# 10th RESPONSIBLE BMO AWARDS

*A decade of impact*

## Digitally Empowered and Sustainable MSMEs

an initiative by

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# A GLIMPSE FROM THE 9TH EDITION OF RESPONSIBLE BMO AWARDS

L to R: Padma Shri Nila Madhab Panda, National Award-Winning Filmmaker; Mr. Rakesh Rewari, Jury Member – BMO Awards; Guest of Honour, Shri Manoj Tiwari, Hon'ble Member of Parliament; Mr. Mukesh Gulati, Advisor, FMC; Dr. Nidhi Pundhir, SVP Global CSR, HCLTech & Director, HCLFoundation; Mr. Asim Sharma, Senior Expert & Lead – Sustainable Finance, WWF-India, unveiling the 'SUPER 16' Booklet at the 9th Responsible BMO Awards.

# FMC's 10th RESPONSIBLE BMO AWARDS

## Digitally Empowered and Sustainable MSMEs

The **Responsible Business Membership Organisation (BMO) Awards**—an FMC initiative stands as **India's first and only recognition platform for BMOs** that demonstrate excellence in driving social impact and environmental responsibility within the MSME sector. Since its inception in 2015, the BMO Awards have celebrated BMOs that go beyond traditional representation and actively support their member enterprises in building cleaner, greener, digitally empowered and responsible businesses. The initiative has seen more than 1200 BMOs participate across nine editions, with around 200 BMOs participating each year in categories such as innovation, social impact and environmental responsibility.

This **tenth edition** recognises the essence of **digitalising the MSME ecosystem** and would endeavour to simplify the same for growth and impact, under the theme "**Digitally Empowered and Sustainable MSMEs**." Digital growth is nothing but a conscious push to bridge the technology divide across the enterprise value chain from onboarding to scaling up. BMOs will continue to be recognised across the three existing categories—Environment, Social and Innovation. Participating BMOs will get opportunities to connect with relevant technology, AI, FinTech and green financing solutions for their members. Marking a decade of the BMO Awards, this edition will also introduce a special 10th Anniversary Award, honouring a BMO for its sustained and outstanding contribution to the movement over the years. This edition aims to expand BMO participation, strengthen sectoral relevance, and foster stronger connections between MSMEs, BMOs and institutions offering digital and sustainable solutions.

# JOURNEY SO FAR

**2.5K+**

BMOs outreached since 2015

**1200+**

Applications Received
From BMOs across India

**50%**

New BMOs apply each edition

**59**

Awardees recognised

**9**

Case Study books inaugurated
and published

# OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARD

- Encourage BMOs to promote responsible business
- Enable BMOs to promote sustainability linked national and global agendas
- Empower BMOs to develop innovative sustainability tools
- Inspire MSMEs to adopt different sustainability tools
- Disseminate nationally and globally the good work done by Indian BMOs in promoting responsible business
- Provide a platform to BMOs to share their ideas and thoughts with policy makers

# WHO CAN APPLY

**BMOs at**:
- SPV/Cluster/Industrial Area (IA)/Industrial Park (IP)/Industrial Estate (IE)/District Level
- National/State Level

**BMOs registered as**:
- Society
- Trust
- Co-operative society
- Section 8 (earlier section 25) Company/Producers; Company/Company
- Any other entity (formal/informal)

# ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY STAGE

**STAGE 1**
Initial application form

**STAGE 2**
Preliminary shortlisting of BMOs (a maximum of 24 BMOs will be shortlisted)

**STAGE 3**
Final shortlisting of BMOs (a maximum of 16 BMOs will be shortlisted)

**STAGE 4**
Final selection of awardees based on presentation by the final shortlisted BMOs

**STAGE 5**
Award distribution at award ceremony

NOTE: The number of short-listed BMOs may be less than the stated maximum numbers, if the jury does not find suitable quality cases for getting awarded.

# BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

1. Trophy for awards winners by the chief guest and other dignitaries
2. Mementoes of Recognition to all other finalists
3. All finalists get to present their case study before the jury and the chief guest
4. Case study published and circulated for all finalists
5. Certificate of participation to all eligible applying BMOs

**The entire process will be conducted under the guidance of an independent jury and a team of assessors and their decision will be final in all respects.**

# SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR AWARD-WINNING BMOS

Winning BMOs will receive dedicated FMC support in preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), accessing green finance opportunities, exploring fintech linkages, and applying for government schemes.

# APPLICATION FEE

There is no application fee. One representative from each shortlisted BMO will receive sponsored travel and stay (up to a fixed amount) for the award ceremony. Exact details will be shared closer to the event.

**Application forms and guidelines available at: www.bmoawards.org.in**

# AWARD CATEGORIES

**Environment Sustainability**

**Social Impact**

**Innovative Responsible Business Practices**

## Legacy of Excellence Award

Honouring a BMO that has demonstrated sustained commitment, leadership and outstanding contribution to the MSME ecosystem over the years.

# TENATIVE TIMELINE

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| Preliminary application submission | **October 23, 2026** |
| Second round application submission | **November 30, 2026** |
| Final short listing of applicants | **January 1, 2027** |
| Case study presentations by finalists | **January 31, 2027** |
| Award Ceremony at New Delhi | **February 2027** |

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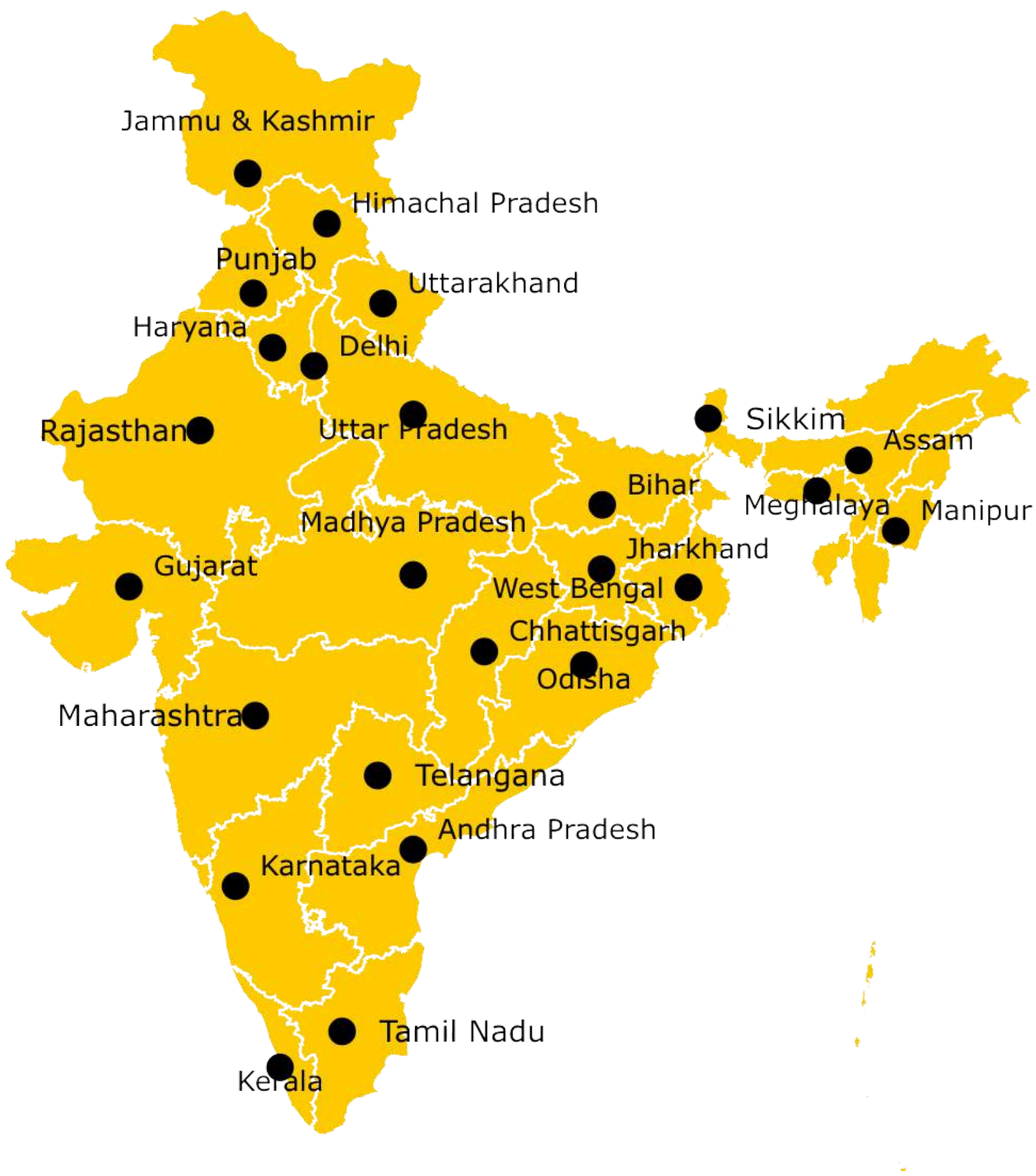


**25+** States

**200+** Districts

**400+** Blocks

**1000+** Villages

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