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Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Department of Telecommunications
(O&M Section)

Sanchar Bhawan, 20 Ashoka Road
New Delhi-110001
Date: 30 October, 2023

To,

1. CMD, BSNL New Delhi
2. CMD, MTNL, New Delhi
3. CMD, BBNL, New Delhi.
4. CMD, TCIL, New Delhi.
5. CMD, ITI Ltd. Bengaluru.
6. CEO, C-DoT, New Delhi.
7. Secretary, TRAI, New Delhi.
8. Registrar, TDSAT, New Delhi.

Subject: - Launch & request for participation and creating awareness for the 5th National Water Awards - reg.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O letter no. K-11025/36/2023-IEC Section-Part (1)/489 dated 19.10.2023 from Secretary, Department of Water Resources River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti on the above mentioned subject along with the guidelines on the 5th National Water Awards, 2023 for necessary action at your end.

2. Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has launched the 5th National Water Awards across different categories through Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (www.awards.gov.in). The purpose of the awards is to recognize the work and efforts made in the field of water conservation and management by individuals and organization, and motivate larger number of population to work for this purpose. More details regarding the categories/ prizes etc can be accessed through Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.

3. It is requested that widespread publicity may be given to these awards, thereby encouraging nomination/recommendation of individual and institution through Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.

Encls : As above

Yours faithfully


(Anoop Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

D.O. No. K-11025/36/2023-IEC Section-Part(1) 1489

19th October, 2023

Dear Sh. Mittal,

The Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti is working to improve management of water resources in the country. This is critical in the context of climate change, and can be done only by involving all stakeholders. In order to encourage all stakeholders, including civil society organizations, Gram Panchayats, urban local bodies, corporate sector and individuals working in water sector, the Department has been organizing the National Water Awards (NWAs) since 2018. These awards are intended to encourage and felicitate individuals and organizations for adopting innovative practices to augment ground water, rainwater harvesting, recycling of water and other steps to ensure creation of a culture of better water resources management.

2. The **5th National Water Awards** has been launched on 13th October 2023 through the Rashtriya Puraskar portal online (www.awards.gov.in), and entries are now being invited. We intend to identify suitable individuals and organizations for these awards in the categories like 'Best State', 'Best District', 'Best Village Panchayat' etc. The detailed list of categories and other related information is contained in the National Awards Guidelines enclosed with this letter.

3. The objective is to recognize, document and amplify good work in water conservation and management. You are requested to publicize these awards through your Ministry/Department/attached/subordinate offices for wide publicity so that numerous entries are received in various categories. The last date for receiving entries is **15th December, 2023**.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Debashree Mukherjee)

Shri Neeraj Mittal,
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Government of India

Ministry of Jal Shakti

Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Guidelines

NATIONAL WATER AWARDS

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 hydrological 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 Awards were launched in the year 2007 with an objective to encourage all stakeholders 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 and ground water are integral part of the water cycle, it was felt necessary to institute unified National Water Awards with the objectives of encouraging the stakeholders to adopt holistic approach towards water resources conservation and management in the country. In view of this, 1st National Water Awards (2018), 2nd National Water Awards (2019), 3rd National Water Awards (2020) and 4th National Water Awards (2022) were successfully organized by the Department and the winners in different categories were felicitated with awards.

With the continued focus on recognizing work done by people in the water sector and with a greater zeal to motivate more and more people to work towards water conservation and water management, Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation is organizing 5th National Water Awards, 2023.

2. Details of Awards:

Sl. No.	Category of Award	Eligible Entity	Award	No. of Awards/Prize money
1.	Best State	State Government/ UT	Trophy with Citation	3 Awards
2.	Best District	District Administration/ DM/DC	Trophy with Citation	5 awards (One award from each of the five zones i.e. Northern, Southern, Western, Eastern & North Eastern)
3.	Best Village Panchayat	Village Panchayat	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
4.	Best Urban Local Body	Urban Local Body	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
5.	Best School or College	School/College	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
6.	Best Institution (other than School/College)	Institutions/RWAs/ Religious organizations	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 awards: (i) 2 awards for campus usage (First award: Rs.2 lakh; Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh) (ii) 1 award for other than campus (Award: Rs.2 lakh)
7.	Best Industry	Small/Medium/ Large Scale Industry	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
8.	Best Civil Society	Registered NGOs/ Civil societies	Cash Awards &	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh

			Trophy with Citation	Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
9.	Best Water User Association	Water User Associations	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh
10.	Best Individual for Excellence	Individuals	Cash Awards & Trophy with Citation	3 Awards: First award: Rs.2 lakh Second award: Rs.1.5 lakh Third award: Rs.1 lakh

3. Criteria of selection for various categories of 5th National Water Awards:

1. Best State:

Sl. No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Preparation or Revision of State Water Policy document.	5
2.	Follow-up action in implementation of water policy document – Concrete steps & conspicuous impact.	5
3.	Creation of Water Regulatory Authority & State Ground Water Authority.	5
4.	Minor Water Conservation Interventions – Furnish Techno–Physical Details	10
5.	Medium & Major Irrigation ventures–Furnish Project-wise Technical (Performance evaluation & benchmarking will be taken into account for marking)	5
6.	Status of work done under Jal Jeevan Mission & Jal Shakti Abhiyan.	10
7.	Irrigated area transformed from conventional to micro irrigation (Irrigated area of existing projects & that of individual beneficiaries both, exclusively) and Utilization of water thus saved owing to this switch over.	5
8.	Number of active Water User Associations and support provided.	5
9.	New projects with micro irrigation systems.	5

10.	Rehabilitation/Renovation/Restoration of old & existing projects-Enhancement in project efficiency. (Furnish comparison of pre & post authentic data viz enhancement in storage, regaining of lost irrigation potential i.e. ICA, restoration of projected irrigation intensity, improvement in feeding tail command, reduction in losses & prodigality etc.); Adoption of non-structure measures for flood management especially implementation of flood plain zoning.	10
11.	Scientific treatment and restoration of degraded drainage areas targeting conduciveness in natural recharge phenomenon, reviving liveliness of streams and micro conservation etc. (Furnish narrative note elaborating strategy & methodology adhered upon, configuration of interventions, implementation, and provisions to ensure sustainment of interventions etc. duly accompanied with data of achievements.)	10
12.	Treatment and reuse of domestic, commercial sewage and Industrial effluent and its impact on surface water quality.	10
13.	Roof top rain water harvesting, including traditional structures in prevalence in rural India.	5
14.	Management and utilization of data/IT technology in water auditing, water conservation & irrigation management including ground water monitoring& assessment. A narrative note on application of water audit results and conspicuous impact of technological advancement & IT applications etc.in overall perspective. Status of water resource information system for dissemination of water-related information, if available. <i>(Note: This includes urban water management, data management (water) and NHP related activities/progress)</i>	10
Total Marks		100

2. Best District:

Sl. No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Efforts made for rejuvenation of rivers, restoration of river banks and preservation of flood plains.	10
2.	Creation of Artificial Recharge Structures and maintenance, upkeep and maintenance of existing recharge system.	10
3.	Water bodies mapped, entered in revenue records and revived in the District.	10

4.	Micro water storage structures created with storage capacity (MST/MIT like structures).	5
5.	Use of Micro Irrigation and area added during the last year.	10
6.	Roof top rain water harvesting and traditional rain water harvesting structures in numbers and storage capacity along with functional status and water use details. Efforts made to capture data of water conservation structures created by private individuals/entities.	10
7.	Measures adopted for Spring shed Management for maintenance of the water quality of the springs/ ground water resources.	5
8.	Pollution abatement steps, including recycle and reuse of waste water. Efforts made to be duly substantiated with data.	10
9.	Removal of encroachments & illegal infringements in catchment vis-a-vis waterways (like sand mining, etc). Furnish details & positive impacts thereof.	10
10.	Number of trees planted, & maintenance mechanism for survival for trees.	5
11.	Mass sensitization & capacity building in water conservation & management, including water budgeting. Furnish details of activities & impact thereof.	5
12.	Leadership & innovation exhibited by the District Administration to involve community in the activities mentioned 1-11 above.	10
	Total Marks	100

3. Best Village Panchayat:

Sl. No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Number of water bodies revived with community participation.	20
2.	Innovative practices for enhancing ground water- Furnish data & documents to substantiate.	10
3.	Number of new water conservation structures & their storage capacity.	10
4.	Community mobilization for adopting of water efficient cropping pattern, and efficient water management practices, and results thereof.	20
5.	Water Shed development activities (contour bunding/trenching), & tree plantation.	10

6.	Number of new ponds created & capacity in Cum., and mechanism for sustainment of creations.	20
7.	Mass sensitization & capacity building in water conservation & management, including water budgeting. Furnish details of activities & impact thereof.	10
Total Marks		100

4. Best Urban Local Body:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Performance of the ULB in Water Supply & Distribution against the prescribed Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs) viz. Coverage & extent of metering of water connections, and continuity of water supply, Per capita supply of water, Extent of Non-revenue Water (NRW) (including leakages/losses), Quality of water supplied (meeting the BIS-10500 drinking water quality norms), Cost recovery in water supply services; Efficiency in collection of water supply charges, Water audits conducted (frequency of audits & performance report) & efficiency in redressal of customer complaints, O&M and Use of IT based intervention for performance enhancement in water supply & distribution.	40
2.	Performance of the ULB in Sewerage Management against prescribed Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs) viz. Coverage of toilets & sewage network as well as collection efficiency of sewage network, Adequacy of sewage treatment capacity & quality of sewage treatment (against norms), Extent of reuse & recycling of sewage, Efficiency in collection of sewage charges, Extent of cost recovery in sewage management & redressal of customer complaints.	30
3.	Water conservation interventions undertaken viz. Roof top Rain Water Harvesting structures and storage capacity created, (Number of structures erected/created and practical state of functioning and associated impacts), Revival of traditional water bodies/ponds/lakes/springs/others, (Practical achievements in terms of number of interventions/area revived/ capacity created/communities benefitted/sustainability/other associated benefits), Innovative interventions for ground water recharge/replenishment undertaken, (Practical achievements in terms of no. of	20

	interventions/quantum of water recharged/increase in GW level/other associated benefits), Tree plantation activities carried out by ULB.	
4.	Leadership exhibited by the ULB Administration to involve community in all aspects of improving water conservation and mass sensitization & public awareness programs and capacity building of the staff. (Furnish details of activities and impact thereof)	10
Total Marks		100

5. Best School or College:

SINo.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Presence of a water action plan with well-defined and achievable targets.	15
2.	Setting up a water collection system (roof-top and pits etc.) to gather rain water for watering plants and other non-potable uses.	15
3.	Number of trees planted in the school/college premises and outside.	15
4.	Install low-flow water saving devices in washrooms and campus.	10
5.	Number of Painting, Essay & Debate competitions or other events organized to promote water conservation and management activities.	25
6.	Number of innovative works and activities done (not covered in other criteria) to promote water conservation and management activities.	10
7.	Voluntary work done by the school/college students outside their college for water conservation and management activities.	10
Total Marks		100

6. Best Institution (other than school or college)- for campus usage or other than campus usage:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Number of Roof top rain water harvesting structures created in numbers and storage capacity and functional status and how water was used. Furnish complete details.	15
2.	Quantity of water saved by implementing water conservation and management activities (other than roof-top RWHS). Furnish details.	15

3.	Number of awareness activities for water conservation and management and its conspicuous impact.	15
4.	Efforts made for cleaning water bodies/storages. Furnish details.	15
5.	Number of trees planted and survived and mechanism for ward, watering & upkeep of plants.	15
6.	Achievements in the context of liquid sewage collection, transmission, treatment, recycle and reuse duly substantiated with data.	15
7.	Any other innovative/unique work done on water conservation and management.	10
Total Marks		100

7. Best Industry:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Corporate commitment to water efficiency - Designating a water efficiency coordinator, Developing a mission statement and a plan, Educate and involve employees in water efficiency efforts, awards given in your company for identifying and innovative solutions to reduce water consumption.	15
2.	Water Audit and setting targets for future.	10
3.	Installation of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, appliances and other equipment yielding substantial savings on water.	15
4.	Installing and maintaining ETP (effluent treatment plant) and STP (sewage treatment plant) in industry area to treat waste water and its reuse. (Achieving the zero liquid discharge mandates).	15
5.	Efforts in saving of non-processed water.	10
6.	Narrate any other implemented ways of saving water in your industry/innovations.	10
7.	CSR amount spent in the last one year on water conservation & management, give percentage share of CSR provision reg water conservation & management over the TURNOVER for the last year. Furnish details of financial & other resources contribution in monetary terms to other institutions & amount spent by industry itself on water conservation interventions.	10

8	Types and details of activities implemented in water conservation & management under CSR in the last one year.	5
9	Number of people benefitted and/or make aware with the activities implemented under CSR in the last one year.	5
10	Any innovative technology promoted under CSR in the last one year.	5
Total Marks		100

8. Best Civil Society:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Details of work done in the areas of water conservation and management. Furnish exhaustive note to substantiate claim/version alongwith resources mobilizing details.	20
2.	Innovative/Unique technologies adopted/implemented Research and Development efforts made. Furnish complete details on techno-economic viability and adoption feasibility etc. complete.	20
3.	Water bodies revived with data of additional storage created and its use with details of beneficiaries.	10
4.	Micro water storage structures created with storage capacity with water use strategy.	10
5.	Rooftop rainwater harvesting and traditional rainwater harvesting structures in numbers and storage capacity in Cum.	10
6.	Recorded benefits of water harvested from Rooftop duly substantiated with requisite data.	10
7.	Awareness campaigns done resulting in mass participation. Details thereof	10
8.	Any Capacity building done and the conspicuous impacts thereof. Sustainability of work done (after project period).	10
Total Marks		100

9. Best Water User Association:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	Number of members. Furnish tree chart and details of configuration.	10
2.	Area under Agriculture, CCA, ICA, Irrigation intensity.	10
3.	Water supplied to meter and levy collected.	10
4.	Upkeep and Maintenance of infrastructure.	10

5.	Water use efficiency achieved.	10
6.	Uniformity and parity of distribution in the regime of WUA.	10
7.	Adoption of Micro Irrigation.	15
8.	Cognizance to soil health card.	10
9.	Adherence to recommended/stipulated cropping pattern according to water availability.	10
10.	Exercising checks on prodigality coupled with recycle and reuse of waste water.	5
Total Marks		100

10. Best Individual for Excellence:

Sl.No.	Criteria	Marks
1.	The impact created - The individual, through his actions or innovation, must have created a positive impact and awareness in the larger section of society towards water conservation. The area covered by the actions taken by the individual may be specified.	20
2.	Sustainability of Action - The individual must be making efforts for a long duration to create a sustainable difference.	10
3.	Tangible Benefits - The benefits of his actions or innovation must have brought out significant and tangible results in water conservation	20
4.	Adaptability - The solutions for water conservation should be cost effective for adaptability amongst the masses. The population benefitted by the work in water sector by the individual may be specified.	10
5.	Replicability - The solutions adapted by the individual should be such that they can be inspiring and replicable in other parts through a mass involvement	20
6.	Innovation used in the implementation of ideas - Innovation solutions and actions beating the traditional mode. The area covered by the innovations of the individual may be specified.	5
7.	Perseverance of efforts - The individual should have brought sustenance of change through the mass mobilization & establishment of mechanisms and systems. The number of years the individual has remained involved in water sector may be specified.	15
Total		100

4. General Terms & Conditions:

3.1 The awardees who have received award **in the last 1 year will not be considered for award in the subsequent year i.e. no awards will be given to same entity for consecutive years.**

3.2 Each applicant must **submit a one-page brief (not more than 500 words)** on his/her/its achievements **during the last one year i.e. past one year calculated from date of launch of award to the corresponding date of the previous year.** *For illustration- if awards are launched on portal on 1st August, 2023, the work should pertain to one year period starting from 1st August of the preceding year.*

3.3 Applicant under **the category Best individual for excellence** must submit a one-page brief (not more than 500 words) on his/her achievement. *However, the achievement may not be limited to last one year only.*

3.4 The work of **the shortlisted applicants** will be evaluated by Ground Truthing (GT) teams nominated by the Ministry. The Ground Truthing teams **will ensure that last one year work** is considered of applicant for evaluation, excluding the category Best individual for excellence.

3.5 Each shortlisted applicant is expected to provide full cooperation to the Ground Truthing teams nominated by the Ministry during their visits.

3.6 Applications for awards can be submitted only through online mode on the website- **www.awards.gov.in** as per the formats prescribed for each category. The formats are available **at Annexure-I** of the Guidelines.

5. Procedure for Submission of the Application form –

Procedure for submitting the applications for each category under the awards is given below-

❖ Best State:

The Water Resources/Irrigation/Agriculture Departments of respective State/ UT Government will submit the application **duly vetted by Secretary of respective**

department. A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year as per the parameters specified in the application form be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **Best District/ Best Village Panchayat/ Best Urban Local Body:**

The District Administration/ Village Panchayat/ Urban Local Body to submit the application **duly vetted by District Collector/ District Magistrate/ Head of the body.** A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year as per the parameters specified in the application form be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **For Best School/College:**

The School/College to submit the application **duly vetted by the Principal of the school/college.** A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year **as per the parameters specified in the application form** be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper

coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **For Best Institution (other than School/college):**

The Institution to submit the application **duly vetted by the head of the Institution/ Religious organization/ Resident Welfare Association (RWA)/ Higher Education Organization**. A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year **as per the parameters specified in the application form** be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **For Best Industry:**

The Industrial unit to submit the application **duly vetted by the Head of the Industry**. A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year **as per the parameters specified in the application form** be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **Best Civil Society:**

The organization to submit the application **duly vetted by the Head of the organization**. A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources

conservation & management sector during the last one year **as per the parameters specified in the application form** be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **Best Water User Association:**

The Association to submit the application **duly vetted by the Head of the Association**. A detailed note encompassing the work done in the water resources conservation & management sector during the last one year **as per the parameters specified in the application form** be enclosed with the application. The note is to include a Power Point presentation of around 6 slides covering the details of work carried out. The Power Point presentation be submitted in soft copy (online format) only along with the application. In addition to above, if any applicant desires to submit any video(s) of his/her work, the link of same may be included in the PPT. Supporting newspaper coverage and photographs, if any, may also be submitted along with the application.

❖ **Best Individual for excellence:**

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6. Submission of the applications:

Irrespective of the category, all the applications shall be made through the website www.awards.gov.in. Only the applications which are submitted online and are complete in all respects will be considered for evaluation by the Department.

The last date of submission of applications is 15th December, 2023.

(The Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation reserves all rights to cancel, amend all or any part of this contest and/ or terms and conditions/technical parameters/ evaluation criteria/ award money etc. without any notice.)

****The end****

APPLICATION FORM FOR 5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Best State

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Preparation or Revision of state water policy document.
 - iv. Follow-up action in implementation of water policy document - Concrete steps and conspicuous impact.
 - v. Creation of water regulatory authority and State Ground Water Authority.
 - vi. Minor Water Conservation Interventions – Furnish Techno – Physical Details
 - vii. Medium & Major Irrigation ventures – Furnish Project wise Technical Note. (Performance evaluation and benchmarking will be taken into account for marking)
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 - ix. Irrigated area transformed from conventional to micro irrigation (Irrigated area of existing projects and that of individual beneficiaries both, exclusively) and Utilization of water thus saved owing to this switch over.
 - x. Number of active Water User Association and support provided.
 - xi. New projects with micro irrigation systems.
 - xii. Rehabilitation/Renovation/Restoration of old and existing projects - Enhancement in project efficiency. (Furnish comparison of pre and post authentic data viz:- enhancement in storage, regaining of lost irrigation potential i.e. ICA, restoration of projected irrigation intensity, improvement in feeding tail command, reduction in losses & prodigality etc.)
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- xvi. Management and utilization of data/IT technology in water auditing, water conservation & irrigation management including ground water monitoring & assessment. A narrative note on application of water audit results and conspicuous impact of technological advancement & IT applications etc. in overall perspective. (Note: This includes urban water management, data management (water) and NHP related activities/progress)
- xvii. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
- xviii. Scope of replication
- xix. Awareness generated

4. Name of the proposer (Head of Water Resources/Irrigation/Agriculture/Environment departments/ autonomous organisation of respective State/UT Government)

Position

Address.....

Signature.....

5. Name of the Secunder (Principal Secretary/Secretary of the concerned Department)

Position

Address

Signature.....

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

7. A statement by the Proposer/ Secunder not exceeding 500 words explaining why the nominee should be considered for this award. This should highlight aspects,

- i. Relevance and significance of the work done **during last one year**.
- 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.

8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)

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

10. Recommendations of the concerned Secretary of Department of Water Resources/ Agriculture/ Irrigation etc.

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Best District

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - b. Zone : Northern/Southern/Western/Eastern/North Eastern
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Efforts made for Rejuvenation of Rivers, restoration of river banks and preservation of flood plains.
 - iv. Creation of Artificial Recharge Structures and maintenance, upkeep and maintenance of existing recharge system.
 - v. Water bodies mapped, entered in revenue records and revived in the district.
 - vi. Micro water storage structures created with storage capacity (MST/MIT like structures)
 - vii. Use of Micro Irrigation and area added during the last year.
 - viii. Roof top rain water harvesting and traditional rain water harvesting structures in numbers and storage capacity along with functional status and water use details. Efforts made to capture data of water conservation structures created by private individuals/entities.
 - ix. Measures adopted for Spring shed Management for maintenance of the water quality of the springs/ ground water resources.
 - x. Pollution abatement steps, including recycle and reuse of waste water. Efforts made to be duly substantiated with data.
 - xi. Removal of encroachments and illegal infringements in catchment vis-a-vis waterways (like sand mining, etc). Furnish details and positive impacts thereof.
 - xii. Number of trees planted, and maintenance mechanism for survival for trees.
 - xiii. Mass sensitization and capacity building in water conservation and management, including water budgeting. Furnish details of activities and impact thereof.
 - xiv. Leadership and innovation exhibited by the District Administration to involve community in the activities mentioned 3-13 above.
 - xv. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
 - xvi. Scope of replication
 - xvii. Awareness generated

4. Name of the Proposer
- Position
- Address
- Signature.....
5. Name of the Seconder
- Position
- Address
- Signature.....
6. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
7. A statement by the Proposer/ Seconder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
 - 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
8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)
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.

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Best Village Panchayat

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address :
 - i) Phone/Mobile No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, of selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Number of water bodies revived with community participation.
 - iv. Innovative practices for enhancing ground water. Furnish data & documents to substantiate.
 - v. Number of new water conservation structures and their storage capacity.
 - vi. Community mobilization for adopting of water efficient cropping pattern, and efficient water management practices, and results thereof.
 - vii. Water Shed development activities (contour bunding/trenching), and tree plantation.
 - viii. Number of new ponds created and capacity in Cum., and mechanism for sustainment of creations.
 - ix. Mass sensitization and capacity building in water conservation and management, including water budgeting. Furnish details of activities and impact thereof.
 - x. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
 - xi. Scope of replication
 - xii. Awareness generated
4. Name of the proposer
- Position
- Address.....
- Signature.....

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

6. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
7. A statement by the Proposer/ Seconder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
 - 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

8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)
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.

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Best Urban Local Body

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (in 500-1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating:
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Performance of the ULB in Water Supply & Distribution against the prescribed Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs) viz. Coverage & extent of metering of water connections, and continuity of water supply, Per capita supply of water, Extent of Non-revenue Water (NRW) (including leakage/losses), Quality of water supplied (meeting the BIS-10500 drinking water quality norms), Cost recovery in water supply services; efficiency in collection of water supply charges, Water audits conducted (frequency of audits & performance report) & efficiency in redressal of customer complaints, O&M and Use of IT based intervention for performance enhancement in water supply & distribution.
 - iv. Performance of the ULB in Sewerage Management against the prescribed Service Level Benchmarks (SLBs) viz. coverage of toilets & sewage network as well as collection efficiency of the sewage network, Adequacy of sewage treatment capacity and quality of sewage treatment (against norms), Extent of reuse and recycling of sewage, Efficiency in collection of sewage charges, extent of cost recovery in sewage management and redressal of customer complaints.
 - v. Water conservation interventions undertaken viz. Roof top Rain Water Harvesting structures and storage capacity created, (Number of structures erected/created and practical state of functioning and associated impacts), Revival of traditional water bodies/ponds/lakes/springs/others, (Practical achievements in terms of no. of interventions/area revived/capacity created/communities benefitted/sustainability/other associated benefits), Innovative interventions for groundwater recharge/replenishment undertaken, (Practical achievements in terms of

no. of interventions/quantum of water recharged/increase in GW level/other associated benefits), Tree plantation activities carried out by ULB.

- vi. Leadership exhibited by the ULB Administration to involve community in all aspects of improving water conservation and Mass sensitization & public awareness programs and capacity building of the staff. (Furnish details of activities and impact thereof)
 - vii. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
 - viii. Scope of replication
 - ix. Awareness generated
4. Name of the proposer
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- Address.....
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5. Name of the Seconder
- Position
- Address
- Signature.....
6. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
7. A statement by Proposer/Seconder not exceeding 500 words explaining why nominee should be considered for this award. This should highlight aspects including
- i. Relevance and significance of the work done during last one year.
 - 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
8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector).....
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.

APPLICATION FORM FOR 5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Best School or College

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating
 - i. Presence of a water action plan with well-defined and achievable targets.
 - ii. Setting up a water collection system (roof-top and pits etc.) to gather rain water for watering plants and other non-potable uses.
 - iii. Number of trees planted in the school/college premises and outside.
 - iv. Install low-flow water saving devices in washrooms and campus.
 - v. Number of Painting, Essay & Debate competitions organized to promote water conservation and management activities.
 - vi. Number of innovative works and activities done (not covered in other criteria) to promote water conservation and management activities.
 - vii. Voluntary work done by the school/college students outside their school/college for water conservation & management activities.
4. Name of the proposer
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5. Name of the Seconder
Position
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Signature.....

6. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
7. A statement by the Proposer/ Seconder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
 - 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.
8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)
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.

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Best Institution (other than school or college)- for campus usage or other than campus usage:

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in last one year**, indicating
 - i. Area of implementation
 - ii. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - iii. Awareness generated
 - iv. Number of Roof top rain water harvesting structures created in numbers and storage capacity and functional status and how water was used. Furnish complete details.
 - v. Quantity of water saved by implementing water conservation and management activities (other than roof-top RWHS). Furnish details.
 - vi. Number of awareness activities for water conservation and management and its conspicuous impact.
 - vii. Efforts made for cleaning water bodies/storages. Furnish details.
 - viii. Number of trees planted and survived and mechanism for ward, watering & upkeep of plants.
 - ix. Achievements in the context of liquid sewage collection, transmission, treatment, recycle and reuse duly substantiated with data.
 - x. Any other innovative/unique work done on water conservation and management.
 - xi. Any other relevant work done
4. Name of the proposer
- Position

Address.....

Signature.....

5. Name of the Seconder

Position

Address

Signature.....

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

7. A statement by the Proposer/ Seconder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
- 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

8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)

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.

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Best Industry

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
 - b. Size: (Choose the one which specifies your company)
 - Large Scale
 - Medium Scale
 - Small scale
3. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in the last year**, indicating
 - i. Corporate commitment to water efficiency - Designate a water efficiency coordinator, develop a mission statement and a plan, Educate and involve employees in water efficiency efforts, awards given in your company for identifying and innovative solutions to reduce water consumption.
 - ii. Water Audit and setting targets for future.
 - iii. Installation of high-efficiency plumbing fixtures, appliances and other equipment yielding substantial savings on water.
 - iv. Installing and maintaining ETP (effluent treatment plant) and STP (sewage treatment plant) in industry area to treat waste water and its reuse. (Achieving the zero liquid discharge mandates).
 - v. Efforts in saving of non-processed water.
 - vi. Narrate any other implemented ways of saving water in your industry/innovations.
 - vii. CSR amount spent in the last one year on water conservation and management, give percentage share of CSR provision reg water conservation & management over the TURNOVER for the last year. Furnish details of financial & other resources contribution in monetary terms to other institutions and amount spent by industry itself on water conservation interventions.
 - viii. Types and details of activities implemented in water conservation and management under CSR in the last one year.

- ix. Number of people benefitted with the activities implemented under CSR in the last one year.
- x. Any innovative technology promoted under CSR in the last one year.
- xi. Pre and Post implementation scenario.
- xii. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
- xiii. Awareness generated

4. Name of the proposer

Position

Address.....

Signature.....

5. Name of the Secunder

Position

Address

Signature.....

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

7. A statement by the Proposer/ Secunder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
- 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

8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)

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.

APPLICATION FORM FOR 5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Best Civil Society

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
3. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
4. Brief description about the work done (not exceeding 1000 words) **in the last one year**, indicating
 - i. Details of work done in the areas of water conservation and management. Furnish exhaustive note to substantiate claim/version along with resources mobilizing details.
 - ii. Innovative/Unique technologies adopted/implemented. Research and Development efforts made. Furnish complete details on techno-economic viability and adoption feasibility etc. complete.
 - iii. Water bodies revived with data of additional storage created and its use with details of beneficiaries.
 - iv. Micro water storage structures created with storage capacity with water use strategy.
 - v. Roof top rain water harvesting and traditional rain water harvesting structures in numbers and storage capacity in Cum.
 - vi. Recorded benefits of water harvested from Roof top duly substantiated with requisite data.
 - vii. Awareness campaigns done resulting in mass participation. Details thereof
 - viii. Any Capacity building done and the conspicuous impacts thereof. Sustainability of work done (after project period).
 - ix. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - x. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
 - xi. 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 500 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 one year.
- 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. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)

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

APPLICATION FORM FOR 5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Best Water User Association

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (in 1000 words) **in the last year**, indicating
 - i. Number of members. Furnish tree chart and details of configuration.
 - ii. Area under Agriculture, CCA, ICA, Irrigation intensity.
 - iii. Water supplied to meter and levy collected.
 - iv. Upkeep and Maintenance of infrastructure.
 - v. Water use efficiency achieved.
 - vi. Uniformity and parity of distribution in the regime of WUA.
 - vii. Adoption of Micro Irrigation.
 - viii. Cognizance to soil health card.
 - ix. Adherence to recommended/stipulated cropping pattern according to water availability.
 - x. Exercising checks on prodigality coupled with recycle and reuse of waste water.
 - xi. Pre and Post implementation scenario
 - xii. Total benefits accrued (tangible & intangible)
4. Name of the proposer
- Position
- Address.....
- Signature.....
5. Name of the Seconder
- Position

Address

Signature.....

6. Confirmation by the proposer that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
7. A statement by the Proposer/Secunder not exceeding 500 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 one year.
 - 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
8. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)
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.

APPLICATION FORM FOR 5th NATIONAL WATER AWARDS, 2023

Best Individual for Excellence

1. Name :
2. Brief Profile :
 - a. Complete Postal Address:
 - i) Phone No. :
 - ii) Fax No. :
 - iii) E-mail :
 - iv) Details of bank account where the prize money is to be deposited, if selected for award. : Bank Mandate Form/Copy of Pan Card
3. Brief description about the work done (in 1000 words) indicating
 - i. **The impact created** - The individual, through his actions or innovation, must have created a positive impact and awareness in the larger section of society towards water conservation
 - ii. **Sustainability of Action** - The individual must be making efforts for a long duration to create a sustainable difference
 - iii. **Tangible Benefits** - The benefits of actions or innovations must have brought out significant and tangible results in water conservation
 - iv. **Adaptability** - The solutions for water conservation should be cost effective for adaptability amongst the mass
 - v. **Replicability** - The solutions adapted by the individual should be such that they can be inspiring and replicable in other parts through a mass involvement
 - vi. **Innovation used in the implementation of ideas** - Innovation solutions and actions beating the traditional mode
 - vii. **Perseverance of efforts** - The individual should have brought sustenance of change through the mass mobilization & establishment of mechanisms and systems

4. Name of the proposer.....
Position
Address.....
Signature.....
5. Confirmation by the proposer (if other than individual) that the Nominee has agreed for this Award.
6. A statement by the Proposer **not exceeding 500 words** explaining why the self/nominee should be considered for this award. This should highlight aspects including
 - ii. Relevance and significance of the work done during last one year.
 - iii. Innovation in concept, technology etc.
 - iv. Scope of replicability of practices/model by common people, institution etc.
 - v. Tangible and intangible impacts
 - vi. Community based participatory approach
7. Previous Achievements, if any (in water sector)
8. Whether the achievements have already been recognized for award by any other institution/ organization. If so, name of the institution/ organization, Award and year.
