



National Panchayat Awards 2025

Why in News?

The Prime Minister of India presented the [National Panchayat Awards](#) during an event organized on the occasion of [National Panchayati Raj Day](#) (24th April 2025) at **Madhubani, Bihar**.

Key Points

- **Motipur Panchayat:**
 - Motipur Panchayat of **Bihar** has been awarded **the National Panchayat Award 2025**. The Prime Minister presented this award to **Mukhiya Prema Devi**
 - As part of this award, **an amount of Rs 50 lakh** was also awarded to the Panchayat.
 - Motipur Panchayat is the **only one selected from Bihar for the 'Climate Action Special Panchayat Award.'**
 - **Only three panchayats** have been selected from across the country in this category.
 - This award is **given for outstanding contributions to environmental protection, [green development](#), and climate-friendly schemes.**
- **About National Panchayat Awards:**
 - This is to encourage top performing Panchayats that are in line with the 9 themes of **[Local Development Goals \(LSDGs\)](#)**, which cover all **the [17 SDGs](#)**.
 - For this, the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj has established special categories of **National Panchayat Awards** to encourage them.
 - **Climate Action Special Panchayat Award (CASPA):** To encourage Panchayats to act as climate-responsive local governments.
 - **Atma Nirbhar Panchayat Special Award (ANPSA):** To promote Atmanirbharta through augmentation of Own Source Revenue (OSR) by Panchayats.
 - **Panchayat Kshamta Nirman Sarvottam Sansthan Puraskar (PKNSSP):** To recognize excellence in capacity building and training of Panchayati Raj representatives and functionaries.
 - The winners are awarded trophies, certificates, and cash prizes.
 - **The first-place winner receives Rs 1 crore**, the second-place winner gets Rs 75 lakh, and the third-place winner is awarded Rs 50 lakh.

National Panchayati Raj Day

- The day is being celebrated **on April 24 since 2010**.
- It marks the enactment of **the [73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992](#)**, through which **Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)** were granted statutory status.

Panchayati Raj

- Panchayats are mentioned in **[Article 40](#)** of the Indian Constitution and **[Article 246](#)** empowers the State Legislature to make laws on any matter relating to local self-government.
- **To establish democracy at the local level, PRIs** were given constitutional status through the

73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 and they were **entrusted with the task of rural development in the country.**

- PRI is a system of rural local self-government in India.

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