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Q1. Which Gram Panchayat secured Rank 1 under the “Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat” category in the National Panchayat Awards 2025?

- (a) Mudradi
- (b) Chemmullapalli
- (c) Gyalshing Omchung
- (d) Vandse

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is (A) Mudradi

Explanation:

- Under the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the Mudradi Gram Panchayat, located in the Hebri Taluk of the Udipi district in Karnataka, achieved the prestigious Rank 1 nationwide under the critical theme of 'Poverty-Free and Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat'.
- This remarkable accolade under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) category carried a substantial financial incentive of ₹1 crore, aimed at enabling the local body to execute further sustainable development and capital works in its jurisdiction.
- Mudradi Gram Panchayat's selection as the national leader was driven by its exceptional socioeconomic performance metrics, particularly its highly effective model of community mobilization and livelihood diversification for rural households.
- The panchayat successfully brought together over 650 local women into 65 vibrant Self-Help Groups (SHGs), ensuring 100% formal bank credit linkages and exceeding an annual credit utilization of over ₹100 lakh to foster local entrepreneurship.
- Furthermore, Mudradi exhibited flawless implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), generating over 28,500 person-days of work, guaranteeing 100 days of complete employment to 128 vulnerable families, and achieving 100% universal saturation in social welfare pensions and Public Distribution System (PDS) coverage alongside complete tap water connectivity.

Information Booster:

- Crucially, Mudradi Gram Panchayat is actively led by a woman elected head/sarpanch, which highlights the expanding and impactful role of women leadership in driving structural administrative success and transparency across India's rural landscape.
- The 'Poverty-Free and Enhanced Livelihoods' theme is the first foundational pillar among the nine Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) customized for rural local bodies by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to systematically eliminate extreme poverty and create resilient income-generating opportunities at the village level.

Additional Knowledge:

- Chemmullapalli (Option B): Chemmullapalli Gram Panchayat is located in the Khajipet Block of the Y.S.R. (Kadapa) district in Andhra Pradesh. In the National Panchayat Awards 2025, it performed extraordinarily well to secure the national Rank 2 under the same 'Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat' category, receiving a prize incentive of ₹75 lakh. While it stands as a model of rural excellence, it was placed just behind Mudradi.

- Gyalshing Omchung (Option C): Gyalshing Omchung Gram Panchayat is located in the Gyalshing district of Sikkim. Representing the Himalayan region's dedication to grassroots governance, this panchayat clinched the national Rank 3 in the 'Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods Panchayat' thematic area, earning a prize of ₹50 lakh for its unique mountainous livelihood models and organic farming integrations.
- Vandse (Option D): Vandse Gram Panchayat is another highly successful local body situated in the Kundapura Taluk of the Udupi district in Karnataka. Led by a woman sarpanch, it carved its own niche in the National Panchayat Awards 2025 by securing the national Rank 2 under a entirely different theme—the 'Healthy Panchayat' category—for which it received a cash award of ₹75 lakh due to its outstanding universal healthcare accessibility and sanitation models.

Q2. Which state secured the highest number of awards in the National Panchayat Awards 2025?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is (C) Karnataka

Explanation:

- In the recently announced results for the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the state of Karnataka emerged as one of the top-performing states in the country by securing a total of six national awards under the prestigious Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) category.
- Out of the 42 outstanding panchayats selected across the entire nation, Karnataka alone bagged six awards, reflecting its superior performance in implementing rural welfare schemes, local infrastructure development, and grassroots democratic practices.
- Remarkably, five out of the six award-winning Gram Panchayats in Karnataka belong to a single district, which is the Udupi district, showcasing an exceptional cluster model of excellence in rural governance within the region.
- The winning Gram Panchayats from Karnataka include Mudradi Gram Panchayat (secured 1st rank under Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods), Vandse Gram Panchayat (secured 2nd rank under Healthy Panchayat), Halanayakanahalli Gram Panchayat in Bengaluru Urban (secured 2nd rank under Child-Friendly Panchayat), Madamakki Gram Panchayat (secured 2nd rank under Water-Sufficient Panchayat), Sanoor Gram Panchayat (secured 3rd joint rank under Self-Sufficient Infrastructure), and Hakladi Gram Panchayat (secured 3rd joint rank under Socially Just & Socially Secured Panchayat).
- This stellar achievement highlights Karnataka's robust decentralized administrative framework and active community involvement under its Panchayati Raj departments, putting it ahead of other prominent states in the national evaluation process.

Information Booster:

- The southern states of India overall displayed remarkable governance dominance during the National Panchayat Awards 2025 cycle, collectively securing 18 out of the total 42 national awards distributed across the country.
- Following Karnataka's lead with 6 awards, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha also stood out as major winners, securing 5 national awards each for their respective local bodies.

• In contrast, some of the highly populous states in the northern Hindi heartland, such as Uttar Pradesh (which has the highest number of panchayats in India) and Bihar, managed to secure only 1 national award each, highlighting a substantial performance disparity in the metrics evaluated by the Union Ministry.

Additional Knowledge:

- Andhra Pradesh (Option A): Andhra Pradesh was among the front-runners by bagging 5 national awards. Key winning panchayats from the state included Chemmullapalli Gram Panchayat, which clinched the second rank nationally in the Poverty-Free & Enhanced Livelihoods theme, and Srungavaram Gram Panchayat, which topped the country under the Panchayat with Good Governance category. Although highly successful, its count was just behind Karnataka.
- Odisha (Option B): Odisha demonstrated an extraordinary performance in rural transformation by also clinching 5 national awards. Its local bodies displayed tremendous improvement in social security delivery, clean and green initiatives, and water management. For instance, the Ganjam District Panchayat in Odisha was recognized as the second-best District Panchayat in India under the Nanaji Deshmukh category. However, its total tally was less than Karnataka's 6 awards.
- Tamil Nadu (Option D): Tamil Nadu is recognized for its historical roots in village committees (such as the Uttaramerur inscriptions) and modern socio-economic welfare models. In the National Panchayat Awards 2025, it secured a major win under the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar category, where the Coimbatore District Panchayat was ranked as the third-best District Panchayat in the entire country. Despite this high-level institutional recognition, its total number of awards was lower than Karnataka.

Q3. DDUPSVP awards are linked to which index?

- (a) Human Development Index
- (b) Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0
- (c) Sustainable Governance Index
- (d) Ease of Living Index

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (B) Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0

Explanation:

- The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) awards are systematically linked to and evaluated via the newly upgraded and refined data-driven framework called the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0.
- Released by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, the Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0 serves as a comprehensive national report card for over 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats across the country, evaluating their performance through robust, empirical data.
- PAI 2.0 specifically measures how effectively local rural bodies are implementing the nine core development themes associated with the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs). These include critical areas like poverty eradication, rural healthcare, clean drinking water, quality education, clean and green villages, child welfare, and infrastructure creation.
- Under the upgraded PAI 2.0 framework, the evaluation methodology evaluates Gram Panchayats across 150 concrete indicators and 230 distinct data points. This is a highly streamlined and rationalized version compared to PAI 1.0, which featured an overwhelmingly complex framework of 516 indicators and 794 data points, thereby making the assessment more focused, useful, and directly aligned with national planning structures.

- Based on their composite PAI 2.0 scores, participating panchayats are transparently classified into distinct performance grades ranging from Achiever (A+ score of 90 and above), Front Runner (A score of 75 to below 90), Performer (B score of 60 to below 75), Aspirant (C score of 40 to below 60), to Beginner (D score below 40), allowing objective benchmarking for national awards.

Information Booster:

- PAI 2.0 has achieved unprecedented grassroots data penetration, recording a remarkable national participation rate of 97.30 percent, with 2,59,867 Gram Panchayats across 33 States and Union Territories successfully validating and submitting their administrative data on the central portal.
- The latest PAI 2.0 report revealed that 3,635 Gram Panchayats nationwide have successfully emerged as 'Front Runners', while a substantial 1,18,824 Gram Panchayats have progressed into the 'Performer' category, with the strongest positive advancements being registered in the fields of livelihood enhancement and local public healthcare.

Additional Knowledge:

- Human Development Index (Option A): The Human Development Index (HDI) is a globally recognized composite index published annually by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). It measures long-term national progress across three basic dimensions of human development: a long and healthy life (life expectancy), access to knowledge (education), and a decent standard of living (GNI per capita). It functions at the country/macro level and is not used to evaluate individual Indian panchayats for the DDUPSVP.
- Sustainable Governance Index (Option C): The Sustainable Governance Index (SGI) is an international cross-national monitoring and benchmarking tool developed by organizations like the Bertelsmann Stiftung to evaluate policy performance and governance quality among OECD and EU countries. It has no structural or institutional relevance to the local bodies or rural governance frameworks managed by the Government of India.
- Ease of Living Index (Option D): The Ease of Living Index is an assessment tool designed and implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in India. It evaluates urban centers and municipal corporations across parameters like quality of life, economic ability, sustainability, and citizen perception to rank cities. It focuses exclusively on urban habitats rather than rural Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Q4. Under the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the maximum financial incentive awarded is:

- (a) ₹1 crore
- (b) ₹2 crore
- (c) ₹3 crore
- (d) ₹5 crore

Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is (D) ₹5 crore

Explanation:

- Under the revamped guidelines of the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the maximum financial incentive awarded to a single winning local body reaches up to a massive ₹5 crore.
- This maximum prize money of ₹5 crore is specifically reserved for the topmost winners under the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP) category, which recognizes the best-performing District Panchayats (Zilla Parishads) in the country for overall holistic growth and institutional governance excellence.

- For example, in the 2025 award cycle, the Sepahijala District Panchayat located in the state of Tripura clinched the Rank 1 position as the Best District Panchayat in India, thereby receiving the full financial award of ₹5 crore to further amplify its large-scale rural development works.
- The financial incentives distributed under these awards are governed by the 'Incentivization of Panchayats' (IoP) component under the central government's flagship scheme—the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). The funds are strictly mandated to be utilized by the winning panchayats for developing sustainable local infrastructure, improving public asset delivery, and filling vital developmental gaps.
- The scale of financial incentives varies hierarchically across levels and positions, ranging from ₹25 lakh for third-place joint winners at the Gram Panchayat level up to ₹5 crore for first-place winners at the district level, creating an exceptionally powerful fiscal motivation for local bodies.

Information Booster:

- Under the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) category, which is targeted exclusively at individual Gram Panchayats across the nine separate thematic goals, the highest financial award is ₹1 crore, given to the first-rank holder of each theme (such as Mudradi GP for poverty eradication or Kanchanbari GP for health).
- The second-rank holders under the DDUPSVP category receive ₹75 lakh, while the third-rank holders generally receive ₹50 lakh or ₹25 lakh (in case of joint rankings), ensuring that outstanding performance at the village level is well-compensated.
- For the upper-tier local bodies under the Nanaji Deshmukh category, the second-ranked District Panchayat receives a cash award of ₹3 crore (won by Ganjam in Odisha for 2025), and the third-ranked District Panchayat receives ₹2 crore (won by Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for 2025).

Additional Knowledge:

- ₹1 crore (Option A): While ₹1 crore represents a monumental sum for local development, it is not the absolute maximum financial ceiling of the entire award system. Instead, ₹1 crore is the maximum financial incentive allocated exclusively to the Rank 1 winners at the lowest tier of local governance, namely the Gram Panchayats, under each of the nine specialized Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs) themes.
- ₹2 crore (Option B): The financial figure of ₹2 crore is strategically positioned within the intermediate reward brackets of the upper tiers. Under the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar category, a cash incentive of ₹2 crore is awarded precisely to the District Panchayat that secures the national Rank 3 position across the country, as seen with Coimbatore District Panchayat in the 2025 cycle.
- ₹3 crore (Option C): A cash incentive of ₹3 crore is awarded to the local body that secures the national Rank 2 position at the highest level of devolution, which is the District Panchayat tier under the Nanaji Deshmukh category. In the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the Ganjam District Panchayat of Odisha successfully achieved this rank and secured the ₹3 crore prize money for its exceptional administrative track record.

Q5. Which pair of leaders have Panchayat Awards named after them under the National Panchayat Awards 2025?

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave
- (b) Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh
- (c) Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Deen Dayal Upadhyay
- (d) Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (B) Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh

Explanation:

- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India, confers the annual National Panchayat Awards to celebrate the exemplary performance of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) across the country in advancing grassroots development and achieving Localized Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs).
- Under the National Panchayat Awards 2025, the accolades are divided into two primary overarching categories named after prominent leaders: the Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) and the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP).
- The Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (DDUPSVP) specifically evaluates and awards Gram Panchayats for their outstanding contributions across nine predefined thematic areas of the Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (LSDGs), such as poverty eradication, health, water management, child friendliness, and gender equality. For the 2025 awards, a total of 34 Gram Panchayats across 17 States and Union Territories were selected under this category.
- On the other hand, the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Satat Vikas Puraskar (NDSPSVP) acknowledges the overall excellence of Panchayats across all development themes at different tiers of the Panchayati Raj system, including District Panchayats (Zilla Parishads), Block Panchayats (Panchayat Samitis), and Gram Panchayats. In the 2025 award cycle, 8 outstanding Panchayats were selected for this top tier of excellence.
- Together, these two categories aim to generate healthy competition among rural local bodies, encourage evidence-based planning, and inspire rural communities toward the overarching national goal of achieving a 'Viksit Bharat' or Developed India.

Information Booster:

- The National Panchayat Awards have been institutionalized under the Incentivization of Panchayats (IoP) component of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- The evaluation framework incorporates a highly objective and data-driven approach based on the newly upgraded Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) 2.0. This index utilizes 150 indicators and 230 distinct data points across nine distinct development themes.
- An inspiring highlight of the National Panchayat Awards 2025 is the strong emphasis on women's empowerment, as evidenced by the fact that 22 out of the 42 award-winning Panchayats from across the nation are actively led by women elected representatives, showing a monumental shift toward inclusive governance.

Additional Knowledge:

- Mahatma Gandhi and Vinoba Bhave (Option A): Mahatma Gandhi strongly advocated for 'Gram Swaraj' (village self-governance), viewing villages as the foundational units of Indian democracy. Acharya Vinoba Bhave pioneered the Bhoodan Movement (Land Gift Movement) to bring about voluntary land reform and rural equity. While both are historical icons of rural empowerment and decentralization, no awards are named after this specific pair under the National Panchayat Awards 2025 framework.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Deen Dayal Upadhyay (Option C): Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee championed rural connectivity through schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay formulated the philosophy of Integral Humanism and Antyodaya (upliftment of the last person). While Deen Dayal Upadhyay's name is utilized for the DDUPSVP, former PM Vajpayee's name is not paired with him for these specific awards.

- Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh (Option D): Jayaprakash Narayan, popularly known as JP, was an iconic leader who advocated for total revolution and decentralized democratic participation. Nanaji Deshmukh was a legendary social reformer who dedicated his post-political life to rural transformation, particularly in the Chitrakoot region, striving for self-reliance in rural clusters. Although they were close ideological associates, the current national award structure pairs Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Nanaji Deshmukh rather than JP and Nanaji.



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