

Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak (Union Home Minister's Efficiency Medal)

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Why in news?

‘Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak’ award for the year 2025 is announced.

- **Established in** - February 1, 2024.
- **Instituted by** - Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
- **Purpose** - To recognize excellent work, promote high professional standards and boost the morale of the **concerned official/officer** in the 4 fields.
- It also covers operations such as counter-terrorism, border action, arms control, narcotics smuggling prevention etc.



- **Fields of Recognition** -
 - Special Operation,
 - Investigation,
 - Intelligence and
 - Forensic Science.
- **Eligibility** - It is conferred on members of the Police Forces, Security Organizations, Intelligence Wings/Branches, CAPFs, CPOs, and Forensic

Science units at the Central, State, and Union Territory levels.

- No **minimum period of service** required.
- **Creation** - By **merging the 4** previously existing MHA awards -
 - The Special Operation Medal,
 - The Medal for Excellence in Investigation,
 - The Exceptional Intelligence Efficiency Medal, and
 - The Union Home Minister's Award for Meritorious Service.
- **Announcement** - The recipients are announced **annually** on October 31, the **birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**.
- The medal can be **forfeited** if awardee is dismissed/removed/major penalty imposed or found involved in criminal offence or conduct unbecoming; the Home Minister may restore it.
- **For 2025** - It is awarded to 1,466 personnel of various States/UTs/CAPFs/CPOs for the year 2025.

References

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