# PM Awas Yojana – Urban awards for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

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## News

At the **World Habitat Day** function of the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** on **5 October 2026**, the **PMAY-U Awards 2026** were presented. **Tamil Nadu** and **Puducherry** were among the States and UTs honoured for carrying out the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban**. Minister of State **Tokhan Sahu** presented the awards. (Exact award categories for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were not given in the reports we found.)

## Key facts

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| **Event** | World Habitat Day (first Monday of October), MoHUA, Vigyan Bhawan |
| **Other winners** | **Arunachal Pradesh** (2 best-performing State awards), **Uttar Pradesh** (1st in BLC house completion), **Madhya Pradesh**, **Odisha** (most PMAY-U 2.0 reforms), Bihar |
| **Union Minister, MoHUA** | **Manohar Lal** |
| **PMAY-U 2.0** | Approved **9 August 2024**: **1 crore** urban houses in 5 years; government help up to **₹2.5 lakh per house** (Centre and State together) |

## Background

- **PMAY-U** was launched on **25 June 2015** for **'Housing for All'**.

- PMAY-U 2.0 has four verticals: **BLC** (Beneficiary Led Construction), **AHP** (Affordable Housing in Partnership), **ARH** (Affordable Rental Housing) and **ISS** (Interest Subsidy Scheme).
- Houses are registered in the name of the **woman** of the family or jointly.
- **World Habitat Day** was set by the **UN in 1985** and first held in **1986**; it is led by **UN-Habitat** (HQ **Nairobi**).

**Tamil Nadu link:** Tamil Nadu carries out PMAY-U through the **Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board** (formerly the **Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, 1970**, India's first such board). In the PMAY-U Awards 2021, Tamil Nadu was **3rd best performing State**. A Tamil report says about 25,000 houses were approved for Tamil Nadu under PMAY-U 2.0.


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