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PART-I

Notifications, Orders and Declarations by Haryana Government

HARYANA GOVERNMENT

WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notification

The 3rd September, 2026

No. 45/05/2026-3SW.— In supersession of the Government Notifications No. 1508- SW (3) -2019 dated the 5th November, 2019; and Notification No. 260 dated the 29th September, 2022, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to institute the following State Level Awards under the Women & Child Development Department, Haryana, which shall come into effect from the financial year i.e. 2026-2027.

Aim and Objective

To give recognition to women who have done outstanding work in different fields so that they become role models for future generation of Indian women. It would also go for a long way in changing the mindset of the society to accept and encourage the versatile role of women in Indian society and in their respective field. The aim of this initiative is to recognize and honour women who have made outstanding contributions across various fields, thereby inspiring future generations and promoting an inclusive society. Its key objectives are to highlight and celebrate women's achievements, create strong role models for young girls, promote gender equality, and challenge traditional societal stereotypes that limit women's roles. It also seeks to encourage greater participation of women in diverse sectors, empower them with confidence and leadership, and foster a positive change in societal mindset to value and support the versatile contributions of women, ultimately contributing to overall social and national development.

Details of Awards is as under: -

1. Smt. Sushma Swaraj Award: -

This award has been named after Late Smt. Sushma Swaraj, a daughter of Haryana and an inspiration to all women.

Eligibility:-

A woman who has made significant contribution in her field outstanding achievements at State Level.

No. of Award – One

Nature of Award:-

- i. A cash prize of Rs. 5.00 Lakh (Rupees Five Lakh Only);
- ii. A citation and a shawl.

2. Indira Gandhi Mahila Shakti Award: -

This award has been named after Late Prime Minister of India Smt. Indira Gandhi and symbolically represents Women Power. This State Level Award would be given to the women who came to the top through selfless and dedicated work and become a role model for others.

Eligibility:-

A woman who has done exemplary working following areas: -

- Support and Rehabilitation of Women and Children in especially difficult circumstances like destitute women and children, widows, victims of atrocities and conflict disabled women and children, aged women etc.
- Promoting self help group /women empowerment initiatives.
- Established their own business/ industry and have contributed to the development of women in small span of time besides entrepreneurship.
- Exemplary work/achievement in public service.

No. of Award - One**Nature of Award:-**

- i. A cash prize of Rs. 1.50 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) : and
- ii. A citation.

3. Kalpna Chawla Shaurya Award: -

This award named after Late Kalpna Chawla will give due recognition to the women who perform acts of bravery and meritorious service with the view to inspire other women to follow their example.

Eligibility:-

A woman who has shown exemplary courage at the risk of their own life.

No. of Award - One**Nature of Award:-**

- i. A cash prize of Rs.1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh Only): and
- ii. A citation.

4. Bahin Shanno Devi Panchayati Raj Award: -

This award named after the 1st women speaker in Haryana has been instituted for encouraging the emergence of women in the public sphere in the village of Haryana.

Eligibility:-

The Award would be given to the women panchayat leader, Women Chairperson/Member of block Samiti, Women Chairperson/Member of Zila Parishad and Women Chairperson/ Member of Municipal Corporation/ Municipal Council/ Municipal Committee in Urban Area who have done exemplary work for the empowerment of women in any of the following areas: -

- Female literacy.
- Health and nutrition.
- Universalization of education.
- Sanitation, water, hygiene and other key health determinants.
- Social audit.
- Women empowerment.
- Prevention of domestic violence against women.
- Prevention of crime/atrocities against women/weaker section.

- Community mobilization.
- Prevention of female foeticide and improving sex Ratio.
- Prevention of child marriages.
- Environment protection.
- Support to women in agriculture and rural industry including promotion of technology to reduce drudgery.

No. of Award - One**Nature of Award:-**

- i. A cash prize of Rs. 1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh Only): and
- ii. A citation.

5. Life Time Achievement Award: -**Eligibility: -**

- Women of 60 years old or above.
- Any individual who has excelled in any such field in their life especially in outstanding administrative skills, career, sphere/profession, leadership quality, courage, creative work.
- Set up a model or example before the society by showing dexterity and professional integrity and dedicating whole life to the society/Nation.

No. of Award - One**Nature of Award:-**

- i. A Cash prize of Rs. 51,000 (Rupees Fifty-One Thousand Only): and
- ii. A citation and a shawl.

6. Women outstanding Achievers Award: -

The State level award would be given to the women who have done exemplary achievements and outstanding work in their respective fields. The awards will be presented annually to such women who have done commendable work in the following area in a calendar year would be eligible for the award:

i. Government Employees :-**Eligibility: -**

Who have done exemplary work especially cases of moral courage for the cause of women, the achievement is voluntary beyond the normal duty, responsibilities and recommended by concerned Head of the Department.

No. of Award - Four**Nature of Award:-**

- (a) A cash prize of Rs. 21000/- (Rupees Twenty-One Thousand Only) each: and
- (b) A citation and a shawl each.

ii. Social Workers: -**Eligibility: -**

- (a) Working for the welfare for last 5 years.
- (b) Has good performance in the field of Women welfare.

No. of Award - Four**Nature of Award:-**

- (a) A cash prize of Rs. 21000/- (Rupees Twenty-One Thousand Only) each: and
- (b) A citation and a shawl each.

iii. Women Entrepreneurs :-**Eligibility: -**

- (a) Who have shown exemplary work in the field of women entrepreneurship by establishing their own business/ industries and recommended by Industry Department.
- (b) Have contributed to development of women.

No. of Award - Two**Nature of Award:-**

- (a) A cash prize of Rs. 21000/- (Rupees Twenty-One Thousand Only) each: and
- (b) A citation and a shawl each.

7. Mode of Calling for nominations for the Awards indicated as Sr. No.1,2,3,4,5 & 6 (ii)

- Nominations shall be invited through advertisements in leading Hindi and English newspapers and via an online portal, in the prescribed format.
- Applications shall be submitted in the prescribed format.
- For Smt. Sushma Swaraj Award Each Public Representative may nominate one candidate, comprising:
 - (a) Two Members of Parliament (MPs).
 - (b) One Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).
 - (c) The Committee may also Suo motu nominate eligible candidates under the scheme.
- All nominations shall be placed before the District-Level Recommending Committee, headed by the Deputy Commissioner.
- The District level Committee shall scrutinize applications, and the committee will forward only those with satisfactory Police verification to the Women & Child Development Department, Haryana, Panchkula.

8. Criteria for Selection:-

- An online portal will be used for the submission of applications. All recommendations received through the portal will be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner (DC)/Head of the Department. Deputy Commissioner (DC)/Head of the Department will review the applications and further recommend eligible candidates to the Women and Child Development (WCD) Department.
- The nominee must possess valid Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP);
- The achievement of the nominee in the relevant field should be clear and well documented.
- Nominee should be alive on the date of nomination.
- The achievements of the nominee should be verified and subjected to objective appraisals.
- Preference should be given to women who have come up in mainstream of life after a great deal of struggle and adversity.
- The sole criteria for the selection would be performance and her dedication for the cause of women.
- No one should receive the same award more than once, ensuring fair recognition and giving everyone an equal opportunity to be acknowledged.
- The nominee shall submit the application through the online portal, along with a duly signed affidavit declaring that no adverse matter is pending against her/institution in any forum, department, or court. It shall further be affirmed that, in case any information is found to be incorrect or any mismanagement is detected at any stage in the future, the award and the associated monetary benefit shall be liable to be returned to the Government.

9. Selection Process-Variou Committees: -**(A) District Level Recommending Committee: -**

- Deputy Commissioner (Chairperson).
- District Education Officer/ District Elementary Education, Officer (Member).
- Secretary, Red Cross/ District Child Welfare Officer (Member).
- Protection-cum-Prohibition Officer (Member).
- District Social Welfare Officer (Member) .

- Social Worker (Member)
- District Programme Officer(ICDS) (Member Secretary).

(B) State Level Screening Committee: -

- Director, Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Chairperson).
- Additional Director/Joint Director (Admn.) Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Member).
- Chief Account Officer, Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Member).
- Assistant District Attorney, Women & Child Development Department, Haryana.
- Deputy Director, Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Member).
- District Programme Officer (Hq.), Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Member).
- Social Worker (Member).
- Joint Director, Women Welfare, Women & Child Development Department, Haryana (Member Secretary).

(C) The nominations received would be placed before the State level Selection Committee headed by Minister of Women & Child Development comprising the following members:

- Hon'ble Minister Women & Child Development Department (Chairperson).
- Commissioner & Secretary to Govt. of Haryana Women & Child Development Department (Member).
- Secretary, Haryana State Child Welfare Council (Member).
- Chairperson, Haryana State Commission for Women (Member).
- Secretary, Haryana State Social Welfare Board (Member).
- Social Worker (Member).
- Director, Women & Child Development Department (Member Secretary).

10. Date Schedule: -

- letters to all Departments by 1st May
- Advertisement in the newspapers by 15th May
- Last date for calling nominations by 30th July
- Recommendation of District Level. Recommending Committee by 15th Sep.
- Meeting of State Level Screening committee by 30th Oct.
- Meeting of State Level Selection Committee by 10th Dec.
- Last Date for informing Awardees within 30 days

The award would be presented on the occasion of International Women's Day celebration i.e. 8th March and would be personally received by the awardee.

Chandigarh:
The 2nd September 2026.

SHEKHAR VIDYARTHI,
Commissioner & Secretary to Government Haryana,
Women and Child Development Department.