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Dear *Principal Secretary/Secretary*

Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has been incentivizing the best performing Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/States/Union Territories (UTs) across the country under the Incentivization of Panchayats (*one of the Central Components of the restructured Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan scheme*) in recognition of their good work for improving delivery of services and public goods. These awards, which are given on 24<sup>th</sup> April every year celebrated as National Panchayati Raj Day, inculcate a competitive spirit among PRIs and States/UTs paving a way for overall good governance at grassroots level.

2. The Awards are given under the following categories:

- i. *Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Puraskar (DDUPSP)*: to be conferred to best performing Panchayats (Gram, Intermediate & District) across the States/UTs in recognition of the good work done for improving delivery of services and public goods.
- ii. *Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar (NDRGGSP)*: to be conferred to GPs for their outstanding contribution to the socio-economic development by involving Gram Sabhas.
- iii. *Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) Award*: to be conferred to best performing GPs across the country which have developed their GPDPs according to the State/UT specific guidelines prepared in line with the model guidelines issued by MoPR [or adopted as such].
- iv. *Child-friendly Gram Panchayat Award (CFGPA)*: to be conferred to best performing GPs/Village Councils (VCs) (one in each State/UT) for adopting child-friendly practices.
- v. *e-Panchayat Puraskar*: to be conferred to best performing States/UTs for promoting e-enablement of PRIs for bringing in efficiency, transparency and accountability in their functioning.

3. I am pleased to inform you that the online nominations from the PRIs/States/UTs for the abovementioned categories of National Panchayat Awards 2020 (Appraisal year 2018-19) are to be invited soon. For more information regarding the award guidelines, communications, and procedure for filling up the nominations, the Ministry's link <http://panchayataward.gov.in> may be referred on a regular basis to avoid any delays in communication/dissemination of information. In case of any clarifications, queries may be forwarded to [awards-mopr@nic.in](mailto:awards-mopr@nic.in).

5. As in the past, a State/UT Nodal Officer who will assist Panchayats in filling up the online nomination forms is to be nominated and his/her contact details be shared with this Ministry at the abovementioned email-id (s) in the format enclosed. NIC Coordinators will also assist in filling up the online nomination forms.
6. Encouragingly, National Panchayat Awards have become a medium for creating awareness and sharing of knowledge across the country about the achievements of the PRIs thus raising the level of commitment of all stakeholders benefiting the nation as a result. Therefore, the States/UTs are requested to ensure a wider publicity for an encouraging and incremental participation from across the country for these awards.

With regards,

*Enclosed: As stated.*

Yours sincerely,

  
(Dr. Sanjeeb Kumar Patjoshi) 19/12/19

**Principal Secretary/Secretary, Panchayati Raj of all States/UTs.**

**Contact Details of Nodal Officers for National Panchayat Awards 2020**

Sl.No.	State/UT	Name & Designation of Nodal Officer/other official	Contact No.	Email ID