

**APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS FOR
EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

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The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India has opened the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (www.awards.gov.in) for receiving online applications/nominations for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2026.

These prestigious civilian awards, presented every year on December 3rd to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, honour individuals with disabilities and institutions for their outstanding achievements and contributions toward the empowerment and inclusion of Divyangjan.

The awards aim to encourage inclusive participation, highlight accomplishments across fields such as education, employment, innovation, social service, accessibility and promote the mainstreaming of persons with disabilities in society.

The online nomination process will remain open until July 31, 2026. Nominations will be accepted exclusively through the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal at www.awards.gov.in. Detailed guidelines are also available on the Department's website: www.depwd.gov.in.

On behalf of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Porvorim requested all eligible individuals, NGOs, institutions, and stakeholders in the disability sector to apply or nominate deserving candidates.

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