

Revamped National Panchayat Awards

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In news- Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj has recently inaugurated the National Write-shop on Preparedness of Roadmap for Revamped National Panchayat Awards.

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- **Under the revamped system, the Awards will be given to Gram, Block and District Panchayats in two categories namely-**
- *Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar* (for individual theme-wise performance) and
- *Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar* (for aggregate performance under all the themes).
- Thematic Selection Committees for each theme at respective levels will select the awardee Panchayats.
- Apart from this, **some special categories of awards will be given to Gram Panchayats (GPs) namely,**
- ***Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar*** for adoption and usage of renewable sources of energy;
- ***Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar*** for exemplary work towards achieving Net-Zero carbon emissions;
- ***Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar*** for GPs which qualify and get shortlisted for National Panchayat Awards during the subsequent years also;
- ***Panchayat Kshamta Nirmaan Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar*** for Institutions which have provided institutional support to GPs in achieving LSDGs and Best Participating State/UT/District/Block Panchayat.
- Towards the endeavour of a successful implementation of the revamped National Panchayat Awards, **MoPR is collaborating with nodal Central Ministries/Departments namely, Rural Development, Health & Family Welfare,**

Women & Child Development, Drinking Water & Sanitation, Social Justice & Empowerment and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

- These **nodal Ministries would be leading the Thematic Selection Committees for selection of National Level Awards** on the concerned themes and the other line Ministries/Departments would be the members of these Committees.



- **Incentivization of the Panchayats scheme** is one of the central components of the Centrally Sponsored scheme of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- Under this scheme, 'National Panchayat Awards' are given to the best performing Panchayats, including financial incentives for award winning Panchayats, in recognition of their performances under various priority sectors/themes.
- These awards are usually given annually on 24th April, celebrated as National Panchayati Raj Day to commemorate 73rd Constitution Amendment Act, 1992 which came into force with effect from 24th April, 1993.