

Anna Chakra

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Recently, the Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) has achieved a remarkable milestone by being named as finalist for the 2026 Franz Edelman Award for its Anna Chakra initiative.

About Anna Chakra

- It is a **supply chain optimization tool** under the Public Distribution System (PDS).
- It is an operations **research-based decision support system** designed to optimise state-specific food grain logistics **under India's Public Distribution System (PDS)**.
- The initiative was developed through a **Government-UN-Academia partnership**, involving:
 - The **Department of Food and Public Distribution**,
 - The **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)** in India, and
 - **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**.
- It **leverages advanced algorithms** to identify optimal routes and ensure seamless movement of food grains across supply chain nodes.

- It is **integrated with the PM Gati Shakti platform and FOIS** (Freight Operations Information System) portal of the Railways through **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)**.

What is the Franz Edelman Award?

- It recognizes the world's most impactful, **high-value applications of advanced analytics**.
- It is widely regarded as the “**Nobel Prize of Operations Research and Analytics**”.
- It recognizes and rewards outstanding examples of **operations research**, management science, and advanced analytics practice in the world.
- **Award:** Winner gets a **\$10,000 prize**.

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