

**NATIONAL WATER EXCELLENCE AWARDS
AND
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Guidelines

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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

There will be two National Water Excellence Awards i.e. one a National Award for Excellence in Ground Water Sector and the other a National Award for Excellence in Surface Water Sector. There will be five National Water Awards, one each for five specified categories viz. i) National Award for Science & Technology in Water Sector ii) National Award for Industries in Water Sector iii) National Award for Panchayat Raj Institution in Water Sector iv) National Award for NGO, WUA, Pani Panchayat & Community Participation in Water Sector and v) National Award for Urban Local Bodies in Water Sector

A. National Award for Excellence in Ground Water Sector

- One award to be given for the most outstanding performance in Ground Water Sector from amongst any of the five categories of National Water Awards mentioned in point No. C (1) to (5) below.
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year

- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 5 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

B. National Award for Excellence in Surface Water Sector

- One award to be given for the most outstanding performance from amongst any of the five categories of National Water Awards mentioned in point No.C (1) to (5) below.
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 5 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

C. National Water Awards

Category-1: National Award for Science & Technology in Water Sector

- Objective- To recognize “innovation” in S & T in Water Sector
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

Category-2: National Award for Industries in Water Sector

- Objective- To encourage the industry in inventing/designing & adopting new industrial process that use significantly less amount of water and/or create less pollution load. Objective of award also include fulfilling industry’s obligation for effluent treatment and safe disposal of separated pollutants to protect water quality in river as well as in the aquifer.
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

Category-3: National Award for Panchayat Raj Institution in Water Sector

- Objective- To award the Panchayat for innovative and responsible practices in use of water. .
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

Category-4: National Award for NGO, WUA, Pani Panchayat & Community Participation in Water Sector

- Objective- To award NGO and Civic Society who have contributed in furthering the cause for water sector by innovative ideas in water resources management.

- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

. Category-5: National Award for Urban Local Bodies in Water Sector

- Objective- To award Urban Local Bodies which are into water supply and waste water management in a city/town/village.
- No. of awards & periodicity- One per year
- Details of cash award/trophy/medal- Cash amount of Rs 2 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The awards are open for the stakeholders who have achieved excellence in water resources management.

Category-1: Field of activities includes R&D for innovative designing, construction, Project Planning, publication, teaching, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water, promoting water use efficiency, benchmarking etc. and policy making in water resources sector. The nominee should have minimum of 3 years of experience in water sector.

Category-2: Criteria should focus on inventing/designing & adopting new industrial process that significantly reduce water use, promote recycle & reuse of water and/or create less pollution load. Criteria of award should also include effluent treatment and safe disposal of separated pollutants to protect water quality in rivers, ponds as well as ground water. The nominee should have minimum of 3 years of experience in water sector.

Category 3 to 5: The criteria should include developing & adopting innovative measures like rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water, promoting water use efficiency, recycling & reuse of water and mass awareness etc. as relevant for the area/region. The nominee should have at least 3 years of field work/experience in implementing various activities of water resources management.

Under the category 3 to 5 above, the proposals to be considered for the awards should also meet the following criteria:

- Activities implemented to address various issues must bring out both tangible and intangible outcomes such as increase in water resources, raising ground water level, improvement in water quality, increase in yield of wells and number of people benefited & for whom awareness has been created along with improvement in micro-environment and socio-economic fabric and so on.

- Design of various structures/systems based on user friendly approach for their operation at optimal efficiency.
- Successful implementation of the innovative practices and its replicability.
- Community participation and awareness including gender participation should be an essential element of the activity.

4. Selection Committee for Evaluation

There shall be a Selection Committee (Jury) notified by the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India. The Committee shall consist of independent Jury of five members to be headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge. The five other members would consist of an eminent person from each of the five categories. The Jury would make its recommendations to the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India. The Minister for Water Resources, Government of India will finalize the list of award winners. The Director (GW), Ministry of Water Resources will act as Secretary of the Committee.

5. Evaluation Criteria for Selection

The Selection Committee will examine the eligible applications received as per the procedure laid down at point 6 and based on the evaluation criteria as indicated below:

S.N	Criteria	Evaluation Scheme (Marks in %)		
		Category-1 (Science & Technology)	Category-2 (Industry Sector)	Category-3 to 5 (PRI, NGO, WUA, Pani Panchayat & Community Participation, Urban Local Bodies)
1	Relevance and significance of the work done during last three years	20	20	20
2	Innovation in concept, technology etc.	50	25	20
3	Scope of replicability of practices/models by common people, institutions etc.	20	20	20
4	Tangible and intangible impacts	5	25	20
5	Community based participatory approach	5	10	20

6. Procedure for Forwarding the Application for Awards

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

Category-1: National Award for Science & Technology in Water Sector

In the case of individuals working in Central Government, their nominations should be duly endorsed by the respective Head of Department / Institute/Undertaking. For Individuals working with State Government and Private Companies their nominations should be duly endorsed by the respective State Government.

Category-2: National Award for Industries in Water Sector

The nomination should be duly recommended by a reputed industry association like FICCI / ASSOCHAM/CII etc. and sent to the Ministry of Water Resources.

Category-3 to 5: National Award for Panchayat Raj Institution, NGO/ WUA/Pani Panchayat/Community Participation and Urban Local Bodies in Water Sector.

- i) The nomination should be proposed and seconded from the person/agency, who is well versed with the work/achievements of the nominee.
- ii) The nomination should be duly recommended by respective District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner.
- iii) .The District Magistrates / Collectors after their recommendations will forward the suitable applications to the concerned Nodal Department viz. Water Resources, Ground Water Department, Irrigation Department etc. of the State Government / UT.
- iv) The technical scrutiny of such applications will be done by a State Level Committee comprising of three Members one each drawn from the concerned Nodal Department, Agriculture Department of the State Govt. / UT and the concerned Regional Director of CGWB. The State Level Committee after technical scrutiny, will short list three best applications.
- v) The Nodal Department of the State Govt./ UT concerned will forward the shortlisted applications with the recommendations of the State Level Committee to the Secretary of the Selection Committee in the Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi for consideration of Selection Committee (Jury of MoWR).

**APPLICATION FORM FOR NATIONAL WATER EXCELLENCE AWARDS
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1. Name :

2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address :
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :

3. Previous Achievements (in water sector)

4. Brief description about the work done (in 1000 words), indicating
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Works implemented
 - iv. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
 - v. Details of innovative methodology/technology adopted
 - vi. Outputs and outcomes
 - vii. Benefit – cost ratio
 - viii. Sustainability
 - ix. Scope of replication
 - x. Awareness generated

5. Name of the proposer
- Position
- Address.....
- Signature.....

6. Name of the Seconder

Position

Address

Signature.....

7. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.

8. A statement by the Proposer/ Seconder not exceeding 1000 words explaining why the nominee should be considered for this award. This should highlight aspects including

- i) Relevance and significance of the work done during last two years
- ii) Innovation in concept, technology etc.
- iii) Scope of replicability of practices/model by common people, institution etc.
- iv) Tangible and intangible impacts
- v) Community based participatory approach

9. Whether the achievements have already been recognized for award by any other institution/ organization. If so, name of the institution/ organization, Award and year.

10. Recommendation by the concerned District Magistrate / Collector, wherever applicable.

11. Recommendations of the concerned State Level Committee wherever applicable.