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**INVITING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS FOR
EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR 2025**

The Rashtriya Purashkar Portal for receiving applications/ nominations for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, for the year 2025 are now open w.e.f. 15th May, 2025 to 15th July, 2025. The details are as under:

- I. Applications/ Nominations may be filed at www.awards.gov.in .
- II. All Applications/Nominations for the National Awards for the year 2025 received upto 15th July, 2025 will be considered.
- III. Application for the year 2025 is to be submitted on-line on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal only. The link of the portal is www.awards.gov.in. The nomination should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above portal including clearly bringing out the notable and inspiring achievements in narrative form. The supporting documents relating to the achievements should also be uploaded on the portal.
- IV. **Application in physical form or any other form will not be accepted.**
- V. For eligibility criteria and other details, Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities available on website of the Department (www.depwd.gov.in) may be referred to.

The National Awards and eligibility for each category of award is as under:

I. National Awards for Individual Excellence .

S. No.	Category of Award and eligibility	No. of Awards & component of awards
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1.	<p>(i) Sarvshresth Divyangjan (Most Outstanding Persons with Disabilities) (Belonging to any field or activity i.e. Education/Health/Employment/Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/ Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities / Social service etc.- a Role Model) –Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act.</p>	<p>06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female) Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each</p>
2.	<p>(ii) Shresth Divyangjan (Outstanding Persons with Disabilities) a. Locomotor Disability - (Locomotor, Muscular Dystrophy, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy). b. Visual Impairment -(Blindness, Low Vision). c. Hearing Impairment - (Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Speech & Language disability). d. Intellectual Disability – (Mental Retardation, Mental Behavior, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder). e. Any specified disability except the disabilities mentioned from S.No. (a) to (d) above. (Developmental Disorder, Disability caused due to Blood Disorder, Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Diseases, Chronic Neurological Conditions, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Disability) 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. (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 etc.)</p>	<p>10 (1 for male and 1 for Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e). Cash component of Award: Rs.1.00 lakh</p>
3.	<p>(iii) Shresth Srijansheel Divyang Bal/Balika (Outstanding Creative Child with Disabilities-Male/Female) In any of category of specified disabilities under the RPwD Act) - (In the field of art & culture, drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc. (Children with disabilities up to the age of 18 years).</p>	<p>2 (1 for male child and 1 for Female child) Cash component of Award: Rs.1.00 lakh each.</p>
4.	<p>Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Ke Liye Karyarat Sarvshresth Vyakti (Most Outstanding Person working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)</p>	<p>1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh each.</p>
5.	<p>Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Karyarat Sarvshresth Punarvas Peshewar (Most Outstanding rehabilitation professional /personnel working in the field of disability)</p>	<p>1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh each.</p>

6.	Divyangata Ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshresth Anusandhan/ Navpravartan /Utpad Vikas (Most Outstanding Research/Innovation/Product Development in the field of Disability)	1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh.
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II) National Awards for Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities

Sr N.	Category of Award	Number of Awards (A certificate and a shield to each awardee)
1.	Divyangjano Ke Sashaktikaran Mein Karyat Sarvshresth Sansthan (Most Outstanding Institution working for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Private Organization, NGO)	1 Award for providing comprehensive Rehabilitation services and 1 Award for Inclusive Education (institutions providing or promoting inclusive education)
2.	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshresth Niyokta (Most Outstanding Employer for Persons with Disabilities) (Govt. organisation/ Public Sector Enterprises/Autonomous bodies/ Pvt. Sector)	1 Award
3	Divyangjano Ke Liye Sarvshresth Placement Agency (Most Outstanding Placement Agency for Divyangjan) excluding Govt./State Govt./Local Bodies	1 Award
4	Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan Ke Karyanvayan/Badhamukt Vatavaran Ke Srijan Mein Sarvshresth Rajya/UT/Zila (Most Outstanding State/UT/District in implementation of Accessible India Campaign/ creating barrier free environment)	1 Award
5.	Sarvshresth Sugamya Yatayat ke Sadhan/ Soochana Evam Sanchar Prodyogiki (Most Outstanding accessible means of transport/Information and Communication Technology (Private/Government Organization)	1 Award
6.	Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam/UDID Evam Divyang Sashktikaran ki Anya Yojanaon ke Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshresth Rajya/UT/Zila (Most Outstanding State/UT/District in implementation of	1 Award for State/UT and

	RPwD Act/UDID and other schemes for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)	1 Award for District
7.	<p>Divyangjano Ke Adhikar Adhiniyam, 2016 Ke Apne Rajya Mein Karyanvayan Mein Sarvshresth Rajya Divyangjan Aayukt</p> <p>(Most Outstanding State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities for performance in their State in implementation of RPwD Act, 2016)</p>	1 Award
8	<p>Punarvas Peshewaron Ke Vikas Mein Sanlagn Sarvshresth Sangathan</p> <p>(Most Outstanding Organization Engaged in Development of Rehabilitation Professionals)</p>	1 Award
