

GUJARAT AND MADHYA PRADESH TOP IN GOVERNANCE, MAHARASHTRA BEST IN e-GOVERNANCE

300 GOVERNANCE PROJECTS BUILDING INDIA 2.0



Platinum and Gold Awardees with Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Steel, Mines and Labour & Employment and Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group

The Skoch Smart Governance Awards, India's most credible and independent awards, were conferred to 50 top government departments and organisations associated with the government at the Centre, states and local levels from across the country. The awardees were selected through an intensive and rigorous process spanning nearly three months.

Thousands of nominations were received from across the country, out of which 500 were shortlisted. In a herculean effort, each nomination was thoroughly examined and the shortlisted projects were called for an evaluation presentation. Out of the shortlisted projects, 298 best projects were conferred the *Skoch Order-of-Merit* award. Skoch Smart Governance Awards were conferred to 50 top projects selected from across the country, including 30 Gold and 20 Platinum Awards.

The *Skoch Order-of-Merit* was decided based on a quantitative marking system, while for the Gold and Platinum awards, additional inputs were taken through field research and study.

The jury members included prominent domain experts, bureaucrats, professionals and other stakeholders from the area of governance. A

committee, comprising of three jury members, examined each project. In all more than 600 man-hours were spent in going through these. The projects were evaluated on a score of 0 to 10. Zero for the worst, while 10 for the best projects. Peer evaluation was also taken into consideration while deciding on the *Skoch Order-of-Merit* award and the Skoch Smart Governance awards.

Top bureaucrats, including chief secretaries, additional chief secretaries, joint secretaries from different departments from the Centre and the states made presentations and participated in the award ceremony. Union Minister of Steel, Mines and Labour & Employment, Narendra Singh Tomar gave away the awards at the 37th Skoch Summit held at India Habitat Centre in the national capital. Nearly 500 delegates from across the country participated at the gala event. Maya Singh, Women and Child Development Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh, was the Guest of Honour, while the jury was represented by M Ramachandran, former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

The Skoch Awards have emerged as amongst the most credible in the world. It is expanding

| Ranks | Top States in Governance | Top States in eGovernance |
|-------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Gujarat & Madhya Pradesh | Maharashtra |
| 2 | Maharashtra | Gujarat |
| 3 | Delhi & Karnataka | Jharkhand |
| 4 | Punjab | Madhya Pradesh |
| 5 | Tripura | Punjab |
| 6 | Chandigarh | West Bengal |
| 7 | West Bengal | Centre |

its reach and gaining prominence each passing year. The number of nominations received for this year's Skoch Governance Awards was almost three times when compared with the last year. The transparency and rigour in the evaluation process make Skoch Awards stand taller and different from all other awards in the country. While a few people pick most other awards subjectively, especially owners and the so-called eminent people, who hardly spend a few minutes in the process, the Skoch Awards are decided based on objective marking system and intensive research and study at the ground level.

Thus, those who have been conferred the awards are undoubtedly amongst the best projects in the country. The state-wise comparison shows that while one state is doing well in one area, it is lagging in another. There is a tie between Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh for best governance related projects, while Maharashtra is at the number two place followed by Delhi and Karnataka. On e-governance initiatives, Maharashtra is at the top, followed by Gujarat and Jharkhand at number two and third spot respectively. State rankings are given in the table.

Complete details about the awards will be published in the next issue of INCLUSION and will also be available online at <http://inclusion.skoch.in/>



Maya Singh, Minister of Women & Child Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh, receiving the Skoch Award from Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Steel, Mines and Labour & Employment and Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group for project 'e-Ladli'

Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat propose to receive the 'State-of-the Year' award for governance in a ceremony to be organised in respective state capitals soon

Skoch Order-of-Merit Awardees with Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group



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Last date for sending nominations: 15th October 2014

Download Nomination Form from www.skoch.in

Skoch Renaissance Award and 38th Skoch Summit 20th-21st November 2014, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

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