by rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge, promoting water use efficiency, recycling & re-use of water and creating awareness through people's participation in the targeted areas resulting into the sustainability of ground water resources development, adequate capacity building amongst the stakeholders etc.

Considering the fact that surface water & Ground water are integral part of the water cycle, it is felt necessary to institute unified National Water Awards with the objectives of encouraging the stakeholders to adopt holistic approach towards water resources management in the country.

2. Details of Awards

Sl. No.	Category of Award	Eligible Entity	Award	No. of Award
1	Best State	State Governments of Normal Category States	Trophy with Citation	3 Awards
		State Governments of Special Category States	Trophy with Citation	3 Awards
2.	Best District			3 Awards each in North, South, East, West, North- East and Aspirational District category
	i. Ground Water Recharge	District Administration	Trophy with Citation	
	ii. Revival of River	District Administration	Trophy with Citation	
	iii. Rejuvenation/Creation of water bodies such as	District Administration	Trophy with Citation	

	lakes/ponds etc.			Three awards
3.	Best Village Panchayat	Village-Panchayat	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs. 1.5 lakh Third award Rs. 1 lakh
4.	Best Municipal Corporation	Municipal Corporation	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	Three awards First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs. 1.5 lakh Third award Rs.1 lakh
5.	Best research/ Innovation/ adaptation of new technology for water conservation	Organisation/ Society/ Individual	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
6.	Best Educative/ Mass awareness efforts	Organisation / Society/Individual	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
7.	Best TV Show for promoting Water Conservation	TV Shows	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Two Awards First Award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second Award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh
8.	i. Best newspaper (Hindi)	Newspaper	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Two Awards First Award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second Award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh

	ii. Best newspaper (English)	Newspaper	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	First Award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second Award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh
9.	Best School	Schools	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
10.	Best Institution for successful campus water usage	Institutions/ Colleges/ Autonomous Campuses etc.	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
11.	Best Resident Welfare Association (RWA)	RWAs	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
12	Organisation for Best Religious/ Recreational & Tourism Water Uses	Organisations/ Commercial Entities/ Societies	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
13.	Best Industry for Industrial Water Conservation			
	i. Best Large Scale Industry	Large Industry	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award:

				Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh
	ii. Best Medium and Small Scale Industry	Medium & Small Scale Industry	Cash Awards & Trophy with citation	Three Awards First award: Rs. 2 Lakh Second award: Rs. 1.50 Lakh Third award: Rs. 1 Lakh

The States/UTs under the zones are as below:

Zone	States/UTs
Northern Zone	Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh
Eastern Zone	Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh
Southern Zone	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Puducherry, Lakshadweep Islands.
Western Zone	Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Daman and Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Madhya Pradesh.
North Eastern Zone	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim

****Under Aspirational District Category, the Districts will be as per Aspirational Districts Programme of NITI Aayog. (Annexure-I)**

3. Evaluation Criteria.

For Best State Awards:

Criteria	Marks
Whether State Water Policy has been prepared or revised in accordance with NWP, 2012.	10
Implementation of State Water Resources Regulatory Authority (Enactment of enabling Act, Progress in setting up authority, Actual functioning of Authority).	10
Implementation of irrigation water supply schemes such as check dams	10
Number of Water bodies covered under RRR in which catchment area treatment is included under Integrated Water Management Programme (IWMP).	10
Performance of States under PMKSY and NHP	10
Performance of States under DRIP and MI Census	10
Status of implementation of water accounting and auditing	10
Total number of water bodies created	10
Reuse of waste water from farms/industry/sewage	20
Total Marks	100

For Best District for Ground Water Recharge:

Criteria	Marks
Creation of irrigation potential (in concerned period)	10
No. of Ground Water Recharge structures created, Ground Water level upgraded.	60
Percentage reduction in the gap between irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilised.	10
Mandating Rain Water Harvesting in Government buildings, Private buildings, Industries etc.	10
Reuse of waste water	10
Total Marks	100

For Best District for Revival of River:

Criteria	Marks
Creation of irrigation potential (in concerned period)	10
Length of rivers revived.	60
Percentage reduction in the gap between irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilised.	10

Mandating Rain Water Harvesting in Government buildings, Private buildings, Industries etc.	10
Reuse of waste water	10
Total Marks	100

For Best District for Rejuvenation/ Creation of water bodies such as lakes/ponds etc.:

Criteria	Marks
Creation of irrigation potential (in concerned period)	10
Number of ponds, lakes etc. created/ rejuvenated.	60
Percentage reduction in the gap between irrigation potential created and irrigation potential utilised.	10
Mandating Rain Water Harvesting in Government buildings, Private buildings, Industries etc.	10
Reuse of waste water	10
Total Marks	100

For Best Village Panchayat / Best Municipal Corporation:

Criteria	Marks
No. of water bodies revived.	20
Innovative practices for ground water management.	10
Mandating Rain Water Harvesting in Government buildings, Private buildings, Industries etc	20
Mass sensitization and capacity building.	10
No. of new ponds created and capacity in CuM.	40
Total Marks	100

For Best Research/ Innovation/ adaptation of new technology for water conservation:

Criteria	Marks
Cost effectiveness of the innovation/technology	40
Replicability of the technology	30
Increase in Water Use Efficiency	40
Total Marks	100

For Best Educative/ Mass awareness efforts:

Criteria	Marks
Content of the educative material	30
Reach of the mass awareness campaign	40
No. of people trained	30

Total Marks	100
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For Best TV Show:

Criteria	Marks
Effectiveness of the TV Programme.	30
Content of the Programme.	40
TRP of the show	30
Total Marks	100

For Best Hindi Newspaper:

Criteria	Marks
Number of articles published.	20
Content of the articles.	20
Number of news items for promoting best practices in the field of water conservation	30
Circulation of the newspaper	30
Total Marks	100

For Best English Newspaper:

Criteria	Marks
Number of articles published.	20
Content of the articles.	20
Number of news items for promoting best practices in the field of water conservation	30
Circulation of the newspaper	30
Total Marks	100

For Best School:

Criteria	Marks
Number of Painting Competitions organised.	25
Number of Essay Competitions organised.	25
Number of Debate Competitions organised.	25
Number of Innovative Competitions organised.	25
Total Marks	100

For Best Institution:

Criteria	Marks
Number of Innovative Competitions organised.	20
Number of Cultural Programme organised	20
Number of Rain Water Harvesting Structures	60
Total Marks	100

For Best Resident Welfare Association:

Criteria	Marks
No. of rain water harvesting structures created	50
Quantity of domestic water reused	50
Total Marks	100

For Best Organisation for Religious / Recreational & Tourism Water Usage:

Criteria	Marks
No. of Rain water harvesting structures created	30
Efforts made for spreading water conservation awareness	30
Amount of water saved through water conservation means	20
Efforts made for cleaning water bodies	20
Total Marks	100

For Best Industry (Large/ Medium and small scale):

Criteria	Marks
Quantity of water saved	25
Quantity of water treated	25
Quantity of water reused	40
Water Audit	10
Total Marks	100

4. Procedure for Forwarding the Application for Awards

Category wise procedure for submission and forwarding eligible applications for the awards will be as follows:

For Best State Awards

The Water Resources/ Irrigation/ Agriculture department of respective State/ UT Government will forward the application duly vetted by Secretary of respective department. A detailed note shall be enclosed with the application. The detailed note shall encompass the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector along with details on the points mentioned under evaluation criteria for Best State. Along with detailed note a compact disc may also be forwarded having videos of the practices promoted by the State Government or works done by them in the field of water conservation and management.

For Best District/ Best Village Panchayat/ Best Municipal Corporation, other Municipal body Awards

The District Administration/ Village Panchayat/ Municipal Corporation will forward the applications duly vetted by District Collector / District Magistrate. A detailed note shall be enclosed with the application. The detailed note shall encompass the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector along with details on the points mentioned under evaluation criteria for the category. Along with detailed note a compact disc may also be forwarded having videos of the practices or works done by them in the field of water conservation and management.

For Best Research/ Innovation/ adaptation of new technology for water conservation

In case of individual, the application along with detailed note and compact disc having videos of the research, its applications etc. shall be forwarded. In case of organisations/ institutions, the application shall be duly vetted by the head of the organization.

For Best Educative/ Mass awareness efforts

The application along with detailed note and compact disc having videos of educative / mass awareness efforts shall be forwarded. In case of organisations/ institutions, the application shall be duly vetted by the head of the organization.

For Best TV Show

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category. The compact disc enclosed with the application shall include some episodes of the TV Shows which should be focussed on water conservation and management.

For Best Newspaper (Hindi/ English)

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category. The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the news items/editorials on the subject of water conservation and management which have been published in the last 6 months.

For Best School

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category and shall be vetted the principal of the school. The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the videos of the competitions held on water conservation and management in the school.

For Best Institution

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category and shall be vetted the head of the institution. The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the videos of the competitions/programmes/ other efforts on water conservation and management in the institution or by the institution.

For Best Resident Welfare Association

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category and shall be vetted by the president of the Resident Welfare Association (RWA). The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the videos of the various efforts on water conservation and management by the RWA.

For Best Organisation for Religious / Recreational & Tourism Water Usage

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category and shall be vetted by the president/head of the body. The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the videos of the various efforts on water conservation and management by such body.

For Best Industry (Large/ Medium and small scale)

The application to be forwarded shall include the details of the parameters for the category and shall be vetted by the head of the Industry. The compact disc which is to be sent along with the application shall include the videos of the various efforts on water conservation and management by such Industry.

** The parameters (criteria) for all categories have been mentioned in the guidelines.

5. Forwarding the application:

Irrespective of the category, all the applications may be sent either through Mygov platform at <https://mygov.in> or mail to Central Ground Water Board at the below given e-mail address: tsmsml-cgwb@nic.in The last date for submitting the entries is 30th November, 2018.

*** (The Ministry of Water Resource, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation reserves all rights to cancel, amend all or any part of this contest and/ or terms and conditions/ technical parameters/ evaluation criteria/ award money etc. without any notice.)*

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List of Aspirational Districts

State	NITI Aayog Districts	Ministries pool of districts	MHA LWE Districts	Total
Andhra Pradesh		1. Vizainagram	1. Visakhapatnam	3
Andhra Pradesh		2. Cuddapah		
Arunachal Pradesh		1. Namsai		1
Assam	1. Darrang	1. Udalgiri		7
Assam	2. Dhubri	2. Hailakandi		
Assam	3. Barpeta			
Assam	4. Goalpara			
Assam	5. Baksa			
Bihar	1. Katihar	1. Khagaria	1. Aurangabad	13
Bihar	2. Begusarai	2. Purnia	2. Banka	
Bihar	3. Sheikhpura		3. Gaya	
Bihar	4. Araria		4. Jamui	
Bihar	5. Sitamarhi		5. Muzaffarpur	
Bihar			6. Nawada	
Chhattisgarh		1. Korba	1. Bastar	10
Chhattisgarh		2. Mahasamund	2. Bijapur	
Chhattisgarh			3. Dantewada	
Chhattisgarh			4. Kanker	
Chhattisgarh			5. Kondagaon	
Chhattisgarh			6. Narayanpur	
Chhattisgarh			7. Rajnandgaon	
Chhattisgarh			8. Sukma	
Gujarat		1. Narmada		2
Gujarat		2. Dahod		
Haryana		1. Mewat		1
Himachal Pradesh		1. Chamba		1
Jammu and Kashmir		1. Kupwara		2
Jammu and Kashmir		2. Baramula		
Jharkhand	1. Sahebganj	1. Godda	1. Latehar	19
Jharkhand	2. Pakaur		2. Lohardaga	
Jharkhand			3. Palamu	
Jharkhand			4. PurbiSinghbhum	
Jharkhand			5. Ramgarh	
Jharkhand			6. Ranchi	
Jharkhand			7. Simdega	
Jharkhand			8. West Singhbhum	
Jharkhand			9. Bokaro	
Jharkhand			10. Chatra	
Jharkhand			11. Dumka	
Jharkhand			12. Garhwa	
Jharkhand			13. Giridih	

Jharkhand			14. Gumla	
Jharkhand			15. Hazaribagh	
Jharkhand			16. Khunti	
Karnataka		1. Yadgir		2
Karnataka		2. Raichur		
Kerala		1. Wayanad		1
Madhya Pradesh	1. Damoh	1. Chhatarpur		8
Madhya Pradesh	2. Singrauli	2. Rajgarh		
Madhya Pradesh	3. Barwani	3. Guna		
Madhya Pradesh	4. Vidisha			
Madhya Pradesh	5. Khandwa			
Maharashtra	1. Nandurbar	1. Washim	1. Gadchiroli	4
Maharashtra		2. Osmanabad		
Manipur		1. Chandel		1
Meghalaya		1. Ribhoi		1
Mizoram		1. Mamit		1
Nagaland		1. Kiphire		1
Odisha	1. Rayagada	1. Kandhamal	1. Koraput	10
Odisha	2. Kalahandi	2. Gajapati	2. Malkangiri	
Odisha		3. Dhenkanal		
Odisha		4. Balangir		
Odisha		5. Nabarangpur		
Odisha		6. Nuapada		
Punjab		1. Ferozpur		2
Punjab		2. Moga		
Rajasthan	1. Baran	1. Dholpur		5
Rajasthan	2. Jaisalmer	2. Karauli		
Rajasthan		3. Sirohi		
Sikkim		1. West Sikkim		1
Tamil Nadu		1. Ramanathapuram		2
Tamil Nadu		2. Virudhunagar		
Telengana		1. Bhoopalpalli	1. Khammam	3
Telengana		2. Asifabad		
Tripura		1. Dhalai		1
Uttar Pradesh	1. Chitrakoot	1. Chandauli		8
Uttar Pradesh	2. Balrampur	2. Siddharthnagar		
Uttar Pradesh	3. Bahraich	3. Fatehpur		
Uttar Pradesh	4. Sonbhadra			
Uttar Pradesh	5. Shravasti			
Uttarakhand		1. Haridwar		2
Uttarakhand		2. Udham Singh Nagar		
West Bengal	1. Murshidabad	1. Nadia		5
West Bengal	2. Maldah	2. Dakshin Dinajpur		
West Bengal	3. Birbhum			

** At this stage West Bengal (5 District) have not joined this programme.