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To  
The Secretary/Principal Secretary/Commissioner  
(In-charge of NSAP Schemes)  
Social Welfare Department/Concerned Department  
All States/UTs

**Subject: National awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities-reg.**


Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's D.O. letter dated 05.07.2023 on the subject mentioned above inviting applications/nominations for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. These awards conferred on 03<sup>rd</sup> December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The guidelines for these awards are available on the website of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) ([www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)) and on the Award Portal ([www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in)). A brief note indicating the category of awards, specified disabilities and authorities at Annexure.

2. The online nomination/application has started from 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 and the last date for the nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.
3. You are therefore, requested to publicize these awards with a view to encouraging nominations/applications at large level.
4. This issues with the approval of CEA(RD).

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

  
(Moti Ram) 11/7/2023

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Government Of India  
Ministry Of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Department Of Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities  
(Divyangjan)

D.O. No. 5-02/2023-DD-VII-NA

5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

*Dear Sir/Madam,*

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 into the society. These awards are conferred on 03<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)) as also on the Award Portal ([www.awards.gov.in](http://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 2023 has been published in the national/regional dailies dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023. 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](http://www.awards.gov.in)). The online nomination/application has started from 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 and the last date for the nominations is **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023**.

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.

*Regards,*

Encl: As above

Yours sincerely,

  
(Rajesh Aggarwal)

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



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## Annexure

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)) as also on the Award Portal ([www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in)).

3. Nominations/applications are invited for the National Awards for the year 2023 online only on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (URL [awards.gov.in](http://awards.gov.in)). Nomination/applications for these awards in physical form will not be accepted.

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

#### I. National Awards for Individual Excellence.

(व्यक्तिगत उत्कृष्टता के लिए राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार) :-

S.No	Category of Award and eligibility	No. of Awards
1.	<b>Sarvshresth Divyangjan ( सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन )</b> (Belonging to any field or activity i.e. Education/ Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/ Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities / Social service / etc. - <b>a Role Model</b> ) -  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)  Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each
2.	<b>i) Shresth Divyangjan ( श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन )</b>  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, S	10 (1 for male and 1 for Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e) ).  Cash component

	<p>peech &amp; Language disability).</p> <p>d. Intellectual Disability – (Mental Retardation, Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder,).</p> <p>e. Any specified disability except the disabilities mentioned from Sr. (a) to (d) above.</p> <p>(Developmental Disorder, Disability caused due to Blood Disorder, Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Diseases, Chronic Neurological Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Disability)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(In the fields of employment / self-employment, health/sports, art, culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work, empowerment of persons with disabilities,)</p>	of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
	<p>ii) <b>Shresth Divyang Bal/Balika</b> ( श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल / बालिका )</p> <p>(In any of category of specified disabilities under the RPwD Act) - (In the field of art &amp; culture drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc.)</p> <p>Children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years.</p>	2 (1 for male and 1 for female) (upto age of 18) Cash component of Award: Rs. 1.00 lakh
3.	<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Karyarat Sarvshrestha Vyakti</b> ( दिव्यांगजनोंके लिए कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति )	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh
4.	<b>Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Punarvas Peshevar</b> (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ पुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh
5.	<b>Divyangata Ke Keshtra Mein Sarvshrestha Anusandhan / Navpravartan / UtpadVikas</b> ( दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अनुसन्धान / नवप्रवर्तन / उत्पाद विकास )	1 Award Rs. 1.00 lakh



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

Sr N.	Category of Award	No. of Awards
1.	<b>Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarveshrestha Sansthan</b> ( दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान ) (Private organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services 1 Award for Inclusive Education (institutions providing or promoting inclusive education)
2.	<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Niyokta</b> ( दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता ) (Govt. organisation/ PSEs/ Autonomous bodies/ Pvt. Sector)	1 Award
3	<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshresth Placement Agency</b> (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्लेसमेंट एजेंसी) - excluding Govt./State Govt./Local Bodies	1 Award
4	<b>Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Kay Karyanvayan / Badh amukta</b> <b>Vatavaran Kay Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya / UT / Zila</b> ( सुगम्य भारत अभियान के कार्यान्वयन / बाधामुक्त वातावरण के सृजन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र / जिला )	1 Award
5.	<b>Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat kay Sadahan / Soochana Avem Sanchar Prodyogiki</b> ( सर्वश्रेष्ठ सुगम्य यातायात के साधन / सूचना एवं संचार प्रौद्योगिकी ) Govt./Private organisation	1 Award
6.	<b>Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam /UDID Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anay Yojanaon kay Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila</b> (दिव्यांगजनोंके 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.	<b>Divyangjano Kay Adhikar Adhinyam Kay Apne Rajya/UT Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Pradarshan Rajya Divayngjan</b> <b>kta</b> ( दिव्यांगजनों के अधिकार अधिनियम के अपने राज्य / संघ राज्य क्षेत्र में कार्यान्वयन में सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करने वाले राज्य दिव्यांगजन आयुक्त )	1 Award
8	<b>Punarvas Sevawon ke liye Pesheyvar Taiyar ewali Sarvshresth Sansthan</b> ( पुनर्वास सेवाओं हेतु पेशेवर तैयार करने वाली सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान )	1 Award