National Panchayat Awards

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Why in News?

Recently, 42 Panchayats Honoured for Driving Rural Transformation at National Panchayat Awards 2025 Ceremony in New Delhi.

- **About** – These awards recognise the exemplary contributions of Panchayats across the country towards fostering inclusive, participatory and sustainable rural development, in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- **Conferred by** – The Ministry of *Panchayati Raj.*
- **Time Period** – Annually
- **Revamped Framework (2023)** – Aligned with the 9 themes of *Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs)* and focuses on holistic, transparent, and future-oriented assessment.
- **2 Categories**
- **Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP)** – Awarded to 34 Gram Panchayats from 17 States/UTs, based on performance across 9 LSDG themes –
    - Poverty reduction, health, water sufficiency, women empowerment, and good governance.
- **Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP)** – Conferred on 8 Panchayats:
    - 3 Best District Panchayats
    - 2 Best Block Panchayats
    - 3 Best Gram Panchayats
- Recognises the best-performing Panchayats on an overall basis.
- **Incentives** – Financial rewards range from Rs.50 lakh to Rs.5 crore per Panchayat is provided under the Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP) Scheme, a component of the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan.
- **Women Leadership** – 22 out of 42 Panchayats are headed by women, with 10 from southern states.
- **Significance** – The awards, linked to the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0, ensuring transparent, data-driven evaluation, strengthen grassroots governance and support the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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