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### **ABOUT US**

The Digital India Programme is a flagship programme of the Government of India with a vision to transform India into a digital society and knowledge economy. The digital India vision provides intensified impetus for further momentum and progress of digital-governance and would promote inclusive growth that covers electronic services, products, devices, manufacturing and job opportunities.

The National Portal of India (https://india.gov.in) acts as a single window access to information services being offered by entities of the Indian government at all levels. The portal has been designed and developed by National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India as a mission mode project. National Portal of India has a vision to promote more and more engaging digital initiatives. To give due recognition to the exemplary efforts in this direction the Digital India Awards has been instituted under the ambit of National Portal of India. The award aims to recognize the noteworthy and sustainable initiatives in the realm of digital-governance as well as to disseminate information about such initiatives for others to customise and replicate the success stories.

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# Web Ratna - Ministry / Department

The Award shall felicitate a Ministry or Department of the Government of India which has a comprehensive web presence and displays a high level of accountability in terms of quantity, quality, spectrum of coverage, security, integration with electronic authentication and digital payments. Level of convenience provided to the citizen for availing the services, usability, accessibility and citizen engagement for decision making would also be assessed

# Web Ratna - State / Union Territory

The Award aims to acknowledge the State/UT of India that displays exemplary initiative in establishing comprehensive web presence and exhibits high level of accountability in terms of quantity, quality, spectrum of coverage, security, integration with electronic authentication and digital payments. Level of convenience provided to the citizen for availing the services, usability, accessibility and citizen engagement for decision making would also be assessed. Special Award would be conferred to the participating North East States



# Exemplary Online Service

The Award shall felicitate those ICT based services by a Government Department (Central/State) which have displayed exemplary citizen focus, reach, scope and innovation in approach. The service should have effectively contributed to enhancement in efficiency, productivity as well as in improving transparency and accountability in the governance process. The entries should display extent of service maturity, and the convenience provided to the citizen for availing the services. Extent of integration with secure electronic authentication, digital payments and digi locker will be evaluated. Citizen participation for decision making is desirable

### Best Mobile App

India is going mobile. More people today are accessing the internet on their phone than ever before. The Award aims to honour the Best Mobile App launched by a Government entity. Nominated app should have well designed and intuitive mobile interface. The entry should also display ease of use and personalisation features. Usability, content organisation, security and availability on multiple platforms will be assessed. Backend dashboards and analytics functionality are desirable

### Web Ratna District

To reward the accomplishments of the District administration which has displayed exemplary focus on providing comprehensive information to the citizens. Entries must display the level of convenience provided to the citizen for availing the information in terms of accessibility, security, quality and spectrum of coverage highlighting the important facets of the district in terms of tourism, art, culture, handicraft and access to utilities. Special Award would be conferred to the participating North East Districts

# Outstanding Digital initiative by Local body

The Award aims to felicitate outstanding Local Body initiative with a focus on providing exemplary information quality, extent of services provisioning, service maturity, transparency, cost effectiveness and efficiency enhancement. The entries would also be assessed on the level of citizen engagement and convenience provided to the citizen through the digital initiative. Integration with electronic authentication and digital payments features with underpinning emphasis on security will also be assessed

# AWARD CATEGORIES



# Emerging Technologies

The award aims to honour those digital initiatives that have made exemplary use of emerging technologies in the field of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Virtual Reality, BlockChain, Internet of Things, Voice User Interface or Big Data & Analytics. The initiative must be successfully running and should have reached a substantial scale of implementation at the time of filing the nomination

### Open Data Champion

Open Data Championship Award is to acknowledge the Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations/ States for proactive, timely and regular release of datasets/resources through Web Services/APIs on the Open Government Data (OGD) Platform (https://data.gov.in) in compliance with the National Data **Sharing and Accessibility Policy** (NDSAP). The selection criteria primarily focuses on overall release of datasets/resources through secure Web Services/APIs and consumption by public at large apart from views, downloads, usability, etc. Potential usage of such datasets/resources for Open Data for Innovations would be an added advantage

## NOMINATION ELIGIBILITY

Central Government Ministries/ Departments/ Offices/ Institutions, State Government Departments/ Offices/ Institutions, District Administrations and Indian Missions Abroad are eligible to apply for the Digital India Awards. An initiative may be nominated for more than one category. For submitting your nominations, log on to

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All entries should be submitted online in the prescribed performa. The nomination should be supported by an Authorisation Certificate as per the prescribed format, duly signed by the respective nominating authority. A scanned copy of the certificate should be submitted online and original to be sent by post to the National Portal Secretariat (Address given overleaf).