

SIKKIM BAGS FIVE NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PANCHAYATI RAJ

Lucknow, April 24: The engaging and enabling climate of good governance prevalent in Sikkim for sustainable human development has allowed our Rural Local Bodies to grow from strength to strength.

Thus, strengthening the cause of good governance and also lending continuity to the tradition of bringing laurels for the State, this year too, Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim has bagged five (5) National Awards for the Appraisal year 2015-16 viz: the “Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktiran Puraskar” at Gram Panchayat Unit Level, one (1) National Award Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar 2017 with the new nomenclature as “Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Puraskar” at Zilla Panchayat level and one (1) National Award for e-Puraskar at the State level bringing the **total tally of National Awards to five (5)** for the appraisal year 2015-16.

1. e-Puraskar for the State of Sikkim – ranked 1st.
2. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Purashkar for East District Zilla Panchayat.
3. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Purashkar for Poklok Denchung GPU, South Sikkim.
4. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Purashkar for Dalapchand GPU, East Sikkim.
5. Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Purashkar for Rey Mendu GPU, East Sikkim.

The awards were presented by Shri Yogi Adityanath, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon’ble Minister of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development and Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India in presence of Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Government of India on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day in a grand function held at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh today.

Shri M.N. Dhakal, Director, Panchayati Raj, Rural Management & Development Department, Government of Sikkim, received the e-Purashkar Award on behalf of the State Government. The Panchayat Sashaktikaran Purashkar at the Zilla level was received by Shri Bimal Dawari, Hon'ble Adhyaksha East District Zilla Panchayat and the Gram Panchayat Unit level awards were received by Panchayat Presidents of winning Gram Panchayat Units.

The awards are indicators of Sikkim doing exemplary work under Panchayati Raj which has been achieved due to devolution of Power to the Panchayats and the constant support by the State Government. The awards and accolades received by the State at various forum have been possible due to the climate of good governance and vibrant local self government as envisaged by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Pawan Chamling.