








List of National Awardees (Category-wise) for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2022:-




**(National Awards for Individual Excellence-2022)**





No.	SarvshresthDivyangjan			
1		Dr. Pottabathini Padmavati,	<p>Dr. Pottabathini Padmavati, aged 51, has locomotor disability of 90%. She has done BA PGDCA. She took training in vocal music in carnatik music, light music and mythological drama or musical drama in Hyderabad and became an artiste. As a social worker she started Padmavathi Institute to provide training to persons with disabilities in singing, acting, dancing, and also computers, tailoring, candle making and soft toys free of cost. Her NGO gives 'Spoorthi Award' for the last 20 years to persons with disabilities. She produced a telefilm for Doordarshan which won a mini award in Japan. She received National Award twice and State Award also twice and received StreeShakthiPuraskar in 2010.</p>	
2		Dr. Neelima Dhingra Passi	<p>Dr. Neelima Dhingra Passi, aged has Locomotor Disability of 60%. She has done Phd. (Pharmaceutical Chemistry), and is an Assistant Professor, Punjab University, Chandigarh. Being a Medicinal or Pharmaceutical Chemist, she has designed and synthesized new drug molecules (chemical entities). Dr. Neelima Dhingra Passi has developed Five alpha reeducates' inhibitors which are clinically useful in the treatment of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia. Contributions have been made by her for providing more potent novel steroidal 5-reductase inhibitors in comparison to marketed drug finasteride resulting in encouraging outcomes in the form of obtaining 8 Patents and national and international awards like India Vasudevan Award and Bharat Ratan Mother Teresa Gold Medalist Award. She has written 2 Books at International level and contributed more than 60 Chapters for national and international Publications. She has also submitted more than 60 Abstracts at both National and International levels. She has worked as Co-Coordinator at Equal Opportunity Cell for PwDs at Chandigarh University and as Co coordinator Perception team UIPS Departmental Level.</p>	
3		Ms. M. Poonguzhali	<p>Ms. M. Poonguzhali, aged 29 has Intellectual Disability of 75%. She is a differently abled Bharathanatyam Dancer. She has accomplished her Arangetram. She has participated in THILLAI NATYANJALI amidst 7190 participants in 2019 which created a Guinness Record. She has performed at</p>	

			State, National and International levels and bagged many awards, prizes and appreciations.
4		Prof. Someshwar Sati	Prof. Someshwar Sati, aged 54, has visual impairment of 100%. He has done Phd. In English language. He has set up reading and scribe service at the enabling unit of the college and is also instrumental in setting up a centre for disability research and training at Kirori Mal College, Delhi University. He is involved in organising sports/cultural activities, awareness programmes for persons with disability students. He has organised online certificate courses in disability studies and also National and International webinars and faculty development programmes and also got various disability related books translated into English. In 2019, he established the Indian Disability Studies Collective (IDSC), an association of disability scholars from across the country.
5		Shri Apoorv Kulkarni	Shri Apoorv Kulkarni, aged 36, has 100% Visual Impairment since the age of 7 years. He is presently heading the Center for Inclusive Mobility of Ola Mobility Institute (OMI) - part of ANI Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (owner of brand Ola and Ola Cabs). He is also a Winner of Smart Solutions Challenge and Inclusive Cities Award 2022 organised by United Nations (UN) India, for tech solution to make urban transport more inclusive for 23 crore plus Divyangjan, women and senior citizens. He has been championing disability inclusion through Research and publications. He authored a pioneering report: 'On The Move' on travel experiences of Divyang women and men across 3 Disability groups and 3 transport modes.
6		Shri Jaysingh Krushnaro Chavhan	ShriJaysinghKrushnaroChavhan 43 years of age has Locomotor Disability of 87%. He is MBA (Finance). He started his own venture by manufacturing soap and detergent under Ranjana Group of Industries. He won National Award in the category of Best self employedDivyangjan in 2007 and for empowerment of persons with disabilities he was awarded with Maharashtra UdyogBhushan Award in 2016. He also won Magnetic Maharashtra Award (Maharashtra State Award for Start-ups), 2018. He has been involved in organizing special training camps for self employment of Divyangjan.



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7		SushriInshah Bashir	<p>SushriInshah Bashir 32 years, B.A &amp; B.ED has locomotor disability of 80% since she met with an accident while studying in 12th Standard. She has co-authored a book “101 unconventional strategies”. She is the first female wheelchair Basket ball player from Kashmir to represent India in the US for Coaches Visitor Sports program, in March 2019. She also participated at the national level basket ball tournament held in 2019 at Mohali, Punjab, as Captain of the women’s team from Kashmir. She also played in Delhi team during the National level basket ball tournament held in Tamil Nadu in 2018. She also participated in the national wheelchair basketball championship 2017 held at Hyderabad.</p>
8		Dr. Satya Narayan Mishra	<p>Dr. Satya Narayan Mishra, 54 years of age, has 80% locomotor disability is M.Phil, and holds a PhD from Utkal University. He is working as an Archivist in the office of DG Achieves, National Archives of India and was awarded D. Lit. from Central China Normal University, China in 2012. He has also published two books, 11 research articles in different National and International journals of Universities and Institutions. He had vigoursly made efforts to make the different departments and buildings of Utkal University disabled friendly. He is also the member of Elevate, a Disability Trust of New Zealand</p>
9		Ms Sharmishthaa Atreja	<p>MsSharmishthaaAtreja 34 years of age is a person with visual impairment of 100%.She has completed her Masters in philosophy. She is presently working as an AssistantProfessor in the University of Delhi, Department of Philosophy. She represented India as theConvener for the south-Asian Chapter of ‘Young Voices,’ a global advocacy group supportedby Leonard Cheshire Disability-UK. She has worked as Associate Editor of “InternationalJournal for Critical Disability Studies”, a bi-annual international journal published online. Sheperformed in the Indian Music recital in the 13th Gold concert in Fukuoka, an International concert organised by Barrier-free Association in 2016. She was also a Resource Person onDisability and Gaze” at an online International conference in 2020.</p>


<p><b>10</b></p>		<p>Shri Abhishek Thakur</p>	<p>Shri Abhishek Thakur 34 years, is 100% Visually Impaired, Masters in Philosophy. He is presently working as an Assistant Professor at Department of Education in the University of Delhi. He is the recipient of the NTPC Gold Medal for the Best Field Work Student in Social Work in the year 2011 from TISS, Mumbai. He has widely published research papers and articles as also successfully completed various research projects on Community Based Rehabilitation and Sustainable Livelihood Framework in collaboration with CBM. He has also organised a few Job Fairs in 2018 and 2019 as also ran a COVID-19 Helpline for Persons with Disabilities in collaboration with the Blind Relief Association. He is an Expert Member for identification of posts suitable for persons with disabilities in various Departments of Government of Delhi besides being in the governing body of the National Association for the Blind (NAB), the Blind Relief Association, Delhi JPM Senior Secondary School for the Blind, New Delhi and an active member of the task force on Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>		<p>Sushri Temsutola Jamir</p>	<p>Sushri Temsutola Jamir, is 42 years and a resident of Dimapur, Nagaland. She has hearing impairment of 100% as also her husband. She has done Senior Secondary and is presently working as resource Teacher under Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan. Provides home based education to deaf children who are unable to go to school. She is a sports person and a dancer. She has won first level prizes in various National level and State level competitions in shot put and badminton. She has secured consolation prize in Poetry at Ability Utsav 2000 in New Delhi. In Special Olympics Bharat, she won 2nd prize in shot-put and 1st prize in Badminton in 2012 and 2014 organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs &amp; Sports. In standing long jump competition she won 2nd prize in 2011, and 1st prize in senior girls racing and football in Special Olympics Bharat. Temsutola has brought honor and laurel to the hearing impairment community in the field of sports in Nagaland.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>		<p>Shri Bijender Kahtana</p>	<p>Shri Bijender Kahtana 25 years aged has hearing impairment of 93%. He is pursuing Diploma in Special Education in Hearing Impairment. He is a sports person and has participated in athletics, judo and basketball competitions at International, National and State levels. He has secured first position in basketball organized by International Deaf Basketball Federation. At the National level he has got one gold medal in basketball and secured third position under 73 kg. in Judo.</p>


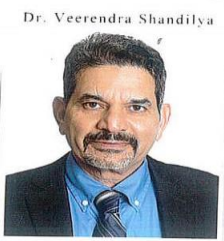

13		Sushri Aparna Roy	<p>Sushri Aparna Roy aged 36 years, has intellectual disability of 50%. Though she couldnot proceed in formal education, but has excelled in dance. She learned classical Manipuridance. For her outstanding performance in Dance she received State award in the categoryof Role Model in 2017. She has also performed in many cities in India including one at DRDO Auditorium, Delhi. She also participated in the cultural exchange programme in the year2015 in Bangladesh. She received 'Star, 2020' award at an event organised by Heart &amp; Soul Cultural Society at Lucknow.</p>
14		Shri Raghunath Singh Kutlehria	<p>Shri Raghunath Singh Kutlehria aged 24 years, despite having Intellectual disabilityof 50% has passed 12th Standard. He is a sports person, and won Gold and Silver medal inNational Cycling Championship held in Ranchi in 2018. He won 1 Gold and 1 silver medal incycling at World Summer Special Olympics held in Abu Dhabi in March, 2019.</p>
15		Sushri Pooja Gupta	<p>Sushri Pooja Gupta 41 years of age has 85% disability of blood disorder) by birth. She has done M.Sc and MCA. She is working as a Senior Technical Lead in HCL Technologies Ltd. She is also involved in social work and takes part as a speaker as also part of many blood donation camps, drives, and thalassemia awareness. For the outstanding work she has been given Asian Thallasemia Warrior Award, 2020, Tata Steel Sabal Role Model, 2022 as also a number of awards by various organizations including her employer.</p>
16		Shri Krishna Kumar	<p>Shri Krishna Kumar M.P. 53 years, has 40% Chronic Neurological Conditions. Hehas done SSLC, ITI and is presently working as Convection Counselor at Anthoor. He has performed in the Karinkuti SansthanTheyyam Performer Folk Dance Festival and CraftFair, New Delhi. He has worked as an artist in Thotampattu of AIR Kannur. He has alsoparticipated in a workshop on the strengthening of Emergency Response Capabilities ofthe Differently Abled People in Kerala. He is also a performer at South Zone Cultural Centre Thanjavoor.</p>

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17		Sushri Shreya Mishra	Sushri Shreya Mishra aged 16 years has 100% Intellectual Disability. She is pursuing Class XII, and has been a Classical Dancer (Bharatnatyam) since 2010 and also learnt Kuchipudi. She has been rendering stage performances at various places in Odisha and Andhra Pradesh since 2011. She also participated in 3 online classical dance performances on the occasion of International Day for person with disabilities in the years 2020 & 2021 conducted at Dubai during COVID 19. She won Awards such as Natya Urvashi at National level and Narthana Bala Award at District level.
18		Master Avnish Tiwari	Master Avnish Tiwari 8 years, a child born with birth defects was left in an orphanage after the birth by his biological parents. 50% Intellectually Disabled, he was adopted by a single parent. Master Avnish started nurturing his passion in sports since the age of 6. He is an athlete of Special Olympic Bharat. He went on the trekking to Mount Everest Base Camp at the age of 7. Despite having disability, the achievements of Master Avnish Tiwari at such a young age are not only laudable but inspiring to persons born with birth defects.

### Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarath Sarvshrestha Vyakti

19		Sushri Pooja Sureshbhai Vaghasiya	Sushri Pooja Sureshbhai Vaghasiya, MEd. (Special Education) is 43 years. Special Educator for Mentally Challenged children, she has the experience of 15 years of educating special children. She is also the mother of a child with intellectual disability. She has been taking care of 200+ Special Children at her NGO named Prayas Parents Association. She is an inspiration for many women due to her dedicated work towards special children. Her dream is to become Mother of 2000 Special Children with a minimal or no fee. Her work has also been appreciated by various authorities in Gujarat.
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20	 <p>HARMANJIT SINGH</p>	Shri Harmanjit Singh	Shri Harmanjit Singh is aged 47 years and is a business man. He is also a social worker and has been running Jan Kalyan Charitable Society in Punjab (Batala) for the last 15 years. He is engaged in the rehabilitation of divyangjan and the distribution of Assistive Devices. For his work of rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, the Govt. of Punjab conferred State Award in 2016.
21	 <p>Dr. Veerendra Shandilya</p>	Dr. Veerendra Shandilya	Dr. Veerendra Shandilya 57 years old, is a Orthotist and Prosthetics. He has done doctorate in prosthetics for his patented endo-skeletal prosthetic knee joint design which are low cost and functional for amputees in India. He has fitted 4 lakh beneficiaries with orthotic and prosthetic world wide. He is also associated as director at Jaya Rehabilitation Center, Bidada besides being a private Prosthetic and Orthotic clinician. He was also associated in the modernization project of ALMICO as a subject expert. He is known for encouraging Divyangjan to participate in marathon as well as developing innovative methods in prosthetic and orthotic with research evidence besides a teacher & faculty to many colleges sharing his knowledge and clinical expertise.
22		Dr. Bhausaheb Ashok Botre	Dr. Bhausaheb Ashok Botre 44 years of age but with 100% Locomotor Disability, PhD.(Electronics) is working as Principal Scientist at CSIR Rajasthan. Dr. Botre has developed a prototype of an E-assist tri-cycle with electric as well as hand paddles to help in inclined roads, flyovers, hilly areas with breaking and forward and reverse system circuits. The Product is cost effective i.e. around Rs 30000 per unit for a batch of 25 e-assist tri cycles as compared to the market cost of Rs 35000 per unit. Dr. Botra has submitted two patents and done copy right applications.

## 2. National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2022

<b>Divyang Sashaktikaran Men Karyarath Sarvshrestha Sansthan (Private organization, NGO)</b>		
1	<b>Mahatma Gandhi Seva Sangh</b>	The organization came into being in the year 1994 to provide social, educational, and rehabilitation services and rights to persons with various disabilities. The organization works

		across India, focusing on Maharashtra and Goa, for the rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities. Besides, the organization has also been given the responsibility of being the Implementing Agency in respect of 9 District Disability Rehabilitation Centers in 2008, 2009, 2011, 2018, 2019 and 2020 in Maharashtra and one in Goa by this Department.
<b>Divyang Sashaktikaran Men Karyarath Sarvshrestha Sansthan (Private organization, NGO)</b>		
2	<b>Balvantray Mehta VidyaBhawan</b>	Balvantray Mehta Vidya Bhawan Anguridevi Shersingh Memorial Academy Senior Secondary School established in 1965 runs a special school for children with disabilities as also runs and imparts inclusive education. It has so far covered more than 5000 children with disabilities. The School has 3825 students on its roll and out of this 3500 are general students and 325 are Children With Special Needs. The school also has a Vocational Centre for imparting various types of skills to children with disabilities. The school has been honored with the grade as a 'Model School' in the field of Integrated/ Inclusive Education.
<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Niyoktha</b>		
3	<b>M/s Accenture Solutions Pvt. Ltd</b>	Accenture Solutions Pvt. Ltd employs nearly 2000 persons with visible and non-invisible disabilities in its global professional services which constitutes 0.6% of its workforce. Persons with disabilities are employed across various fields ranging from technology and software to design and finance in more than 30 different roles. Accenture is continuing to establish advancement including of persons with disabilities in its working might through prioritization of its fundamentals to do business. As a result, increasing hiring of persons with disabilities by 50% and ensuring their advancement and progress .



<b>Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshrestha Placement Agency</b>		
4	<b>Dr. Reddys Foundation</b>	Dr. Reddy's Foundation (DRF) has developed a flagship program called GROW for Persons with Disabilities. The program offers training in core employability skills, catering to 11 different disabilities including Physical, Visual, Speech, Intellectual Disability and Autism, etc. Most of the training centers are accessible to accommodate people with severe disabilities. The Foundation has been training nearly 6000 aspirants every year. The program ensures that the Persons with Disabilities trained will be ready for entry-level jobs in various sectors. The GROW programme has a placement rate of 60% to date with an average salary of Rs. 10,000 per month. Advance level training is also being organized for Graduates to aid them in securing placements with Multi-National Companies.
<b>Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan/ Badhamukta Vatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila</b>		
5	<b>State of Maharashtra</b>	Under the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan access audit of total 180 Government buildings in four major cities of Maharashtra has been done under Accessible India Campaign. A total of 180 buildings have been identified out of which proposals in respect of 142 buildings sent. The retrofitting work completed in 137 buildings. Total funds amounting to Rs. 2167.38 lakhs, out of this utilization certificate of amount Rs. 1930.84 lakh sent to the Central Government. Out of remaining 38, buildings plan and estimate of 15 buildings have been submitted.
<b>Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam/UDID Evem Divyang Sashaktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya/UT/Zila</b>		
6	<b>District Administration - ALWAR</b>	District Administration Alwar is running a "SAKSHAMA-ALWAR ABHIYAN" i.e. door to door survey to identify the needy person with disabilities with a view to covering them under various schemes of Government. During April to May 2022 survey camps organised at 22 locations both in rural and urban areas in the District and more than 20,000 persons with disabilities have been identified. Under the schemes 26198 UDID Cards, 27717 disability certificates, 29328 Disable pensioners, 3833 SAP students, 3752 SAP Palanhar, 1296 SAP Families, Astha Cards, 1501 Bus Passes, 1685 beneficiaries under ADIP scheme as also 149 Artificial Limbs were distributed to divyangjan. For persons with visual impairment brail training programme besides introductory ceremony and marriage ceremony for specially abled person have also been organised.
<b>Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshrestha Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta</b>		
7	<b>State Commissioner for the Persons with Disabilities Haryana</b>	The Office of State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities is doing outstanding work in implementing the mandate given under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The suomoto, innovative and effective steps taken by the office of State Commissioner Disabilities Haryana in attending to grievances and safeguarding the rights of Persons with Disabilities in the State of Haryana are laudable.

