

Himachal Pradesh Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puraskar (state Sanitation Reward Scheme) Are you sure you want to sign out? Cancel Sign Out Eng English / हिमाचल प्रदेश महारिषी वाल्मिकी संपूर्ण स्वच्छता पुरस्कार (राज्य शौचालय इनाम योजना) क्या आप सुनिश्चित हैं कि आप साइट से बाहर निकलना चाहते हैं? रद्द करना साइन आउट

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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. Factors such as waste management, sanitation infrastructure, and active community participation are taken into consideration during the evaluation process.

The winners of the MVSSP at the state and divisional levels are honored by the Honorable Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh during the Independence Day celebrations each year. Similarly, the winners at the district and block levels receive their prizes from senior dignitaries. This recognition serves as an incentive for Gram Panchayats to maintain high cleanliness standards and continue their efforts towards improved sanitation.

**Benefits**

**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:** At the district level, the prize amount increases to 3 lakh rupees. If a district has more than 300 Gram Panchayats, two Gram Panchayats can receive the prize. 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 incentive 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**

**Open Defecation Free Gram Panchayat:** The Gram Panchayat should have achieved the status of being open defecation free. 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 for 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.

**Exclusions**

**Non-Open Defecation Free Gram Panchayats:** Gram Panchayats that have not achieved the status of being open defecation free are not eligible to participate in the MVSSP competition. This requirement ensures that participating Gram Panchayats have successfully eradicated the practice of open defecation within their communities.

**Previous Level Winners:** Winning Gram Panchayats at any level are excluded from participating in the MVSSP competition for the same level for the next three years. For example, if a Gram Panchayat wins the Block level award in a specific year, they are not eligible to compete for the Block level award for the following three years. However, they can participate in the competition at a higher level. For instance, they can compete for the District, Division, or State level awards in the subsequent years.

**State Level Winner:** The Gram Panchayat that wins the state-level award is not eligible to participate in the MVSSP competition for three years after the year of winning. This exclusion allows other Gram Panchayats to have an opportunity to showcase their cleanliness achievements and compete for the prestigious state-level award.

**Application Process**

**Offline 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 (Annexure-A) 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**

**Gram Panchayat Resolution:** A resolution passed by the Gram Panchayat expressing their intention to participate in the MVSSP competition.

**Application Form (Annexure-A):** The completed application form provided by the MVSSP, including the following information:

- 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 achieved the status of being 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.

**Any Other Relevant Documents:** Depending on the specific requirements or guidelines of the MVSSP, there may be additional documents 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.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is MVSSP?** MVSSP stands for Maharishi Valmiki Sampurn Swachata Puruskar, which is a competition organized by the Government of Himachal Pradesh to recognize and reward the cleanest Gram Panchayats at various levels.

**Who is eligible to participate in the MVSSP competition?** Any Gram Panchayat that has achieved the status of being open defecation-free is eligible to participate in the MVSSP competition.

**Can a Gram Panchayat participate in the MVSSP competition if it has previously won an award at a lower level?** Yes, a Gram Panchayat can participate in the competition at a higher level even if it has won an award at a lower level. However, winning Gram Panchayats at any level are excluded from participating in the same level for the next three years.

**How are the assessments conducted in the MVSSP competition?** Assessment committees are set up at block, district, division, and state levels. The assessments are carried out based on prescribed norms and marking criteria by these committees.

**Who makes up the assessment committees at different levels?** The assessment committees comprise members from Panchayat Samiti, NGOs, government officials from line departments, local press representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.

**How is the assessment process carried out at the block level?** The block-level assessment committee visits all the participating Gram Panchayats in the block, assesses them based on the prescribed norms, and selects the best/cleanest Panchayats in that block.

**What happens after the block-level assessment?** The block-level winners proceed to participate in the district-level competition, where a similar assessment process is conducted to select the best Panchayats at the district level.

**When do the assessments take place?** The assessments of the participating Gram Panchayats occur between

April and July each year, with specific dates varying annually. What are the prizes awarded to the winners? The winners of MVSSP at different levels receive cash prizes, with amounts ranging from 1 lakh at the block level to 10 lakh at the state level. Can a Gram Panchayat that has won at the state level participate again in the following years? No, a Gram Panchayat that has won at the state level is not eligible to participate in the competition for the next three years after the year of winning.

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