

**Nominations Invited
For
NATIONAL WATER EXCELLENCE AWARDS
AND
NATIONAL WATER AWARDS-2011**

The Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India announces two National Water Excellence Awards and five National Water Awards for the year 2011 with the objective to recognize innovation in S & T, encouraging water augmentation through rain-water harvesting and artificial recharge to ground water promoting water use efficiency, recycling & re-use of water, capacity building, awareness creation etc. Considering the fact that Surface Water & Ground Water are integral parts of the water cycle. It is felt necessary to institute these unified National Level Water Awards with the objectives of encouraging the stakeholders to adopt holistic approach of water resources management in the country.

The awards are open for five specified categories namely i) National Award for Science & Technology in Water Sector, ii) National Award for Industries in Water Sector, iii) National Award for Panchayat Raj Institution in Water Sector, iv) National Award for NGO, WUA, Pani Panchayat & Community Participation in Water Sector and v) National Award for Urban Local Bodies in Water Sector. There will be two National Water Excellence Awards i.e. one a National Award for Excellence in Ground Water Sector and the other a National Award for Excellence in Surface Water Sector.

Eligibility Criteria:

A. National Water Excellence Awards

National Award for Excellence in Ground Water Sector

National Award for Excellence in Ground Water Sector will be given from amongst any of the five categories of National Water Awards mentioned below, for the most outstanding performance in the domain of ground water regime including rain-water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water, promoting water use efficiency, recycling & re-use of water and mass awareness etc. as relevant for the area/region.

National Award for Excellence in Surface Water Sector

National Award for Excellence in Surface Water Sector will be given from amongst any of the five categories of National Water Awards mentioned below, for the most outstanding performance in the field of surface water including promoting water use efficiency, recycling & re-use of water and mass awareness etc. as relevant for the area/region.

B. National Water Awards

Category-1: National Award for Science & Technology in Water Sector

Field of activities includes R&D for innovative designing construction, Project Planning, publication teaching rain water harvesting artificial recharge to ground water promoting water use efficiency, benchmarking etc. and policy making in water resources sector. The nominee should have minimum of 3 years of experience in water sector.

Category-2: National Award for Industries in Water Sector

Criteria should focus on inventing/designing & adopting new industrial process that significantly reduce water use promote recycle & re-use of water and/or create less pollution load. Criteria of award should also include effluent treatment and safe disposal of separated pollutants to protect water quality in rivers, ponds as well as ground water. The nominee should have minimum of 3 years of experience in water sector.

Category 3 to 5: National Award for Panchayat Raj Institution, NGO/ WUA/Pani Panchayat/Community Participation and Urban Local Bodies in Water Sector

The criteria should include developing & adopting innovative measures like rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water, promoting water use efficiency, recycling & re-use of water and mass awareness etc. as relevant for the area/region. The nominee should have atleast 3 years of field work/experience in implementing various activities of water resources management. Under the category 3 to 5 above, the proposals to be considered for the awards should also meet the following criteria:

- Activities implemented to address various issues must bring out both tangible and intangible outcomes such as increase in water resources, raising ground water level, improvement in water quality, increase in yield of wells and number of people benefitted & for whom awareness has been created along with improvement in micro-environment and socio-economic fabric and so on.
- Design of various structures/systems based on user friendly approach for their operation at optimal efficiency.
- Successful implementation of the innovative practices and its replicability.
- Community participation and awareness including gender participation should be an essential element of the activity.

Composition & Citation of the Awards

The five National Water Awards (one each in 5 categories) shall consist of a cash award of Rs. 2 lakhs each and a plaque with citation. Each National Water Excellence Award shall consist of a cash award of Rs. 5 lakhs and plaque with citation. There will be 07 awards in total.

How to Apply?

For detailed guidelines and application form please visit (<http://mowr.gov.in>) under Guidelines for "National Water Awards" and other Awards or contact Director (GW), Ministry of Water Resources, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001, for obtaining Guidelines and application form. The application will have to be submitted as per the Guidelines for the respective categories.

Last date for submission of application to the concerned nodal department of the State Government is 31st October, 2012. The nodal department will forward the shortlisted applications with the recommendations of the State Level Committee to the Secretary of the Selection Committee in the Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi by 30th November 2012.

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