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**National Awards for Individual Excellence-2023**

No.	Sarvshresth Divyangjan (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यागजन)		
1		Sh. Satyaprakash Matasaran Tiwari	Sh. Satyaprakash Matasaran Tiwari, has locomotor disability of 100%. He has participated in State, National, and International Sports (Para Sports) and won 16 International Medals for India apart from other several Medals and Awards. He was honored with the Prestigious Dhyan Chand Sports Award-2020 and prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Award for the year 1999-2000.
2		Sh. Taha Idrees Haaziq	Sh. Taha Idrees Haaziq, is a 100% visually impaired person. His impactful contributions to the field of Disability Empowerment and Advocacy, he holds the prestigious position of Secretary for the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in Goa. His journey as an advocate, leader, and promoter of Disability Empowerment underscores his unwavering dedication in creating a more inclusive society. He was very instrumental in organizing the first Purple Fest in Goa.
3		Sh. Vaibhav Tanaji Sangle	Sh. Vaibhav Tanaji Sangle aged 33, is a person with disability of 70% hearing impairment because of both ears burst. He graduated in Bachelor of Fine Arts and practices various types of drawings like Nature Landscape Painting, Portrait painting, Warli Painting, German Colour pencil Indian model picture, Motivational Quotes/Painting, Acrylic and Canvas flower Paintings and Wall paintings. He also provided free drawing, crafts and culture teaching to speech and hearing impaired children.
4		Smt. Sunita Gupta	Smt. Sunita Gupta has locomotor disability of 70%. She in spite of belonging to rural area, she started the business of Artificial Jewellery by taking a loan of Rs.50,000 from the Government. She was invited by NDFDC for participating in various events organized by them. She has been associated with Rain Water Harvesting Mission and Sweep Team Voter Awareness too. She has also worked in the movie Vicky Donor.

5		Smt. Swarnalatha Tumkur Guruprasad	Smt. Swarnalatha Tumkur Guruprasad has Multiple Sclerosis disability of 80%. She established Swarga Foundation, which works to improve the lives of individuals with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and other neuro-muscular disorders. Her work varies across the areas of Accessibility travel solutions, Accessible Infrastructure, Rehabilitation, Counseling, and Awareness & Inclusion.
<b>Shrestha Divyangjan (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन)</b>			
1		Sh. Saikaustuv Dasgupta	Sh. Saikaustuv Dasgupta aged 31, is a person with Locomotor Disability of 90%. TEDx Speaker, providing happiness coaching. A researcher & warrior inaccessibility, Guinness and Limca World Record holder. Obtained various Awards in singing, since 2005, composed and tuned over 300 compositions in Bengal, His positive outlook and happiness coaching have impacted diverse audiences worldwide and is inspiration for many Divyangjan.
2		Ms. Srilekha Mandalapalli	Ms. Srilekha Mandalapalli aged 42, is a person with Locomotor Disability of 90%. She practices painting with mouth and created oil-based paintings, 50 paintings of oil, acrylic and water colors. For Painting with Mouth she has been awarded with "Kala Rathna Award" from the Department of Language & Culture, Govt. of Telangana and Padmavathi Institute for the (Dis) Abled (Divyang). Received best artist of the year -2021 from Indian Mouth and Foot Painting Artists Association's Annual Excellence Award. She has been honoured with many other state award sand is an inspiration for the Painters
3		Shri Tejveer Singh	Shri Tejveer Singh is a person with Locomotor Disability of 90%. Despite being disabled in both legs since birth, he has been playing a full role in social work. In appreciation of his vigorous efforts and interest in Social Work for the Divyangjans and even to the normal persons by helping them in getting the benefits of various schemes of the Govt. he was elected as the Gram Panchayat member since year 2000.
4		Ms. Jyoti Sinha	Ms. Jyoti Sinha is a person with Disability with 70% Muscular Dystrophy. She is self-employed. In the field of Art and Culture, she received Bihar Kala Puruskar in the year 2017 for the famous Madhubani Painting. Being a self-taught Madhubani Painter also trained many young women's.

5		Sh. Jay Mahesh Kumar Gangdia	Sh. Jay Mahesh kumar Gangdia is a person with Disability of 80% Cerebral Palsy. His interesting is Canvas Painting. He won various International/ National and State Level Awards in Art and Culture. He is a Motivation/Inspiration for other specially-abled persons.
6		Shri C Govindakrishnan	Shri C Govindakrishnan is a person with Disability of 100% visually impaired.He is the founder of Nethrodaya, an Institution for the visually impaired. He ensured quality of life, increased employment opportunities for Persons with Disabilities by providing vocational courses, free shelter, training and coaching classes, free education, etc. which recognized him as a change maker and influencer.
7		Ms. Divya Sharma	Ms. Divya Sharma is a person with Disability of 75% visually impaired by birth. She is a motivational speaker, Blue Belt in Karate, an RJ and Content Manager of an online Radio Station run by visually challenged people and is heard in more than 115countries. Divya's conferences raise awareness of assistive technology and encourage visually challenged students to enroll in Institutions. Her visits to mainstream schools sensitized society, leading to schools admitting disabled students without hesitation. Her radio shows help students excel in competitive exams. She encourages PWDs to stay fit through her martial art and fitness videos, interviews & content.
8		Ms. Poonam	Ms. Poonam is a Person with Disability with 100% hearing impairment by birth. She is a strong female role model in the area of deaf sports, especially Deaf Athletics and Judo, Dance, Arts and Tailoring. She has won National (9), State (12) and District (2) level awards. She is teaching and volunteering in schools and associations aboutthe importance of sports for deaf girls.
9		Sh. Himanshu Kansal	Sh. Himanshu Kansal is a person with Disability of 100% hearing impaired. Hebeing a talented deaf designer, has revolutionized Indian Sign Language (ISL)education. He developed innovative ISL textbooks, videos, and accessible content, empowering deaf learners. His unique designs earned accolades from National and International organizations. His advocacy and creative contributions have made a lasting impact on the deaf community, ensuring inclusivity and recognition for ISL as a language subject.

10		Sh. Abhinav Chaudhary	Sh. Abhinav Chaudhary is a person with 60% Intellectual Disability. He is associated in the field of Art and Culture & Dance Acting Modeling. He participated in various National level dance events like Dance India Dance and won in 2018. He was awarded with “WORLD RECORD for MAXIMAUM DANCE FORMS performed by a SPECIAL CHILD” by World Record India. He has also won many other State and District level awards. He is running a Dance Academy where he teaches dance to kids with special needs and underprivileged kids, which is also a service to the society.
11		Ms. S. S. Smitha	Ms. S. S. Smitha is a person with Disability of 75% Multiple Sclerosis. She being a freelancer is associated with voluntary organization Vidya Sagar and other Associations, working for disability. She is a member of the working committee at Multiple Sclerosis Society of India, Chennai Chapter. She has been awarded National, State and District level awards in the category of Role Model. She is involved in advocating, sensitizing, collaborating for inclusive and accessible policies, programs, products, services, infrastructure and ICT.
<b>Shrestha Divyang Bal/Balika (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल /बालिका)</b>			
1		Master Rupanjan Sen	Master Rupanjan Sen aged 14 Years with 75% Intellectual Disability (Down Syndrome), started journey in the field of Dance and Music since 2019, so far won more than 60 competitions, receiving a lot of certificates and awards. He was awarded as “Outstanding Creative Child with Disabilities” by the Government of West Bengal in 2022.
2		Master Adithya Suresh	Master Adithya Suresh aged 16 Years with 80% Locomotor Disability (Osteogenesis Imperfecta) by birth have won many prizes/awards in the field of music. He has received Ujjwala Bayalam Award from Kerala Govt. and also received Abdul Kalam Bala Pratibha Puraskaram Award. He has performed at over 1000 venues. He has received Master Vision Excellence Award 2023 in May, 2023. He was also honoured with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2023.

3		Kumari Jiya Rai	<p>Kumari Jiya Rai aged 16 Years with 50% Intellectual Disability, is an International Open Water Para Swimmer of India and World Record Holder in Open Water Swimming. She is on mission to become world's first and youngest para swimmer to swim seven oceans. Between 17 Dec- 29 Dec 22, She swam the World's Longest (Open Water Sea Swimming Relay) from Mumbai to Goa and back to Vasai Fort in 11 days 22 hours and 13 minutes. KumariJiyaRai has brought laurels to India by swimming across Palk Strait in World Record Time from Talaimannar (Srilanka) to Dhanuskodi (India) a distance of 29 KM in 13 hours and 10 minutes on 20 March 2022.</p> <p>Kumari Jiya Rai is recipient of many International and National Awards including prestigious Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.</p>
<p><b>Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarath Sarvshrestha Vyakti</b>  <b>दिव्यांगजनों के सशक्तिकरण के लिए कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति</b></p>			
1		Shri Prashant Agarwal	<p>Shri Prashant Agarwal, 51 Years, President of Narayan Seva Sansthan, Udaipur is involved in social activities since his childhood days. He is instrumental in helping pwds to uplift and bring them in mainstream society through initiatives like Residential Schools, Vocational rehabilitation Centres, Free Distributions of Assistive Devices &amp; Aids, Free of cost marriage ceremonies through the organization. He was also awarded Best Social Worker in the field of Disabilities by the Govt. of Rajasthan in 2017.</p>
<p><b>DivyangathaKeKshetra Mein KaryarathSarvshresthaPunarvasPeshayar (Rehabilitation Professional)</b>  <b>दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ पुनर्वास पेशेवर (रिहैबिलिटेशन प्रोफेशनल)</b></p>			
1		Dr. Subhash R. Apte	<p>Dr. Subhash R Apte's tireless dedication, pioneering initiatives, and significant contributions in the field of occupational therapy. He has touched the lives of countless Individuals with disabilities, enriching their lives and fostering inclusivity in society. His exceptional achievements have garnered prestigious awards and recognitions from various professional bodies, including the "Professional Excellency Award" and "Best Professional Award" from various organizations. His publications have not only contributed to the body of knowledge in the field but have also served as valuable resources for professionals and care givers.</p>

## 2. National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2023

दिव्यांगजनोंकेसशक्तिकरणहेतुकार्यरतसर्वश्रेष्ठसंस्थान - (निजीसंस्था, एनजीओ) DivyangjanonKeSashaktikaran Men KaryatSarvshresthaSansthan - (Private organization, NGO)			
1		Sarthak Educational Trust	Sarthak Educational Trust for People with Disabilities was founded in July 2008 with the aim of making lives of persons with disabilities Sarthak (successful), enabling them to become Masters of their own Destiny and finding its own success in theirs. The trust is actively involved in empowering PwDs in various ways and aims to create sustainable employment opportunities, early interventions and inclusive educations initiatives for PwDs.
2		Deepstambh Foundation	Deepstambh Foundation, an NGO established in 2009, is dedicated to empowering and uplifting the lives of disadvantaged individuals, particularly students with disabilities, orphans, transgender and underprivileged youth from tribal, rural, and urban areas in Jalgaon and Pune centers in Maharashtra. It caters to youth above the age of 18, supporting them in pursuing higher-end careers such as UPSC, SSC, Banking, Railway, Engineering, MSW, MBA, and Law, integrating them into mainstream careers.
<b>DivyangaoKeLiyeSarvshresthaNiyoktha – (Govt.organisation/ PSEs)/ Pvt. Sector)</b>			
1		Amazon India	Amazon Seller Services Private Limited (ASSPL) operates Amazon in which is a world class marketplace. Amazon India has 387 hearing impaired ambassador strained as rozgar - mitras. Amazon India operates 220 + sites across 18 States/UT sand more than 60% of sites have persons with disability deployed, totaling 1600+ associates across disabilities. Since 2020, it has deployed, 8500 PWD associates across their sites, from various diverse cohorts of disability.

<b>Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan/Badhamukta Vatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT / Zila</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Directorate, Social Justice and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Madhya Pradesh</b>	Commendable work has been done in the field of creating a barrier-free environment for the disabled in the state of Madhya Pradesh under the Accessible India Campaign, as a result of which it ranks among the leading states of the country in this matter. Under the Sugamya Bhaarat Abhiyan 89 Govt. Buildings have been made accessible at a cost of Rs. 30.48 Crore. In the State out of 44 Govt. Web sites, 37 Websites have been made accessible. The work being done by the State of Madhya Pradesh in implementing the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, the National Awards 2023 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category “Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan / Badhamukta Bhatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya” is given to the State of Madhya Pradesh.
<b>Sarvshrestha Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan / Soochana Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki (Govt./Private organization)</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>India Signing Hands Private Limited</b>	India Signing Hands News being run by the organisation is India’s leading online News and Entertainment channel producing content in accessible formats such as Indian Sign Language, subtitles, voice-overs as well as attractive graphics created by a team of Deaf professionals. It has over 190+ Million views over Facebook, YouTube & Instagram. It has launched a new project – Call Sign to bridge the communication barrier between the Deaf and hearing.
<b>Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam /UDID Evem Divyang Sashaktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila)</b>		
<b>दिव्यांगजनोंके अधिकार अधिनियम/यूडीआईडी एवं दिव्यांगोंके सशक्तिकरणकी अन्य योजनाओंके कार्यान्वयनमें सर्वश्रेष्ठराज्य/यूटी/जिला</b>		

1		Gadchiroli	Zilla Parishad, Gadchiroli has initiated Gadchiroli District Disability Assistance Program with a motto of सहायता से स्वावलंबन तक to achieve Saturation of UDID Cards and Disability Certificates, Capacity building and sensitization of government functionaries and Provision of skill development and livelihood opportunities. The aim is to attain 100% coverage of UDID cards, skill development opportunities, doorstep delivery of the services and sensitization of all Government functionaries from district to village level.
<b>Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya Divyangjan Aayukta</b>			
1		<b>Goa Shri Guru Prasad Pawaskar Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities</b>	The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in Goa has achieved significant milestones in promoting accessibility, awareness, and equal participation for individuals with disabilities. His efforts towards empowering Divyangjans such as making Miramar Beach, Smart City Panaji, and voting booths accessible, transforming buildings under the Accessible India campaign issuing UDID cards, ensuring and diligently upholding the rights of persons with disabilities as mandated by the RPWD Act, 2016 deserves appreciation by all. His contribution towards organizing first Purple Fest in Goa was outstanding.
2		<b>Madhya Pradesh  Shri Sandeep Rajak, Commissioner (Disabilities)</b>	The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Madhya Pradesh played an important role in the effective implementation of the RPWD Act in Madhya Pradesh by taking suo moto innovative and effective steps, he protected the constitutional rights of the divyangjan in many cases. Innovations like mobile courts, advocacy meetings etc. promoted sensitization of the divyangjan, thereby creating an inclusive society as per the basic concept of the Act.



**Punarvasan Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn SarvshresthaSangathan**  
**पुनर्वासपेशवरोकेविकासमेंसंलग्नसर्वश्रेष्ठसंगठन**

<b>1</b>		Divyang Development Society	The Divyang Development Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering and improving the lives of individuals with disabilities. The organization's multifaceted approach encompasses various domains, including education, employment, healthcare, advocacy, and social integration. Their efforts in advocacy, policy influence & community engagement have contributed to attitudinal shifts&enhanced accessibility.
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