

F. No. 11-9/2022-SC/ST
Government of India
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Department of Higher Education
(SC/ST Cell)

West Block-1, Wing-6, Level-2,
R. K. Puram, New Delhi- 110 066,
Dated:- 1st August, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:- National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. 5-2/2020-NA Cell dated 19.07.2022(**Copy enclosed**) of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on the subject cited above.

2. The National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities will be conferred on **03rd December on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities** to outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

3. All Bureaus/Divisions are, therefore, requested to take appropriate action in the above matter. It is also requested to give wide publicity to the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities with a view to encourage nominations/applications for the awards. The last date for online nomination is **28th August 2022.**

Encl.:- above.


(J. N. Shah)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel No.:- 011-26171057

To

All Bureaus Heads and Divisional Heads of D/o Higher Education.

Copy to:

Chairman, UGC
Chairman, AICTE

With a request to take similar action.

Copy through mail to all HEIs under D/o HE

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सचिव
Anjali Bhawra, IAS
Secretary



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दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
(Divyangjan)
19th July, 2022,

D.O. No.5-2/2020 -NA Cell

Dear Secretary

The National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were instituted to focus public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming in to society. These awards are conferred on 3rd December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities to outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

2. The Guidelines for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have been simplified and rationalized, and these are available on the website of the Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) as also on the Award Portal (www.awards.gov.in). A brief note indicating the category of awards, specified disabilities and authorities is enclosed as an *Annexure*.

3. An advertisement for inviting applications for the National Awards for the year 2021 as also for the year 2022 has been published in the national/regional dailies dated 14th July, 2022. Accordingly, the applications/nominations for the Award have been invited through online mode only on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (www.awards.gov.in). The online nomination/application has started from 15th July, 2022 and the last date for the nominations is 28th August, 2022.

4. I shall be grateful if widespread publicity is given to these awards within your Ministry/Department and amongst the autonomous bodies/organizations working therein with a view to encouraging nominations/applications for these awards.

With deep regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Anjali Bhawra)

To

The Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India

Encl: As above



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Brief Note on National Awards for Persons with Disabilities

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been implementing the Scheme of National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are conferred on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. on 3rd December every year.

2. The Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have been simplified and rationalized. These Guidelines are available on the web portal of the Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in) as also on the Award Portal (www.awards.gov.in)

3. Nominations/applications are invited **for the National Awards for the year 2021 as also for the year 2022 online only** on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (URL awards.gov.in). Nomination/application for these awards in physical form will not be accepted.

4. National Awards and eligibility for each category of award is as under:

I. National Awards for Individual Excellence (वैयक्तिक उत्कृष्टता के लिए राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार)

SN	Category of Award (पुरस्कार की श्रेणी)	No. of Awards (पुरस्कारों की संख्या)
1.	Sarvshresth Divyangjan (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) (Belonging to any field or activity i.e. Education/ Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/ Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities / Social service / etc. - a Role Model) - Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act.	06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female) (03 पुरुष एवं 03 महिला) Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each
2.	i) Shresth Divyangjan (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) a. Locomotor Disability - (Locomotor, Muscular Disability, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy) b. Visual Impairment - (Blindness, Low Vision) c. Hearing Impairment - (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech & Language disability) d. Intellectual Disability - (Mental Retardation, Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder,) e. Any specified disability except the disabilities mentioned from Sr. (a) to (d) above. (Developmental Disorder, Disability caused due to Blood	10 (1 for male and 1 for Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e)). (प्रत्येक श्रेणी में 01 पुरुष एवं 01 महिला) Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh

	Disorder, Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Diseases, Chronic Neurological Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Disability) However, if suitable person(s) in any one or more of these sub-categories are not found, the awards may be given to additional person(s) in other sub-categories. (In the fields of employment / self-employment, health/sports, art, culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work, empowerment of PwDs,)	
	ii) Shresth Divyang Bal/Balika (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल / बालिका) (In any of category of specified disabilities under the RPwD Act) - (In the field of art & culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc.) Children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years.	2 (1 for male and 1 for female) (01 पुरुष एवं 01 महिला) (upto age of 18) Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
3.	Divyangjano Ke Liye Karyarat Shrestha Vyakti (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए कार्यरत श्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति)	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh
4.	Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Shrestha Punarvas Peshevar (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में श्रेष्ठ पुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh
5.	Divyangata Ke Keshtra Mein Shrestha Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utpad Vikas (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में श्रेष्ठ अनुसन्धान / नवप्रवर्तन / उत्पाद विकास)	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh

II) **National Awards for Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities** दिव्यांगों के सशक्तिकरण के लिए कार्यरत संस्थानों हेतु राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार)

Sr N.	Category of Award (पुरस्कार की श्रेणी)	No. of Awards (पुरस्कारों की संख्या)
1.	Divyang Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarveshrestha Sansthan (दिव्यांग सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (Private organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services 1 Award for Inclusive Education (institutions providing inclusive education)
2.	Divyangao Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Niyokta (दिव्यांगों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता) (Govt. organisation/ PSEs/ Autonomous bodies/ Pvt. Sector)	1 Award
3	Divyangao Ke Liye Sarvshresth Placement Agency (दिव्यांगों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्लेसमेंट एजेंसी)	1 Award

	- excluding Govt./State Govt./Local Bodies	
4	Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Kay Karyanvayan / Badham ukta Vatavaran Kay Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya / U T / Zila (सुगम्य भारत अभियान के कार्यान्वयन / बाधामुक्त वातावरण के सृजन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला)	1 Award
5.	Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat kay Sadahan / Soochana Avem Sanchar Prodyogiki (सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुगम्य यातायात के साधन / सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी) Govt./Private organisation	1 Award
6.	Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam/UDID Avem Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anay Yojanaon kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम / विशिष्ट दिव्यांगता पहचान पत्र एवं दिव्यांग सशक्तिकरण की अन्य योजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला)	1 Award for State/UT and 1 award for District
7.	Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam Kay Apne Rajya/ UT Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta (दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम के अपने राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त)	1 Award
8	Punarvas Sevawon ke liye Pesheyvar Taiyar Karnewali Sarvshresth Sansthan (पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयार करनेवाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान)	1 Award
9.	Additional Awards (अतिरिक्त पुरस्कार) - In category (i) or in category (ii) or in both as considered appropriate by the National Selection Committee (राष्ट्रीय चयन समिति द्वारा अपने विवेकाधिकार से उपरोक्त में से किसी भी एक श्रेणी या दोनों श्रेणियों में से चयनित)	3 Awards (Cash component of Award of Rs. 1.00 lakh each only in the case of 'Individual Excellence' i.e. category (i) above)