

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT
Government of Goa

“MANOHAR PARRIKAR YUVA SCIENTIST AWARD 2026”

Late Shri Manohar Parrikar, former Chief Minister of Goa and Defence Minister of India, believed that the country, particularly its youth, should pursue excellence in Science and Technology. As a reminder of this ideal, the State of Goa celebrates his birth anniversary, 13th December, as “Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav”, featuring lectures and exhibits by eminent scientists and technologists.

During the Mahotsav in 2022, Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa, announced the institution of the annual “Manohar Parrikar Yuva Scientist Award” to recognize a young scientist with proven excellence and the promise of future contributions. The Award carries a cash prize of ₹ 5,00,000/- and a citation. Now in its Fourth year, the Award will be presented on 13th December 2026 during the Mahotsav.

The Department invites applications from Indian scientists/technologists below 35 years of age as on 31st December 2025. Applications will be evaluated by an Expert Committee headed by Dr. Raghunath Anant Mashelkar, Former Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Former Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Government of India . Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a presentation before the Committee.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates shall be judged on:

1. Impact of work carried out so far, as reflected through research publications in high-impact journals, patents and other measures.
2. A viable future action plan, including further research and/or application of research for the benefit of India.

The decision of the Expert Committee shall be final. Only one candidate shall be selected each year.

APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE

- a. Name of candidate;
- b. Address, email and contact details;
- c. Present Institute/University/Organization;
- d. Educational qualifications, latest first, with grade/percentage wherever applicable;
- e. Research institutions/laboratories where worked, latest first;
- f. Proof of age;
- g. Account of research carried out so far, including doctoral thesis, highlighting impact/applications (maximum 500 words);
- h. Future action plan and roadmap highlighting scientific, technological and social relevance to India (maximum 500 words);
- i. Letter of support from an institution/organization for the proposed work;
- j. Two letters of recommendation from eminent scientists/academicians familiar with the applicant’s work;
- k. List of research papers published in refereed journals, with maximum five high-quality papers attached;
- l. Recognition/awards received from State/Central Government, reputed institutions or international organizations; and
- m. Whether the applicant has applied for any previous edition of the Yuva Scientist Award.

The application should be duly signed and the complete application along with supporting documents should be emailed to yuvascientistaward@zerowastegoa.com

LAST DATE TO APPLY : 15th OCTOBER 2026

Each application will be acknowledged by email