

National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2024

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Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
(Divyangjan)

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
Government of India

INTRODUCTION

In order to give focused attention to policy issues and meaningful thrust to the activities aimed at Welfare and Empowerment of the Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), a separate Department of Disability Affairs was carved out of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on May 12, 2012. The Department was renamed as Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on December 8, 2014. The Department acts as a nodal agency for matters pertaining to disability and Persons with disabilities including effecting closer coordination among different stakeholders: related Central Ministries, State/UT Governments, NGOs etc. in matters pertaining to disability. The Department is working to achieve its mission of Empowering Persons with disabilities through its various Acts/ Institutions/ Organizations and Schemes for rehabilitation and to create an enabling environment that provides such persons with equal opportunities, protection of their rights and enables them to participate as independent and productive members of society. The Department has presently 09 autonomous bodies, (National Institutes) 02 Corporations, 03 Statutory Bodies, and 25 Composite Regional Centres for Skill Development Rehabilitation & Employment of Persons with Disabilities.

In 1969, the Government approved a scheme for presenting National Awards to outstanding Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) as employers and employees. These awards have been instituted with the objective of focusing public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and promote their main streaming in society. The scope of the scheme has been amended from time to time, keeping in view the changing scenario.

The National Awards are conferred on 3rd December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' on outstanding Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) and Individuals/Organizations who are working for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

Till 2017, the Award Scheme was governed under the National Awards Rules, 2013 which provided 7 categories of disabilities as per the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995. However, with the coming into force of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 w.e.f. 19th April 2017, the number of specified disabilities increased from 7 to 21 under the new

Law. Accordingly, all the 21 disabilities were included under the National Award Guidelines notified in the Extra-ordinary Gazette of India dated 2nd August, 2018.

In July, 2020, MHA advised that over the years, with the institution of multiple Awards across Ministries / Departments and selection of large number of Awardees for many awards have impacted the value and prestige associated with these National Awards.

In this connection, vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister has been communicated which is as under:-

"To transform the entire ecosystem of awards conferred by the Government especially building credibility and trust by focusing on merit, objectivity, transparency, people-participation, simplicity, efficiency and use of technology. And that selection of awardees may be such that it not only elevates the stature of the award but also inspires the Nation by their exceptional achievements and impact of their contributions on society".

The Guidelines for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were simplified/revised and notified in extra-ordinary Gazette of India dated 19th July, 2022. The revised Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities provide two main categories of Awards i.e. first category of Individual Excellence consisting 6 sub-category of awards and the other category of Institutional Empowerment consisting of 8 sub-category of awards. Under the revised Guidelines applications/nominations are invited online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal designed and administered by the Ministry of Home Affairs (www.awards.gov.in).

Applications/nominations for the National Awards for the year 2024 were invited on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (www.awards.gov.in). The portal was opened for receiving applications/nominations w.e.f. 15th June, 2024 to 31st July, 2024 which was further extended up to 15th August, 2024. For wide publicity, a PAN India advertisement was also released on 18th June, 2024 inviting applications/nominations for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2024. The advertisement was also hosted on the website of the Department. For wider coverage and publicity, the Department

of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) had written letters to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrators and Central Ministries / Departments on 24, June, 2024 calling nominations for National Awards in various categories. In response to the above, 1886 applications (1704 applications in individual excellence category and 182 applications in institutional category) for the year 2024 were received on the portal.

The Department constituted Screening Committees for screening and shortlisting of applications. The shortlisted applications by the Screening Committees, were considered by the National Selection Committee, in its meeting held on 6, November, 2024 and finalised names of 33 awardees for the year 2024.

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities earnestly hope that the achievements of the Awardees will motivate and inspire others to emulate for similar accomplishments.

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SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN KE KARYANVAYAN / BADHAMUKT VATAVARAN
KE SRIJAN MEIN SARVSHRESHTH RAJYA / UT/ ZILA

Salumbar, Rajasthan

**Sarvshreshth Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan/Soochna Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki',
is conferred to it.**

Star Sports

DIVYANGJAN ADHIKAR ADHINIYAM / UDID EVAM

Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh

Dungarpur, Rajasthan

Sarvshreshth Rajya Divyangjan Aayukt

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,

Punarvas Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth
Sangathan

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore

TYPES OF DISABILITIES

(A) National Awards for Individual Excellence - 2021

(B) National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2021

(A) National Awards for Individual Excellence - 2023

Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh

Dungarpur, Rajasthan

g- Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya Aayukt Divyangjan

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gujarat

h. Punarvas Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth Sangathan

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Individual Excellence SARVSHRESHTH DIVYANGJAN

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Shri lytha Mallikarjuna, having 88% locomotor disability, has made significant strides in empowering persons with disabilities and promoting inclusive growth in India. Despite PostPolio Paralysis from age two, he excelled academically and founded impactful organizations like the Inclusive Divyangjan Entrepreneur Association (IDEA), which supports over 1,060 Divyang entrepreneurs and has facilitated jobs for more than 2,500 individuals. His efforts in disability rights and fair trade have earned awards, including the "Pillar of Civil Society" by the President of India, marking his dedication to social entrepreneurship and inclusivity. His journey is a testament to his resilience and vision, creating an inclusive society and inspiring others to pursue social entrepreneurship.

In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Divyang community, Shri lytha Mallikarjuna is awarded the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Shri Prateek Khandelwal has 75% locomotor disability. He is the founder of 'Ramp My City' and a pioneering social entrepreneur who has transformed urban environments in India to be more accessible for Persons with Disabilities. His innovative work has empowered thousands and earned him prestigious National and International accolades.

In recognition of his outstanding work in the field of accessibility, Shri Prateek Khandelwal is awarded the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Shri Amar Jain, a legal professional with 100% visual impairment, has been a pioneering advocate for accessibility, policy reform, and financial inclusion for persons with disabilities in India. Through his relentless efforts, he has driven significant systemic changes that have empowered countless lives.

In recognition of his outstanding performance as a person for empowerment and advocacy of the persons with disabilities, Shri Amar Jain is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Shri Arpan Sharma

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Shri Arpan Sharma, a para-athlete with 60% mental illness, has repeatedly overcome challenges to excel in sports, winning numerous medals at the state, national, and international levels in events like powerlifting, athletics, and boccia . His inspiring journey has not only brought him personal accolades but also served as a powerful symbol of resilience and achievement for the Divyangjan community. Arpan's dedication and unwavering spirit have made him a role model, inspiring others to pursue their dreams and break down societal barriers.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of Shri Arpan Sharma in sports, he is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Ms. Chhonzin Angmo is a sportswoman with 100 % visual impairment. She has shattered boundaries and stereotypes through her remarkable achievements in a diverse range of sports, including mountaineering, cycling, swimming, football, and more. Despite her disability, she has scaled peaks like Mount Kanamo and Kang Yatze 2, set a world record for the largest team of people with disabilities to scale the Siachen Glacier, and won numerous medals at national and international competitions. Angmo's unwavering spirit and relentless determination have made her an inspiring role model, empowering others with disabilities to pursue their dreams and redefine the limits of what is possible.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of Ms. Chhonzin Angmo in the field of sports, she receives the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.



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Ms. Priyanka Deepak Dabade, an artist with 100% hearing impairment, has defied societal barriers and pursued her passion for fashion, crafts, and art. Despite facing personal challenges, she has consistently participated in and excelled at prestigious competitions, including winning a silver medal at the International Abilympics 2023 in France. Priyanka's unwavering determination and commitment to empowering fellow persons with disabilities through skill development and mentorship have made her an inspiring role model. Her journey is a testament to the power of resilience, creativity, and the belief that disability is no obstacle for achieving one's dreams.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of Ms. Priyanka Deepak Dabade in the field of Art & Culture, she receives the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshresth Divyangjan-2024.



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Ms. Ananya Bijesh, an 18-year old artist with 80% Autism Spectrum Disorder from Thiruvananthapuram, has achieved remarkable milestones in music. Despite challenges, she has performed on prestigious stages, sung with renowned artists, and received accolades, including the Ujjwala Balyam Puraskaram and the Best Creative Child award in 2022 at the State level.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of Ms. Ananya Bijesh in the field of music, she receives the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024.

SHRESHTH DIVYANGJAN A. Locomotor Disability

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Shri Tinkesh Kaushik, a triple amputee with 90% locomotor disability, has defied all odds to become an adventure sports enthusiast and motivational speaker. He holds multiple records, including the first triple amputee to trek to Everest Base Camp. Through his foundation, he promotes inclusive fitness and supports persons with disabilities (PwDs) by providing mobility aids and mental health counseling.

In recognition of the outstanding performance of Shri Tinkesh Kaushik in the field of adventure sports and empowerment of persons with disabilities, he is awarded the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan- 2024.

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Ms. Kavitha, also known as Pammal Kavitha, has 80% locomotor disability and leads the Pammal Annai Theresa Handicapped Welfare Trust. She resumed her family's social work in 2019, assisting over 1,200 persons with disabilities across Chennai and nearby districts. Her Trust supports access to government welfare schemes, training programs, and healthcare services for persons with disabilities, significantly impacting their lives.

In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Kavitha is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Shri Danish Mahajan

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Shri Danish Mahajan, a person with 100% visual impairment and a resilient advocate for persons with disabilities, transformed his life after losing his eyesight at the age of 14. Through initiatives like Radio Udaan, an online community radio station for visually impaired individuals, he has reached over 50,000 monthly listeners. His efforts include motivational speaking, counseling, and organizing talent competitions. Mahajan has received awards like the CavinKare Ability Award, showcasing his dedication to empowering the PwD community.

In recognition of his outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shri Danish Mahajan is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Ms. Himani Bundela, a role model with visual impairment, overcame an accident and acquired 80% visual disability. Despite challenges, she pursued a teaching career at Kendriya Vidyalaya and earned recognition by winning ₹1 crore in Kaun Banega Crorepati (2021). She is involved in empowering children with special needs under Asha Project, fostering inclusive education. Her efforts, including counseling camps and resource centers, have benefited thousands and earned accolades, such as the Best Role Model Award from Uttar Pradesh's Divyangjan Empowerment Department in 2022.

In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Himani Bundela is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Hearing Impairment Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech & Language Disability)

AN - HEARING IMPAIRMENT

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Shri Ashutosh, a talented model and theatre artist, has demonstrated remarkable resilience and excellence in the fields of modeling and dramatics, despite 100% hearing impairment. As Mr. India Plus 2021 titleholder and an achiever in various National Awards, he continues to inspire many by advocating for social equality and awareness. In recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field art and culture (modelling and dramatics), Shri Ashutosh is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Ms. Kanika Mukesh Agarwal, having 94% hearing impairment, is an accomplished deaf educator. She has significantly impacted deaf education and accessibility in India. She has advocated for deaf empowerment and created inclusive teaching programs in Maharashtra, providing technical support for teaching deaf children. Her innovative work in bilingual deaf education, especially in under-served areas, has improved deaf children's academic performance, thereby enhancing their career prospects and self-identity. Her influence extends to promoting accessibility and awareness in various organizations.

In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ms. Kanika Mukesh Aggrawal is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Intellectual Disability - (Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder)

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Shri Ranveer Singh Saini, an athlete with 50% intellectual disability, has transformed India's image in golf. Competing since the age of 12, he won his first gold at the Asia Pacific Masters. As India's first golf gold medalist at the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, he continues to inspire, with wins in 2019 and 2023. Recognized with numerous honors, including the Bhim Award and Khel Gaurav Puruskar, he remains an icon of perseverance.

In recognition of his outstanding performance in the field of sports, Shri Ranveer Singh Saini is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Ms. Niti Rakesh Rathod, having 50% intellectual disability, is a dedicated paraswimmer from Rajkot, Gujarat, and achieved remarkable success in swimming. Since 2012, she has won numerous medals at District, State, and National levels, including the Special Olympics and Para Olympics. Niti's story of resilience and passion for swimming continues to inspire many. She also coaches young children, nurturing their love for the sport, and serves as a role model for individuals with intellectual disability.

In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of sports, Ms. Niti Rakesh Rathod, is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

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Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi, a person with 70% Haemophilia, is a renowned professor in pathology and blood disorders. He has dedicated his life to improve Haemophilia care. Despite personal challenges with Haemophilia, he has led initiatives, including Karnataka's first Haemophilia treatment center, advocacy for government support, and public awareness efforts. His contributions earned him National and International awards, significantly impacting blood disorder management in Karnataka.

In recognition of his outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Dr. Suresh Hanagavadi is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Ms. Manjudarshini G.

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Ms. Manjudarshini G. is a person with 50% Thalassemia. She has excelled academically, securing 5th rank in her Master's and is now a Sub-Registrar in Karnataka Government. Beyond her career, she raises awareness about thalassemia and inspiring others with similar conditions. Her exemplary achievements make her a role model for others battling disabilities.

In recognition of her outstanding performance in the field of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Manjudarshini G. is given the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyangjan-2024.

Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika

Master Prathamesh Sinha

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Master Prathamesh Sinha, aged 13 years, from Pune, is a motivational speaker and advocate for children with visual impairment and cancer patients. Despite 100% blindness since infancy, he promotes Braille literacy through the ANNIE device, which he presented on Shark Tank India and to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Actively supporting cancer patients and empowering the visually impaired, Prathamesh's work in accessibility and resilience continues to inspire many. In recognition of his extraordinary talent, Master Prathamesh Sinha is awarded the National Award-2024 for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika.



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Kumari Janvi has 100% hearing impairment. She is a talented 13-year-old student from Hisar, Haryana, who has overcome profound hearing impairment to excel in diverse fields. She has won awards in essay writing, chess, painting, and drama at both National and State levels. Janvi's dedication to her craft and academic excellence highlight her resilience and commitment. Her achievements showcase her multifaceted talents and are inspiring for individuals with hearing impairment. In recognition of her extraordinary talent, Kumari Janvi is awarded the National Award-2024 for Individual Excellence in the category of Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika.

Sarvshreshth Vyakti - Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarat

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Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma has dedicated 34 years to rehabilitating mentally ill individuals across India, particularly in the Bundelkhand region. Through personal efforts and self-funding, he rescues and supports these individuals, often confined in inhumane conditions, by facilitating medical treatment and reintegrating them into society. Dr. Sharma also actively works to raise awareness about mental health and the dangers of substance abuse, striving to improve lives through empathy, education, and dedicated service.

For the laudable work being done by Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, the National Award-2024 for Individual Excellence in the category of 'Divyangjano ke Sashaktikaran ke liye Karyarat Sarvshreshth Vyakti' is conferred to him.



Dr. Saroj Arya

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Dr. Saroj Arya, a clinical psychologist, has made significant contributions to empowering persons with intellectual disability. She established and developed various services at National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (NIEPID), Secunderabad, an apex institute for intellectual disability. With over 30 years of research experience, she created essential assessment tools like the NIEPID Indian Test of Intelligence and the Indian Scale for Autism Assessment. Her work in human resource development, research, and community outreach has greatly impacted rehabilitation services across India.

In recognition of the outstanding work done by Dr. Saroj Arya, she is awarded the National Awards-2024 for Individual Excellence in the category of 'Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Karyarat Sarvshreshth Punarvas Peshewar (Rehabilitation Professional)'.

Sarvshreshth Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utpad Vikas



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Ms. Dipti Prasad is a visionary entrepreneur and accessibility advocate who founded Nobaflix and co-founded XL Cinema, enhancing entertainment for individuals with visual impairment. Her platforms provide audio descriptions, making over 300 movies accessible. Nobaflix has grown rapidly, supported by partnerships with 40+ organizations. Recognized with numerous awards, including the Leaders Award and Cisco Special Jury Award, Dipti's work promotes inclusivity and has profoundly impacted the lives of audience with visual impairment.

In recognition of the outstanding innovation by Ms. Dipti Prasad, she is awarded the National Awards-2024 for Individual Excellence in the category of 'Divyangata Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshreshth Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utpad Vikas'.

SARVSHRESHTH SANSTHAN (PRIVATE ORGANIZATION, NGO)

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Presently, Mitti Café operates in nearly 50 locations across India, including prestigious sites like the Rashtrapati Bhawan and the Supreme Court of India. Mitti Café is the single largest chain of cafés in the world to be run by persons with disabilities . With close to 50 Cafes across India, Mitti has created over 6500 livelihoods. Warriors with disabilities at Mitti Cafe have served 1.3 crore meals through the cafés, thereby creating awareness about inclusion, with every meal served, and provided over 60 lakh "Karuna Meals" to vulnerable communities. With National and Global recognition, today, Mitti Café is a movement for dignity, empowerment, and inclusion, aiming to transform lives of persons with disabilities.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by it, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Mein Karyrat Sarvshreshth Sansthan' (comprehensive rehabilitation) is given to Mitti Social Initiatives Foundation, Hyderabad, Telangana.

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The Bombay St. Xavier's College Society (XRCVC) has championed inclusive education for students with disabilities, reaching over 54,000 individuals through its programs. Since its foundation in 2003, XRCVC has become a national center for assistive technology (AT), providing extensive resources and training. Its initiatives have impacted policy changes in accessible education, STEM, and financial access for persons with disabilities in India, earning several National Awards. In recognition of the outstanding work being done by The Bombay St. Xavier's College Society (XRCVC), Mumbai, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Mein Karyrat Sarvshreshth Sansthan' (Inclusive Education), is conferred to it.

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Zomato's Project ZEAL, launched in 2022, provides dignified employment for over 600 persons with disabilities in India, through accessible, tech-enabled delivery roles. Operating in 50 cities, ZEAL enhances financial independence and mobility for partners, fostering social inclusion and confidence. Zomato aims to expand to 1,000 partners with disabilities by year-end. In recognition of the outstanding work being done by Zomato for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Niyokta', is conferred to it.

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Minda Corporation Limited, founded in 1985, and headquartered in Noida, Uttar Pradesh, is a leading automotive component manufacturer. Through its CSR initiatives like the "Saksham" program, the company has empowered over 21,000 persons with disabilities (PwDs) and provided employment to more than 1,000 PwDs. For its outstanding work, the notable awards received by the organisation include the National CSR Award (2019) and CH ITC Sustainability Award (2023).

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by Minda Corporation Limited towards the empowerment of persons with disabilities, the National Award- 2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Niyokta', is conferred to it.

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Atypical Advantage, India's pioneering platform, empowers over 20,000 persons with disabilities (PwDs) by facilitating job placements and artistic opportunities. In its three-year journey, it has secured 508 full-time job offers for PwDs with renowned companies like Amazon and Nestle. The platform's commitment to diversity is further evidenced by training programs and collaborations with over 250 global brands. It was honored with the National Startup Award 2023 in the Social Impact category.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by Atypical Advantage, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Placement Agency', is conferred to it.

SUGAMYA BHARAT ABHIYAN KE KARYANVAYAN / BADHAMUKT
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The Salumbar district administration in Rajasthan, under the Accessible India Campaign, has successfully transformed over 1,000 government buildings to be accessible for persons with disabilities. The efforts included installing ramps, lifts, and conducting house- to-house surveys to identify individuals with disabilities. The campaign has ensured over 5,900 disability certificates and 4,400 UDID cards also. It's collaborative efforts with NGOs and multiple Departments ensured better accessibility and awareness for the PwD community.

In recognition of the work being done by the Salumbar district administration in implementing the Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan / Badhamukt Vataran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshreshth Zila', is given to Salumbar District, Rajasthan.

Sarvshreshth Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan/Soochna Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki', is conferred to it.

Star Sports

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Star Sports has been a trailblazer in inclusive sports broadcasting, introducing live Sign language commentary and descriptive audio, during IPL 2024 and ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024. This initiative, benefiting 80 million fans with disabilities, redefined accessibility standards. Their partnership with India Signing Hands set a precedent, ensuring everyone can experience the thrill of cricket equally. With a commitment to innovation and inclusivity, Star Sports exemplifies how sports can unite and empower communities.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by Star Sports, the National Award- 2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Sarvshreshth Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan/Soochna Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki', is conferred to it.

DIVYANGJAN ADHIKAR ADHINIYAM / UDID EVAM

DIVYANGJAN SASHAKTIKARAN KI ANYA YOJANAON KE KARYANVAYAN MEIN SARVSHRESHTH RAJYA / UT I ZILA

Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh

Opposite KBC Boys High School,

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Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh has been a pioneer in inclusive education, providing free schooling to 73,815 Children with Special Needs (CwSN) across 26 districts. Their innovative initiatives include the Inclusive Digital Fest and Mass Inclusive Yoga Events, recognized internationally in the Wonder Book of Records. By distributing aids, introducing accessible STEM education, and ensuring no child is left out through the Zero Rejection Policy, the organization embodies a commitment to equitable and inclusive Education.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh, the National Award-2024 for Institutions Engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjan Adhikar Adhiniyam / UDID Evam Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Ki Anya Yojanaon Ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya', is conferred to it.

Dungarpur, Rajasthan
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The District Administration of Dungarpur, Rajasthan, has implemented the "No One Left Behind" campaign, benefiting over 8,692 PwDs with pensions, 5,100 UDID cards, and 217 Self-Help Groups supporting 1,057 PwDs. Under MGNREGA, 7,232 PwDs generated 2.5 lakh man-days in 2023-24, earning ₹4.6 crores in wages. Their efforts in inclusion and empowerment of PwDs have set a benchmark in welfare initiatives and accessibility, transforming lives and ensuring dignity and economic independence.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by the Dungarpur District Administration for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjan Adhikar Adhiniyam / UDID Evam Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Ki Anya Yojanaon Ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Zila', is conferred to it.

Sarvshreshth Rajya Divyangjan Aayukt

State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,
Gujarat Karmayogi Bhavan, Block No. 2, D-1 Wing, Sector-10,
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The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gujarat, played an important role in the effective implementation of the RPwD Act, 2016, in Gujarat, by taking suo motu effective steps. In its dynamic leadership, the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gujarat, handled 506 cases in 2023-24, organized mobile courts in various districts and promoted self-employment and awareness programs. Through employment fairs, workshops, and enforcing accessibility in infrastructure, the office has demonstrated a strong commitment to justice and empowerment for persons with disabilities in the State.

In recognition of the outstanding work done by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Gujarat, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya Divyangjan Aayukt', is conferred to it.

Punarvas Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth Sangathan

All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore

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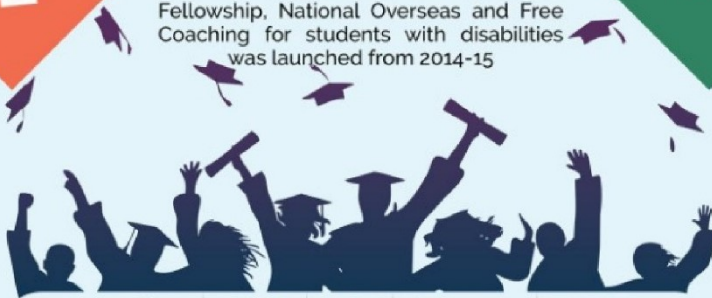
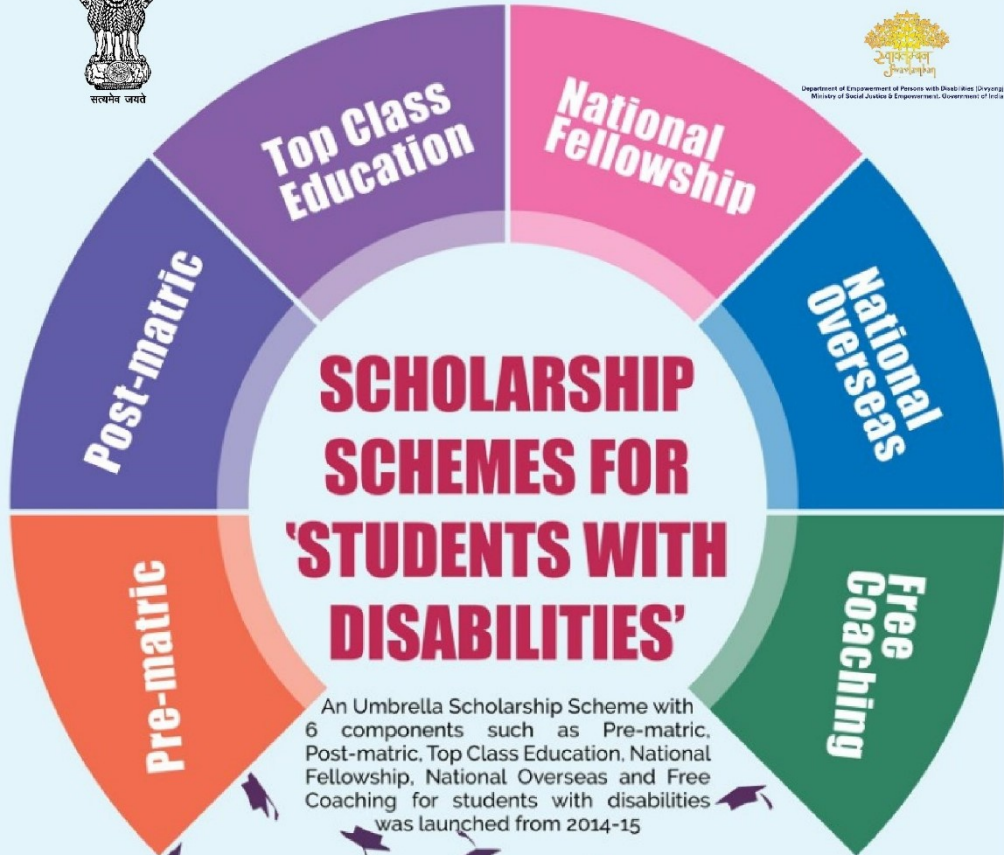
The All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysore, established in 1965, is a premier institution for the advancement of speech, language, and hearing sciences. Over the last decade, AIISH has trained over 2,783 students, provided clinical services to over 6,65,194 individuals, and screened 2,40,607 newborns. It is a national leader in research, clinical care, and public awareness for communication disorders, recognized as a Centre of Excellence by the Government of India.

In recognition of the outstanding work being done by the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, the National Award-2024 for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities in the category of 'Punarvas Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth Sangathan', is conferred to it.

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TYPES OF DISABILITIES

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- 1 Locomotor Disability
- 2 Cerebral Palsy
- 3 Dwarfism
- 4 Muscular Dystrophy
- 5 Acid Attack Victims
- 6 Leprosy Cured
- 7 Blindness
- 8 Low Vision
- 9 Hearing Impairment
- 10 Speech and Language Disability
- 11 Intellectual Disability
- 12 Specific Learning Disability
- 13 Autism Spectrum Disorder
- 14 Mental Illness
- 15 Chronic Neurological Conditions
- 16 Multiple Sclerosis
- 17 Parkinson's Disease
- 18 Haemophilia
- 19 Thalassemia
- 20 Sickle Cell Disease
- 21 Multiple Disabilities

(A) National Awards for Individual Excellence - 2021

No.	Category of Award	Name of awardees
1	Sarvshreshth Divyangjan	Mrs Mridu Ram Goel
2		MsVidhya Y
3		Sushri Pooja Ojha
4		Shri Atul Kaiswal
5		Dr. Vaibhav Bhandari
6		Shri Ashok Tukaram Bhoir
7	Shreshth Divyangjan	Sushri Kumari Vaishnavi
8		Shri Subbaiah Thirumalai Kumar
9		Sushri Shenbagavalli
10		Shri Sompura Himanshu Jayantilal
11		Sushri Anjali
12		Shri Manoj Shreedhar Pai
13		Sushri Indhu Uma
14		Shri Pramod Dhar Dubey
15		Sushri Vimal Popat
16		Dr. Shubham.Ramnarayan. Dhoot
17	Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika	Sushri Fathima Anshi
18		Shri VinayakBahadur
19	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarath Sarvshreshth	Shri Buddhadev Das
20	Divyangatha Ke Kshetra Mein Karyarat Sarvshreshth Punarvas Peshevar (Rehabilitation	Dr. Khem Anand Bhatt
21	Divyangatha Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshreshth Anusandhan / Navpravartan / UtpadVikas	Shri Ankit Rajiv Jindal

(B) National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2021

No.	Category of Award	Name of Awardees
1	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Mein Karyrat Sarvshreshth Sansthan - (Private)	Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust, New Delhi
2	Sarvshreshth Sugamya Yatayatke Sadahan/Soochana Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki	E-Committee Supreme Court of India, New Delhi
3	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhinyam/UDID Evam Divyang Sashaktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya/UT/Zila)	Zilla Parishad Akola, Maharashtra
4	Punarvasan Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth	Uttrakhand Open University, Haldwani

(A) National Awards for Individual Excellence - 2022

No.	Category of Award	Name of awardees
1	Sarvshreshth Divyangjan	Dr. Pottabathini
2		Dr. Neelima Dhingra Passi
3		Ms. M. Poonguzhali
4		Prof. Someshwar Sati
5		Shri Apoorv Kulkarni
6		Shri Jaysingh Krushnaro Chavhan
7	Shreshth Divyangjan	Sushri Inshah Bashir
8		Dr. Satya Narayan Mishra
9		Ms Sharmishthaa Atreja
10		Shri Abhishek Thakur
11		Sushri Temsutola Jamir
12		Shri Bijender Kahtana
13		Sushri Aparna Roy
14		Shri Raghunath Singh
15		Sushri Pooja Gupta
16		Shri Krishna Kumar
17	Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika	Sushri Shreya Mishra
18		Master Avnish Tiwari
19	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarath Sarvshreshth Vyakti	Sushri Pooja Sureshbhai Vaghasiya
20		Shri Harmanjit Singh
21	Divyangatha Ke Kshetra Mein Karyarat Sarvshreshth Punarvas Peshevar (Rehabilitation)	Dr. Veerendra Shandilya D
22	Divyangatha Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshreshth Anusandhan / Navpravartan /UtpadVikas	Dr. Bhausahab Ashok Botre

(B) National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2022

No.	Category of Award	Name of Awardees
1	Divya.ngja.no Ke Sashaktikaran Men Karyrat Sarvshreshth	Mahatma Gandhi Seva Sangh, Maharashtra
2	Sansthan - (Private organization, NGO)	Balvantray Mehta VidyaBhawan, New Delhi
3	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Niyoktha	M/s Accenture Solutions Pvt. Ltd, Karnataka.
4	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Placement Agency	Dr. Reddys Foundation, Telengana
5	Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan/ Badhamukta Vatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya/UT/Zila	State of Maharashtra
6	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam/UDID Evem Divyang Sashaktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya/UT/Zila)	District Administration - ALWAR
7	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya Divayngjan	State Commissioner for the Persons with Disabilities, Haryana

(A) National Awards for Individual Excellence - 2023

No.	Category of Award	Name of awardees
1	Sarvshreshth Divyangjan	Sh. Satyaprakash Matasaran Tiwari
2		Sh. TahaldreesHaaziq
3		Sh. Vaibhav Tanaji Sangle
4		Smt. Sunita Gupta
5		Smt. Swarnalatha Tumkur Guruprasad
6	Shreshth Divyangjan	Sh. Saikaustuv Dasgupta
7		Ms. Srilekha Mandalapalli
8		Shri Tejveer Singh
9		Ms. Jyoti Sinha
10		Sh. Jay Mahesh Kumar
11		Shri C Govindakrishnan
12		Ms. Divya Sharma
13		Ms. Poonam
14		Sh. Himanshu Kansal
15		Sh. Abhinav Chaudhary
16	Ms. S. S. Smitha	
17	Shreshth Divyang Bal/Balika	Master Rupanjan Sen
18		Master Adithya Suresh
19		Kumari Jiya Rai
20	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarath Sarvshreshth Vyakti	Shri Prashant Agarwal
21	Divyangatha Ke Kshetra Mein Kaiyarat Sarvshreshth Punarvas Peshevar (Rehabilitation)	Dr. Subhash R. Apte

(B) National Award for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities, 2023

No.	Category of Award	Name of Awardees
1	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Men Karyrat Sarvshreshth	Sarthak Educational Trust, New Delhi
2	Sansthan - (Private organization, NGO)	Deepstambh Foundation, Maharashtra
3	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshreshth Niyoktha	Amazon, India
4	Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan / BadhamuktaVatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya / UT / Zila	Directorate, Social Justice and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Madhya Pradesh
5	Sarvshreshth Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan / Soochana Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki (Govt./Private organization)	India Signing Hands Private Limited, Maharashtra
6	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam/UDID Evam Divyang Sashaktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshreshth Rajya/UT/Zila)	District Gadchiroli, Maharashtra
7	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein	Shri Guru Prasad Pawaskar Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Goa
8	Sarvshreshth Rajya Divayngjan Aayukta	Shri Sandeep Rajak, Commissioner (Disabilities), Madhya Pradesh
9	Punarvasan Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshreshth Sangathan	Divyang Development Society, Uttar Pradesh