National Anubhav Awards, 2026

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During the National Anubhav Awards 2026 campaign, published write-ups reached a record high of 2,141, with the best entries set to be honoured at the upcoming award ceremony.

- **Launched –** March,2015.
- **Aim –** To recognise and incentivise outstanding contributions of *retired and retiring government employees*.
- **Purpose –** To document the administrative history of the country through the sharing of knowledge, best practices, and administrative insights by retired and retiring employees.
- **Nodal Ministry –** Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions.
- **Eligibility –** Any employee who is going to retire in next 8 months or who has retired within a period not exceeding 3 years can submit their write-up on the portal.
- **Sectors Covered –** Central Government, CPSU, or Public Sector Bank employees.
- **Categories –** Based on various categories, includes
    - Accounts and administration
    - Good governance practices
    - Government process re-engineering
    - Information technology
    - Research and innovation
    - Simplification of procedures
    - Public dealing and fieldwork contributions
    - Learning from failures
    - Acts of bravery or strength
    - Constructive suggestions for improvement.
- **Selection Process** – Retiring/retired staff upload a 5,000-word write-up on the portal, which must be officially approved and published by their Ministry.
    - **Tier-I Screening –** A committee scores entries (out of 40) based on criteria like content, innovation, leadership, and medals specific to the employee's pay grade.
    - **Tier-II Evaluation –** A high-level Evaluation Committee reviews the top-scoring entries for final shortlisting.
    - **Final Clearances –** Winners are finalised only after receiving No Objection Certificates (NOCs) and clearance from the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and the Department Secretary.
- **Final Authority** – The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare holds final

authority over all decisions.

- **National Anubhav Award (5 Winners)** – Includes a medal, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000.
- **Jury Certificate (10 Winners)** – Includes a medal and a certificate.
- **Present Status –** Till date, 63 National Awards and 29 Jury Certificates have been presented.

References

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