

5th National Water Awards – Announcement of Winners

New Delhi, 14th October, 2024: The Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWR, RD &GR), Ministry of Jal Shakti is pleased to announce **38 winners**, including joint winners, for the 5th National Water Awards, 2023, **in 09 categories** viz Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best School or College, Best Industry, Best Water User Association, Best Institution (other than school or college), and Best Civil Society. **The list of winners is annexed.**

In the category of Best State, the first prize has been conferred upon Odisha, with Uttar Pradesh securing the second position, and Gujarat and Puducherry jointly securing the third position.

Each award winner will be conferred with a citation and a trophy as well as cash prizes in certain categories.

The Department is also pleased to announce that award distribution ceremony for the 5th National Water Awards, 2023 is going to be held on 22nd October, 2024 at 11.00 am at Plenary Hall, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. **Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu will be the Chief Guest at the event.**

The Ministry of Jal Shakti serves as the central ministry entrusted with the responsibility of establishing policy frameworks and implementing programs for the development, preservation, and efficient management of water as a national asset. Under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Ministry of Jal Shakti has been undertaking a comprehensive campaign to spread awareness about water management and water conservation on

a national level. From this standpoint and to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and to help motivate people to adopt the best water usage practices, the 1st National Water Awards were launched in 2018 by the DoWR, RD & GR. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th National Water Awards were given for the years 2019, 2020 and 2022. The awards were not given in the year 2021 due to CoVID pandemic.

For the year 2023, 5th National Water Awards were launched on 13th October 2023 on Rashtriya Puraskar Portal of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). A total of 686 applications were received. The applications were scrutinised and evaluated by a Jury Committee. The ground truthing of the shortlisted applications was carried out by the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). Based on the ground truthing reports, a total of **38 winners**, including Joint winners, covering **09 different categories** have been selected for the 5th NWA, 2023.

The National Water Awards (NWAs) focus on the good work and efforts made by individuals and organisations across the country in attaining the government's vision of a '*Jal Samridh Bharat*'. The awards are for creating awareness among the people about the importance of water and motivating them to adopt best water usage practices. The event provides an occasion for all people and organizations to further cement a strong partnership and people engagement in water resources conservation and management activities.

List of awardees - 5th National water awards, 2023

(i) Best State:

SN	Name of State	Rank
1	Odisha	1 st
2	Uttar Pradesh	2 nd
3	Puducherry	3 rd (Joint winners)
4	Gujarat	3 rd (Joint winners)

(ii) Best District

SN	Zone (one award per zone)	Winners
1	South	Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
2	North East	Dhalai (Tripura)
3	North (Joint winner)	Banda (Uttar Pradesh)
4	North (Joint winner)	Ganderbal (J&K)
5	West	Indore (Madhya Pradesh)
6	East	Balangir (Odisha)

(iii) Best Village Panchayat

SN	Name of Village	Rank
1	Pullampara, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	1 st
2	Masulpani, Kanker, Chhattisgarh	2 nd
3	Hampapuram, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh	3 rd (Joint winner)
4	Khliehrangnah, West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya	3 rd (Joint winner)

(iv) Best Urban Local Body

SN	Name of ULB	Rank
1	Surat, Gujarat	1 st
2	Puri, Odisha	2 nd
3	Pune, Maharashtra	3 rd

(v) Best School or College

SN	Name of School/College	Rank
1	Govt. Upper Primary School, Jethwanka Bas, Sikar, Rajasthan	1 st
2	Govt Sarvodya Kanya Vidyalaya, B-3 Paschim Vihar, New Delhi	2 nd
3	Khairbani Ashram School, Baisinga, Mayurbhanj, Odisha	3 rd
4	BHSS, Zainakote, Srinagar	Special Mention

(vi) Best Industry

SN	Name of Industry	Rank
1	Aravali Power Company Private Limited, Jhajjar, Haryana	1 st
2	Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu	2 nd
3	Raymond Uco Denim Pvt Ltd, Yavatmal, Maharashtra	3 rd

(vii) Best Water User Association

SN	Name of WUA	Rank
1	Pentakli Project Union of Water User Association, Dist. Buldhana, Maharashtra	1 st
2	Water User Cooperative Society, Kagekodamagge, Shivamogga, Karnataka	2 nd

3	Parambur Big Tank Water User Association, Pudukkotai, Tamil Nadu	3 rd
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(viii) Best Institution (other than School/College)

SN	Name of Institution	Rank
1	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	1 st
2	KonerLakshmaiah Education Foundation, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh	2 nd
3	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	3 rd (Joint winner)
4	Sri Tirumala nagar Resident Welfare Association, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	3 rd (Joint winner)
5	IIT Tirupati, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh	Special Mention
6	Birla Institute of Science and Technology, Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan	Special Mention

(ix) Best Civil Society

SN	Name of applicant	Rank
1	BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune	1 st
2	YuvaMitra, Mitrangan Campus, Nashik, Maharashtra	2 nd
3	GraminVikas Trust, KanchanKunj, Dahod, Gujarat	3 rd
4	Art of Living, VyanktiVikas Kendra India, Bangalore	Special Mention
5.	S. M. Sehgal Foundation, Institutional Area, Gurugram	Special Mention