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National Panchayat Awards 2025 Announced by Ministry of Panchayati Raj

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The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) announced the winners of the National Panchayat Awards 2025 (NPA-2025), recognising outstanding Panchayats for excellence in rural governance, sustainable development, and grassroots administration. A total of 42 Panchayats from across India have been selected for the awards. The award ceremony will be held on 3 June 2026 in New Delhi.?

Objective of the National Panchayat Awards

The awards aim to promote:

Inclusive rural development

Participatory governance

Sustainable development at the grassroots level

Efficient service delivery by Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)

Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through local governance initiatives

Two Major Categories of Awards

The National Panchayat Awards 2025 were conferred under two major categories:

Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)

This award recognises Gram Panchayats for exceptional performance across the nine themes of Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

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A total of 34 Gram Panchayats from 17 States and Union Territories were selected under this category.

Nine LSDG Themes

Poverty-Free and Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat

Healthy Panchayat

Child-Friendly Panchayat

Water-Sufficient Panchayat

Clean and Green Panchayat

Self-Sufficient Infrastructure Panchayat

Socially Just and Socially Secured Panchayat

Panchayat with Good Governance

Women-Friendly Panchayat

Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)

This award is presented to the best-performing Panchayats at the District, Block, and Gram Panchayat levels on the basis of overall performance.

A total of 8 Panchayats were selected under this category.

Financial Incentives Under the Awards

Winning Panchayats will receive financial assistance ranging from ₹50 lakh to ₹5 crore depending on category and rank.

Best District Panchayat Award: Up to ₹5 crore

Best Gram Panchayat Award: First prize of ₹1 crore under thematic categories

Top Performing States in National Panchayat Awards 2025

State/UT Number of Awards

Karnataka 6

Andhra Pradesh 5

Odisha 5

Maharashtra 4

Kerala 4

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Major Winners Under DDUPSVP 2025:

ThemeWinning PanchayatState

Poverty-Free Panchayat MudradiKarnataka

Healthy PanchayatKanchanbariTripura

Child-Friendly PanchayatItgaon (Pu)Maharashtra

Water-Sufficient PanchayatKhariwaliMaharashtra

Clean & Green PanchayatKawrthah NorthMizoram

Self-Sufficient Infrastructure PanchayatMelukavuKerala

Socially Just PanchayatShanshaHimachal Pradesh

Panchayat with Good GovernanceSrungavaramAndhra Pradesh

Women-Friendly PanchayatBokkasam PalemAndhra Pradesh

Major Winners Under NDSPSVP 2025:

Best District Panchayat

RankPanchayatState

1SepahijalaTripura

2GanjamOdisha

3CoimbatoreTamil Nadu

Best Block Panchayat

RankPanchayatState

1HarippadKerala

3KuppamAndhra Pradesh

Best Gram Panchayat

RankPanchayatState

1New NapamAssam

2Telcup Bihar

3BiraharuUttar Pradesh

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Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA)

The awards are implemented under the Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP) component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme — Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).

Objectives of RGSA

Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions

Capacity building of local bodies

Promoting decentralised governance

Improving service delivery in rural areas

Link with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The awards framework was revamped in 2023 and aligned with the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).

The assessment process is now:

Data-driven

Transparent

Holistic

Community-oriented