

# National Water Awards 2019

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In news

Tamil Nadu receives first prize in National water Awards

## Key highlights

- Tamil Nadu has topped the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti's National Water Awards 2019 in the 'best state category'
- The states of Maharashtra and Rajasthan bagged second and third prizes respectively in the best state (normal) category.
- Mizoram topped the best state (special) category.
- Water warriors: Kovai Kulangal Pathukappu Amaippu, Coimbatore, and Sakthinathan Ganapathy Pandian of Anna University bagged first and second prizes respectively under this category

## About National water awards

The Ministry of Jalshakti confers the award based on various parameters, including

- Implementation of irrigation water supply schemes such as check dams
- performance under micro-irrigation
- Increase in irrigation coverage
- Performance in rooftop rain water harvesting and
- Status of implementation of water accounting and auditing.

Ministry also takes into consideration the total number of water bodies created, reuse of wastewater from farms/industry/sewage, management and utilisation of data/IT technology in water conservation and irrigation.

**Other Categories under the award include:** Best District

Revival category, Best District Water Conservation, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban local body and Best research etc