

20<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF  
**CII NATIONAL AWARDS**  
FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
**WATER MANAGEMENT 2026**





## ABOUT AWARDS

CII National Awards for Excellence in Water Management has been recognizing the industry for its contribution towards making a Water Secure World - through operations, innovations, and CSR activities. For over a decade, these awards have been celebrating and awarding innovative water conservation & management practices taken by industries from varied sectors.

**700+**

Industries recognized till date



## WHY TO APPLY

Recognition for "Innovation and Excellence" in Water Resource Management



Identify Strengths & Opportunities to Excel in Water Management



Interact & Network with Individuals and Companies from Diverse Sectors



Knowledge Sharing & Peer Learning





# AWARD CATEGORIES



## Within the Fence

The award recognises companies who have done well with respect to improving water use efficiency and have an integrated approach for wastewater management system which includes recycle, recovery and reuse of industrial effluents.



## Beyond the Fence

The award recognises work done by the company at the watershed level with communities for improving the state of water resources, along with enhancing opportunities for livelihoods and socio-economic development, including any other CSR activities related to water.



## Innovative Water Saving Product



The award recognises companies involved in the manufacturing of water efficient equipment or products, which have an impact on water management, either by reducing freshwater consumption or enhancing wastewater recycling/reuse and recovery.



## WHO CAN APPLY

- Public and Private Industry Across All Sectors and Scales
- Industries, PSUs, Factories, Buildings, Townships, Utilities, Facilities & Institutions
- Industries, MSMEs and Start-Ups Offering Innovative Water Saving Products or Technology
- Water Conservation Projects

*Note: MSMEs are encouraged to apply under any category. They will be assessed & compared with other MSMEs.*



## AWARDS PROCESS

The Awards adhere to a transparent and rigorous assessment process that includes 3 levels of scrutiny and verification. The results of each assessment are reviewed by a pre-eminent Jury, comprising of former bureaucrats, representatives of government, industry and academia at two stages before arriving at the final decision.

### Stage 1: Application

- Online Registration
- Receiving a filled-in online questionnaire from the applicant

### Stage 2: Screening (Level -1 Evaluation)

- Evaluation of the application
- Jury meeting to decide on the applications qualifying for the next level assessment

### Stage 3: Assessment & Verification (Level -2 Evaluation)

- Validation of information from shortlisted applicants\*
- Presentation by shortlisted applicants before the jury
- Jury to decide on winners

### Stage 4: Awards Presentation

- Select a few shortlisted participants to make a presentation at the CII Water Innovation Summit
- CII Water Award Ceremony

*\*Site Visit may be conducted for specific shortlisted applicants for ground verification of the information provided in the application. This will be decided on a case-by-case basis as per the jury's discretion.*



## FEE STRUCTURE

Category	Fee Category	Corporate Annual Sales Turnover (INR)	Application Fee (INR)	Evaluation Fee (INR)
MSME	MSME - a	Upto 5 Cr	10,000.00	10,000.00
	MSME - b	Above 5 Cr - 50 Cr	18,000.00	18,000.00
Category 1	1a	Above 50 Cr - 100 Cr	25,000.00	25,000.00
	1b	Above 100 - 599 Cr	30,000.00	30,000.00
Category 2	2a	Above 600 - 1199 Cr	35,000.00	42,000.00
	2b	Above 1200 - 1799 Cr	45,000.00	54,000.00
Category 3	3a	Above 1800 - 4999 Cr	50,000.00	65,000.00
	3b	Above 5000 - 10000 Cr	60,000.00	78,000.00
Category 4	4a	Above 10000 - 15000 Cr	75,000.00	1,12,500.00
	4b	Above 15000 Cr	85,000.00	1,27,500.00

*\*Exclusive of taxes as applicable*

- Operating units will be considered under the appropriate category based on the corporate turnover.
- Fee is based on the corporate turnover of the recently concluded accounting year, ie FY 2025-26.
- There is a separate fee for each award category.
- The Evaluation fee is payable only after the company gets shortlisted.
- Applicants who qualify for the site visit will need to arrange for travel, stay and local conveyance for assessors.
- Payment of fees does not indicate any chance of winning recognition. The fee is non-refundable and non-adjustable.

# APPLICATION OF INTENT 2026 - OPEN NOW



**Scan Here  
to Register!**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Opens	-	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Registration Close	-	June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Last Date to Submit Awards Questionnaire	-	June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Award Ceremony	-	October 2026, New Delhi

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