

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### INVITING ONLINE APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR THE YEAR – 2026

The Rashtriya Puraskar Portal for receiving applications/nominations for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2026 is open from **15th May, 2026 to 31st July, 2026**.

Applications/Nominations may be submitted online through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal at [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in). All applications/nominations received up to **31st July, 2026** will be considered for the National Awards for the year 2026.

Applications are required to be submitted **online only** through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal. The nomination should contain all relevant details as specified in the prescribed format available on the portal, clearly highlighting notable and inspiring achievements in narrative form. Supporting documents relating to the achievements should also be uploaded on the portal.

For the sub-categories namely:

- **Sarvshreshth Divyangjan (Most Outstanding Person with Disabilities)**
- **Shreshth Divyangjan (Outstanding Person with Disabilities)**
- **Shreshth Srijansheel Divyang Bal/Balika (Outstanding Creative Divyang Child)**

uploading of the **UDID Card/Disability Certificate** is mandatory.

**Applications submitted in physical mode or through any other mode will not be accepted.**

For eligibility criteria and other details, the **Guidelines for National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** available on the website of the Department ([www.depwd.gov.in](http://www.depwd.gov.in)) and on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal ([www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in)) may be referred to.