



# 10th Anniversary of National Anubhav Awards

## Why in News?

Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for the Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, awarded the 8th "[National Anubhav Awards](#)" during the ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, alongside the **57th Pre-Retirement Counselling Workshop**.

## Key Points

- **Awards 2025:** The **10th anniversary** of the Anubhav Awards in 2025 highlighted significant milestones in governance and [diversity](#).
  - **One-third of this year's awardees were women**, reflecting the increasing presence of women officials in governance.
  - A total of **15 awardees from 11 ministries and departments** were honored, including officers from a public sector bank and a **central public sector enterprise for the first time**.
- **Notable Awardees:**
  - **M. Venkatesan:** Recognized for his service during critical times, including the 2014 Kashmir floods and Ukraine evacuation of 2022.
  - **Hukum Singh Meena:** Led the digitization of land records in over 6.4 lakh villages.
  - **Shalini Kacker (SBI):** Instrumental in [Direct Benefit Transfer](#), pension reforms, and Digital Life Certificate campaigns.
  - **O. Virupakshappa (Department of Posts):** Expanded postal savings and insurance schemes in rural areas.
  - **Saju P.K. (CRPF):** Served in sensitive operational areas like Assam and Pulwama.
- **Pre-Retirement Counselling:** The event included pre-retirement counselling to inform soon-to- retire employees about pension procedures, health benefits, investment options, and income tax matters.
- **New Initiatives Launched:** The event saw the release of several initiatives, including:
  - Guidelines for the **Digital Life Certificate Campaign 4.0**.
  - A **Coffee Table e-Book** highlighting success stories from Special Campaign 2.0.
  - Plans have also been announced to use [artificial intelligence](#) to analyze memoirs submitted on the Anubhav portal.

## National Anubhav Awards

- **About:** The Anubhav Awards, initiated by the **Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW)**, is designed to recognize and document the experiences of retiring and retired Central Government employees.
  - **Launched in March 2015** on the direction of the Prime Minister of India, the objective is to create a culture of sharing experiences, fostering good governance and administrative reforms through the Anubhav Portal.
- **Eligibility:** Retiring Central Government employees/pensioners are eligible. Write-ups published on the **Anubhav Portal**, during the time frame notified by DoPPW, are considered for the awards.

