

3rd National Water Awards - 2020

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In news—The Union Minister of Jal Shakti announced 3rd National Water Awards-2020, recently.

About National Water Awards (NWA)2020-

- These awards were instituted to recognize and encourage exemplary work and efforts made by States, Districts, individuals, organizations, etc across the country in attaining the government's vision of a 'Jal Samridh Bharat'.
- The **first National Water Award was launched by the Jal Shakti Ministry in 2018.**
- It strives to create awareness among the people about the importance of water and attempts to motivate them to adopt best water usage practices.
- National Water Awards are given in 11 categories which are as follows –

1. Best State.
2. Best District (2 Awards each in five zones; total 10 Awards).
3. Best Village Panchayat (3 Awards each in five zones; total 15 Awards).
4. Best Urban Local Body.
5. Best Media (Print and Electronic).
6. Best School.
7. Best Institution / Resident Welfare Association (RWA) / Religious organisations for successful campus water usage.
8. Best Industry for industrial water conservation.
9. Best NGO.
10. Best Water User Association.

11. Best Industry for CSR Activities.

- Awards in the category of Best District and Best Village Panchayats will be given separately for North, South, East, West and North-East.
- In the Best State category, **Uttar Pradesh has been awarded first prize, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu in NWA 2020.**

Note-

- India's current water requirement is estimated to be around 1,100 billion cubic meters per year, projected to go up to 1,447 billion cubic meters by 2050.
- While India has more than 18% of the world's population, it has only 4% of the world's renewable water resources.