

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3108

ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

NATIONAL WATER AWARDS AND JSJB AWARDS

3108. SHRI EATALA RAJENDER:

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conferred awards to the winners of National Water Awards and Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) Awards; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the encouragement given to promote people's participation through such awards in the society, the response received, State-wise including Telangana and Uttarakhand?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI RAJ BHUSHAN CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b) Yes. The Government of India conferred the 6th National Water Awards, 2024, and incentivised different stakeholders under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) on 18th November, 2025.

National Water Awards : National Water Awards aim to encourage various stakeholders, including States, Districts, Schools, Civil Societies, Gram Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, Water User Associations, Institutions, and the Corporate Sector, to adopt a holistic approach towards water resources management in the country. 46 winners (including joint winners) were selected across 10 categories. The relevant details of the 6th National Award Winners is at **Annexure-I**.

JSJB Incentive Plan: JSJB is a community-driven initiative launched on 6 Sept 2024 under Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain to promote participatory groundwater recharge and rainwater harvesting through a “whole-of-government and whole-of-society” model (3Cs: Community, CSR, Cost). The JSJB incentives were released, inter alia, to States/UTs, districts, Municipal Corporations, industries, NGOs, and philanthropists. The relevant details, including those for Telangana and Uttarakhand, are in **Annexure-II**.

Such steps encourage various stakeholders, including States, Districts, Schools, Civil Societies, Gram Panchayats, Urban Local Bodies, Water User Associations, Institutions, Corporate Sector, to adopt a holistic approach towards water resources management.

The JSJB initiative has led to diverse, scalable, and replicable models for artificial groundwater recharge through people's participation and cooperation. The initiative created public awareness and encouraged collective action. Contributions from several districts of Telangana and from individuals such as Shri Mohan Chandra Kandpal of Uttarakhand lead to improved implementation of water-rejuvenation works. Further, these awards and incentives motivate stakeholders to adopt innovative practices for water conservation, and also help recognise their work in the water sector.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3108 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.12.2025 REGARDING “NATIONAL WATER AWARDS AND JSJB AWARDS”.

List of winners of the 6th National Water Awards is as follows:

6th National Water Award, 2024 - Winners			
SN	Winner	State	Rank
1. BEST STATE			
1	Maharashtra	Maharashtra	First
2	Gujarat	Gujarat	Second
3	Haryana	Haryana	Third
2. BEST DISTRICT			
East Zone			
4	Rajnandgaon	Chhattisgarh	First
West Zone			
5	Khargone	Madhya Pradesh	First
North Zone			
6	Mirzapur	Uttar Pradesh	First
South Zone			
7	Tirunelveli	Tamil Nadu	First
North East Zone			
8	Sepahijala	Tripura	First
3. BEST ULB			
9	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra	First
10	Bhavnagar	Gujarat	Second
11	Nabadiganta Industrial Township	West Bengal	Third -Joint Winner
12	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	Third -Joint Winner
4. BEST INSTITUTION OTHER THAN SCHOOL & COLLEGE			
Inside-Campus category			
13	Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar	Gujarat	First -Joint winner
14	ICAR – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa	Goa	First - Joint winner
15	Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani	Rajasthan	Second-Joint winner
16	Islamic University of Science & Technology, Awantipora	Jammu & Kashmir	Second -Joint winner
17	Assam Rifles, Manipur	Manipur	Special Mention
Outside-Campus category			
18	Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar	Haryana	First -Joint winner
19	Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle	Odisha	First -Joint winner
5. BEST WATER USER ASSOCIATION			
20	Vettaikaranpudur Canal Odayakulam Village WUA, Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	First
21	Kanifnath WUA, Nashik	Maharashtra	Second
22	Kharlan WUA, Sri Ganganagar	Rajasthan	Third
6. BEST CIVIL SOCIETY			
23	Banaskantha District Co-operative milk producers union limited, Banaskantha	Gujarat	First

24	Ambuja Foundation, Jaipur	Rajasthan	Second
25	Art of Living, Bengaluru	Karnataka	Third
7. BEST VILLAGE PANCHAYAT			
26	Dubbiganipalli, Annamayya	Andhra Pradesh	First -Joint winner
27	Payam, Kannur	Kerala	First -Joint winner
28	Kaweshwar, Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh	Second -Joint winner
29	Murugummi, Prakasam	Andhra Pradesh	Second -Joint winner
30	Balapuram, Tiruvallur	Tamil Nadu	Third - Joint Winner
31	Dumarpani, Kanker	Chhattisgarh	Third - Joint Winner
8. BEST SCHOOL OR COLLEGE			
32	Krishna Public School, Raipur	Chhattisgarh	First - Joint Winner
33	Army Public School, Kolkata	West Bengal	First - Joint Winner
34	BHSS, Zainakote, Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	Second
35	Malusanta Govt Nodal Higher Secondary School, Damanjodi, Koraput	Odisha	Third - Joint Winner
36	Jharkhand Balika Aawasiya Vidyalaya (JBAV) Rahe, Ranchi	Jharkhand	Third - Joint Winner
37	Mount Abu Public School, Rohini, Delhi	Delhi	Special Mention
38	Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi	Delhi	Special Mention
39	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Model School, Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala	Special Mention
9. BEST INDUSTRY			
40	Apollo Tyres Limited, Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	First
41	Hero MotoCorp Limited, Gurugram	Haryana	Second
42	Jhajjar Power Limited, Jhajjar	Haryana	Third
10. BEST INDIVIDUAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN WATER SECTOR			
East Zone			
43	Shri Kishore Jaiswal	Bihar	First
West Zone			
44	Shri Bajrang Lal Jaithu	Rajasthan	First
North Zone			
45	Shri Mohan Chandra Kandpal	Uttarakhand	First
South Zone			
46	Shri Podili Rajasekhara Raju	Andhra Pradesh	First

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List for Jal Sanchay — Jan Bhagidari (JSJB)

States /Union Territories recognised

1. TELANGANA
2. CHHATTISGARH
3. RAJASTHAN

Districts incentivised

Sr	Zone	Category	Rank	State	District
1.	Northern Zone	Category 1	1	UTTAR PRADESH	MIRZAPUR
2.		Category 1	2	UTTAR PRADESH	VARANASI
3.		Category 1	3	UTTAR PRADESH	JALAUN
4.		Category 2	1	UTTAR PRADESH	CHITRAKOOT
5.	Eastern Zone	Category 1	1	CHHATTISGARH	BALOD
6.		Category 1	2	CHHATTISGARH	RAJNANDGAON
7.		Category 1	3	CHHATTISGARH	RAIPUR
8.		Category 2	1	CHHATTISGARH	MAHASAMUND
9.		Category 2	2	CHHATTISGARH	BALODA BAZAR
10.		Category 2	3	CHHATTISGARH	GARIYABAND
11.		Category 3	1	CHHATTISGARH	BILASPUR
12.		Category 3	2	CHHATTISGARH	RAIGARH
13.		Category 3	3	BIHAR	NALANDA
14.		Category 3	4	ODISHA	GANJAM
15.		Category 3	5	BIHAR	KAIMUR (BHABUA)
16.		Category 3	6	CHHATTISGARH	BALRAMPUR
17.		Category 3	7	ODISHA	MAYURBHANJ
18.		Category 3	8	CHHATTISGARH	DHAMTARI
19.		Category 3	9	BIHAR	ROHTAS
20.		Category 3	10	ODISHA	KALAHANDI
21.		Category 3	11	ODISHA	RAYAGADA
22.		Category 3	12	CHHATTISGARH	SURAJPUR
23.		Category 3	13	BIHAR	PURBI CHAMPARAN
24.		Category 3	14	BIHAR	KATI HAR
25.	Category 3	15	ODISHA	CUTTACK	
26.	Category 3	16	CHHATTISGARH	DURG	
27.	Southern Zone	Category 1	1	TELANGANA	ADILABAD
28.		Category 1	2	TELANGANA	NALGONDA
29.		Category 1	3	TELANGANA	MANCHERIAL
30.		Category 2	1	TELANGANA	WARANGAL
31.		Category 2	2	TELANGANA	NIRMAL
32.		Category 2	3	TELANGANA	JANGOAN
33.		Category 3	1	TELANGANA	BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM
34.		Category 3	2	TAMIL NADU	COIMBATORE
35.		Category 3	3	TELANGANA	MAHABUBNAGAR
36.		Category 3	4	KARNATAKA	GADAG
37.		Category 3	5	KARNATAKA	KOLAR
38.		Category 3	6	KARNATAKA	BIDAR
39.		Category 3	7	KARNATAKA	TUMAKURU
40.		Category 3	8	KARNATAKA	VIJAYAPURA
41.		Category 3	9	KARNATAKA	MANDYA
42.		Category 3	10	TAMIL NADU	NAMAKKAL

43.		Category 3	11	KARNATAKA	CHITRADURGA
44.		Category 3	12	ANDHRA PRADESH	SPSR NELLORE
45.		Category 3	13	TAMIL NADU	RAMANATHA PURAM
46.	Western Zone	Category 1	1	MADHYA PRADESH	EAST NIMAR
47.		Category 1	2	RAJASTHAN	BHILWARA
48.		Category 1	3	RAJASTHAN	BARMER
49.		Category 2	1	GUJARAT	SURAT
50.		Category 2	2	RAJASTHAN	JAIPUR
51.		Category 2	3	RAJASTHAN	UDAIPUR
52.		Category 3	1	RAJASTHAN	ALWAR
53.		Category 3	2	MADHYA PRADESH	GUNA
54.		Category 3	3	MADHYA PRADESH	BETUL
55.		Category 3	4	GUJARAT	RAJKOT
56.		Category 3	5	MADHYA PRADESH	DHAR
57.		Category 3	6	RAJASTHAN	DUNGARPUR
58.		Category 3	7	GUJARAT	NAVSARI
59.		Category 3	8	RAJASTHAN	BARAN
60.		Category 3	9	MADHYA PRADESH	DEWAS
61.		Category 3	10	MADHYA PRADESH	SEONI
62.		Category 3	11	RAJASTHAN	CHITTORGARH
63.		Category 3	12	RAJASTHAN	SIKAR
64.		Category 3	13	MADHYA PRADESH	KHARGONE
65.	Category 3	14	GUJARAT	KHEDA	
66.	North- Eastern	Category 1	1	TRIPURA	North Tripura
67.	Zone & Hilly States	Category 1	2	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	RAJOURI

Municipal Corporations

SR.	Category	Rank	State	Municipal Corporation
1.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	1	CHHATTISGARH	RAIPUR Municipal Corporation
2.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	2	TELANGANA	Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board responsible for JSJB in the HYDERABAD Municipal Corporation area
3.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	3	UTTAR PRADESH	GORAKHPUR Municipal Corporation
4.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	4	ANDHRA PRADESH	RAJAHMUNDRY Municipal Corporation
5.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	5	UTTAR PRADESH	GHAZIABAD Municipal Corporation
6.	Top 10 Municipal Corporations	6	GUJARAT	SURAT Municipal Corporation

ULBs

Sr.	Category	Rank	State	District	ULBs
1	Top 50 ULBs (other than Municipal Corporations)	1	Madhya Pradesh	Guna	GUNA

NGOs

1. Jaltara Save Groundwater
2. Gir Ganga Parivar
3. Art of Living

Private Philanthropist- Philanthropic Contributions

1. Karmabhoomi se Matrabhoomi
2. Hasmukhbhai - Gujarat
