

Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme)

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Objectives (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

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Important Features (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

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- The Government has implemented a comprehensive strategy to address the sanitation challenges prevalent in rural areas.
- The primary focus of this strategy is to encourage and motivate rural communities to abandon the traditional practice of open defecation and adopt safe sanitation practices.
- The Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (MVSSP) has been introduced as part of this initiative.
- The MVSSP is an annual competition that aims to identify and recognize the cleanest Gram Panchayat at various levels, including block, district, division, and state.
- The competition serves as a platform to evaluate the cleanliness and hygiene conditions maintained by Gram Panchayats.

Benefits (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

- Block Level: The Gram Panchayat that attains the first position at the block level receives a cash prize of 1 lakh rupees. This monetary reward serves as recognition for their exemplary efforts in maintaining cleanliness and sanitation within their community. District Level: The prize amount increases to 3 lakh rupees at the district level. Two Gram Panchayats can receive the prize if a district has more than 300 Gram Panchayats. This encourages healthy competition among Gram Panchayats within the district, fostering a cleaner and more hygienic environment. Division Level: The winning Gram Panchayat at the division level is awarded a cash prize of 5 lakh rupees. This higher prize amount recognizes the exceptional cleanliness standards achieved by the Gram Panchayat within their division. State Level: The highest recognition and incentives are reserved for the winning Gram Panchayat at the state level. The state
- level winner receives a generous cash prize of 10 lakh rupees. This substantial reward serves as a testament to their outstanding commitment to cleanliness and sanitation practices.

Eligibility (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

- Open Defecation
- Free Gram Panchayat: The Gram Panchayat should have achieved open defecation
- free status. This means that the community within the Gram Panchayat has successfully eliminated the practice of open defecation by providing adequate toilet facilities for all households. Previous Level Winners: Gram Panchayats that have won an award at a particular level in the MVSSP competition are not eligible to participate in the same level for the next three years. However, they can compete at higher levels in the subsequent years. State
- Level Winner: The Gram Panchayat that has won the state
- level award is not eligible to participate in the MVSSP competition for three years after winning the award.

Application Process (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

- Step 1: Gram Panchayat Resolution The Gram Panchayat should pass a resolution expressing their intention to participate in the MVSSP competition.
- Step 2: Application Form Submission The Gram Panchayat fills out the application form provided by the MVSSP.
- The completed application form is submitted to the Block Development Officer (BDO) by 23rd April each year.
- The application form should be attested by the Gram Panchayat head and three other members.
- Step 3: Scrutiny by Block Development Officer The Block Development Officer (BDO) scrutinizes the received applications for completeness and eligibility.
- Step 4: Referral to District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) The Block Development Officer refers the applications to the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) for further processing.
- Step 5: Assessment and Decision Assessment Committees at different levels (block, district, division, and state) evaluate the eligible Gram Panchayats based on prescribed norms and marking criteria.
- The committees select the best/cleanest Gram Panchayats at each level, starting from the block level and progressing to the district, divisional, and state levels.
- The winners are announced and awarded prizes at the respective levels during Independence Day celebrations.

Documents Required (Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme))

- The completed application form provided by the MVSSP
 - including the following information: Gram Panchayat Resolution: A resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat expressing their intention to participate in the MVSSP competition. Application Form Name of the Gram Panchayat Details of open defecation-free status Contact information of Gram Panchayat head and members Attestation by the Gram Panchayat head and three other members Proof of Open Defecation-Free Status: Documents or certificates verifying that the Gram Panchayat has been open defecation-free. Supporting Documents: Any additional documents or evidence that may be required to support the application
 - such as photographs
 - reports
 - or testimonials showcasing the sanitation efforts and initiatives undertaken by the Gram Panchayat.
- Note: Depending on the specific requirements or guidelines of the MVSSP
- additional documents may be requested to assess the eligibility or performance of the Gram Panchayat. It is advisable to refer to the official guidelines or contact the relevant authorities for accurate information regarding the specific documents needed.