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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Olvyangjan)

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The National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities were instituted to focus public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming into the society. These awards are conferred on 03rd December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' to outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

2. The Guidelines for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities have been simplified and rationalized, and these are available on the website of the Department (www.depwd.gov.in) as also on the Award Portal (www.awards.gov.in). A brief note indicating the category of awards, specified disabilities is enclosed as an Annexure.

3. An advertisement for inviting applications for the National Awards for the year 2024 is being published in the national/regional dailies soon. The applications/nominations for the award have been invited through online mode only on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (www.awards.gov.in). The online nomination/application has started from 15th June, 2024 and the last date for the nominations is 31st July, 2024.

4. I shall be grateful if widespread publicity is given to these awards within your Ministry/Department and amongst the autonomous bodies/organizations working therein with a view to encouraging nominations/applications for these awards.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,

(Rajesh Aggarwal)

To
The Secretaries of all Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India.

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Annexure

Brief Note on National Awards for Persons with Disabilities.

The Ministry of social Justice & Empowerment has been implementing the Scheme of National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. The National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are conferred on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. on 3rd December every year.

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4. National Awards and eligibility for each category of awards is as under:-

1. National Awards for Individual Excellence.

(व्यक्तिगत उत्कृष्टता के लिए राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार) :-

S.No.	Category of Award and eligibility	No. of Awards
1.	(i) Sarvshresth Divyangjan (सर्वश्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) (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.	06 (03 for Male and 03 for Female) Cash component of Award: Rs. 2.00 lakh each
2.	(ii) Shresth Divyangjan (श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांगजन) a. Locomotor Disability - (Locomotor, Muscular Dy	10 (1 for male and 1 f

atrophy, 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 Behavioural, 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.

(iii) Shresth Divyang Bal/Balika

(श्रेष्ठ दिव्यांग बाल/बालिका)

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).

or Female in each of the five categories (a) to (e).

Cash component of Award: Rs.1.00 lakh

2 (1 for male child and 1 for

Female child)

Cash component of Award: Rs.1.00 lakh each.

3.	Divyangjano Ke Liye Karyarat Sarvshrestha Vykati (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए कार्यरत सर्वश्रेष्ठ व्यक्ति)	1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh each.
4.	Divyangata ke Kshetra Mein Sarvshrestha Punarvas Peshevar. (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठपुनर्वास पेशेवर)	1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh each.
5.	Divyangata Ke Keshtra Mein Sarvshrestha Anusandhan / Navpravartan / Utpad Vikas (दिव्यांगता के क्षेत्र में सर्वश्रेष्ठ अनुसन्धान / नवप्रवर्तन / उत्पाद विकास)	1 Award Cash component of Award:Rs.1.00 lakh each.

(ii) National Awards for Institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities (दिव्यांगजनों के सशक्तिकरण के लिए कार्यरत संस्थानों हेतु राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार)

Sr N.	Category of Award	Number of Awards (A certificate and a shield to each awardee)
1.	Divyangjan Sashaktikaran Hetu Sarveshrestha Sansthan (दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण हेतु सर्वश्रेष्ठ संस्थान) (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 Sarvshrestha Niyokta (दिव्यांगजनों के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ नियोक्ता) (Govt. organisation / Public Sector Enterprises/Autonomous bodies/ Pvt. Sector)	1 Award