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**Circular**

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To,

- 1- CDA, RTC Lucknow
- 2- Integrated Financial Advisor (CC), Lucknow
- 3- All Sub Offices Under this Organization
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**Sub: - “Nari Shakti Puraskars” – National Award for Women.**

**Ref:- HQrs Letter No AN/III/3100/Awards/Nari Shakti Puraskars dated 05.09.2022**

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Please find enclosed a copy of DO letter no. 21/2/2022-WD/IC dated 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 from Shri Indevan Pandey, IAS, Secretary of Ministry of Ministry of Women & Child Development on the subject matter received vide HQrs letter cited under reference.

2- Ministry of Women & Child Development will celebrate 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as International Women’s Day by felicitating the achievers for their outstanding work in exceptional circumstances in the areas of social and economic empowerment with National Awards called “ Nari Shakti Puraskar”.

3- It is therefore requested to please forward the Nominations for “Nari Shakti Puraskar 2022” if any received, in accordance with Ministry of Women & Child Development No. WD/IC-21/2/2022-WD/IC (e-100492) Dated 19.07.2022 so as to reach this office till 20.10.2022. A copy of guidelines for the awards is enclosed for reference.

**Encls:-** As above.

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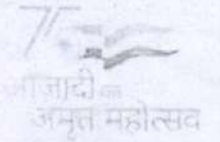
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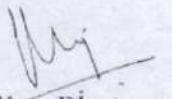
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3. Nominations for "Nari Shakti Puruskar 2022" will be received only through designated website i.e. [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in) with the last date as 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. A copy of guidelines for the awards is enclosed for reference.

  
(Vijay Bhatnagar)  
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Copy to:

1. AN-IV section, local. For similar action as stated above.
2. IT&S Wing, (Local) It is requested to upload the circular on CGDA's website.

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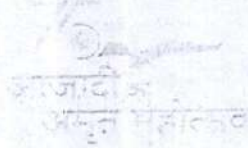
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Government of India  
Ministry of Women & Child Development

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

D.O. No. 21/2/2022-WD/IC

Dear Secretary,

As you may be aware, 8<sup>th</sup> March is celebrated all over the world as International Women's Day. Being nodal Ministry for welfare of women, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has been celebrating International Women's Day every year by felicitating the achievers for their outstanding work in exceptional circumstances in the areas of social and economic empowerment with National Awards called '*Nari Shakti Puraskar*'. Following this practice, upcoming International Women's Day, i.e., 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 will be celebrated in the country and Nari Shakti Puraskar 2022 will be awarded. The copy of Guidelines for the Awards is enclosed.

2. The nominations for '*Nari Shakti Puraskar*' would be accepted only through on-line mode on the portal [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in). All nominations/applications received on or before 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022 will be considered for the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2022 to be presented on 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

3. I shall be grateful if necessary action for publicizing the above awards (including using Social Media handles of your Ministry/Department and its associate offices) is taken at the earliest and the nominations are forwarded in the manner specified in the Guidelines.

With warm regards,

Encl.: As above.

Yours sincerely,

(Indevar Pandey)

Secretary to the Government of India,  
All Central Ministries/Departments

F. No. WD/IC-21/2/2022-WD/IC (e-100492)

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Government of India

महिला एवं बाल विकास मंत्रालय

Ministry of Women & Child Development

### Guidelines for "Nari Shakti Puraskars" - National Award for Women

International Women's Day is celebrated every year on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Ministry of Women & Child Development celebrates this day to acknowledge the achievements of women for the nation and recognize their contributions to the society.

Therefore, it has been decided by the Ministry to confer 'Nari Shakti Puraskars' every year to individuals in recognition of their service towards the cause of women empowerment, especially vulnerable and marginalized women.

#### 2. Objectives

2.1 In the past few years, there have been concerted efforts by the Government to recognize and encourage women to participate in all spheres and issues related to women have gained utmost importance and focused attention. "Nari Shakti Puraskars" shall showcase the Government's commitment towards women with the aim of strengthening their position in the society.

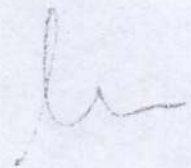
2.2 Nari Shakti Puraskar will also provide an opportunity to Young Indians to understand the contribution of women in building of society and the nation.

2.3 The awards will inspire the citizens to follow the league of awardees.

#### 3. Description

3.1 The recipients of the Nari Shakti Puraskars shall be declared every year by 20<sup>th</sup> February, and awards will be conferred on 8<sup>th</sup> March on the occasion of International Women's Day (IWD).

3.2 The maximum number of awards would be 15. However, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the selection committee. The Award in each category shall carry a certificate and a cash amount of rupees Two lakh per awardee.



#### 4. Eligibility Criteria for Nomination

- 4.1 The awards are open to individuals only.
- 4.2 The applicants must be at least 25 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> July of the award year (e.g. for the year 2021 awards to be distributed on or after 2022, the age should be as on 01/07/2021 and so on).
- 4.3 The applicant should not be a recipient of the same award earlier (including Stree Shakti Puraskars as were awarded by the Ministry earlier).
- 4.4 The Nari Shakti Puruskar may be awarded for outstanding work, preferably in exceptional circumstances, to individuals in the areas of economic and social empowerment of women or pertaining to this theme or incidental thereto.

The Nari Shakti Puruskar may be awarded to individuals who encouraged women to participate in decision making, encouraged women's skill development in traditional and non-traditional sectors, facilitated basic amenities for rural women, promoted women in non-traditional sectors like science and technology, sports, art, culture, concretely and significantly towards safety and security, health and wellness, education, skill development, life skills, respect and dignity of women etc.

- 4.6 An award may also be given to a State or Union Territory which has appreciably improved Child Sex Ratio (CSR).
- 4.7 Normally the awards shall not be presented posthumously, excepting in cases where death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the Ministry in the manner as stipulated in these guidelines.

#### 5. Nominations

- 5.1 Nominations for the award shall be invited from:
  - (a) State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, concerned Central Ministries/Departments
  - (b) Non-Governmental Organizations, Universities, Institutions, Private and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
  - (c) The Selection Committee may also suo-moto recommend an individual for the award with sufficient justification.
  - (d) Self-nominations & recommendations for the awards, both shall be considered.



5.2 The Nominations would be submitted to the Ministry of Women and Child Development with details as per online application form alongwith supporting documents as mentioned in the application form.

5.3 The entities at para 5.1 recommending the nominations should clearly certify the work carried out by the nominees for which the award is being recommended.

#### 6. Mode of calling the nominations

6.1 For inviting the applications for the awards, the designated portal shall be opened from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> October of every calendar year. The Ministry will also write to all the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Central Ministries/ Departments for giving wide publicity for the awards and also for sending nominations through the designated portal. Government may, at its discretion decide any other start/ cut-off date for consideration of nominations for awards for that particular year.

6.2 The information will be simultaneously placed on Ministry's website and other social media platforms as well as any other medium of communication as may be decided, along with relevant details.

#### 7. Procedure for sending nominations:

7.1 Nominations will be received only through designated website i.e. [www.wcd.nic.in](http://www.wcd.nic.in). The link of this website will also be available on the official website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development ([www.wcd.nic.in](http://www.wcd.nic.in)). Applications received other than online mode will not be entertained.

7.2 Applications received by the due date will be sent to the State/ UT and District Collector / District Magistrate/ other government/ appropriate agencies/ organizations for verification of the claims and achievements mentioned in the applications.

#### 8. Screening of Nominations

8.1 A Screening Committee shall be constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to scrutinize and short list the nominations received for the Awards considering the achievements of the applying/ recommended individuals.



8.2 The Screening Committee shall consist of

(i)	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development	-	Chairperson, ex-officio
(ii)	Domain expert in the field of women issues/ gender expert, Ministry of Women and Child Development	-	Member
(iii)	Director / DS level officer, Ministry of Urban Development, Rural Development, Health, Panchayat Raj, Home Affairs, NITI Aayog	-	Member
(iv)	Representative of CII and FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)	-	Member
(v)	Concerned Director/ Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development	-	Member Secretary

9. Selection of Awardees by the Selection Committee

9.1 A Selection Committee shall be constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to select the awardees on the basis of recommendation of the Screening Committee.

9.2 The Selection Committee shall consist of

(i)	Hon ble Minister for Women and Child Development	-	Chairperson, ex-officio
(ii)	Hon ble Minister of State for Women and Child Development	-	Member, ex-officio
(iii)	Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development	-	Member, ex-officio
(iv)	Special or Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development	-	Member, ex-officio
(v)	Secretary or his nominee from Ministry of Rural Development	-	Member, ex-officio
(vi)	Five National level eminent Individuals, Representatives and Institutions of National Importance, Representatives of relevant Ministries/ Departments	-	Co-opted members

(iv)	Joint Secretary (Women Awards), Ministry of Women & Child Development	Member-Secretary
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9.3 The Selection Committee may at its discretion also consider individuals other than those who have got nominated/ recommended before the last date of receipt of nominations/ recommendations.

#### 10. Presentation of the Award

10.1 The Award shall be presented at New Delhi at a special ceremony/ function held on the occasion of the International Women's Day on 8<sup>th</sup> March every year.

10.2 The Ministry will reimburse travel expenses by economy class by shortest route for the awardees to and from Delhi by Air India or any other airline as specifically permitted and local travelling allowance on production of bills and air tickets. Apart from this, boarding and lodging arrangements for the awardees for three days (one day prior and one day after the date of Award ceremony) shall be arranged by the Ministry.

10.3 In special circumstances, the Ministry may also reimburse travel expenses by economy class by shortest route, for one companion of the awardee, in case the awardee belongs to any of the following categories:

- (i) Awardee is more than 70 years of age (as on date of award ceremony);
- (ii) Awardee is Divyanggan or a person with disability, who cannot manage without companion's support (certificate from designated authority of State/ Central Government is required to be submitted);
- (iii) Awardee belongs to BPL (Below Poverty Line) category;
- (iv) Awardee is illiterate or having language barrier, and cannot manage without a companion.

#### 11. Recall of Awards

If subsequent to the presentation of awards, it is found that false declaration has been made by the applicant in the application to claim the award or the conduct of an awardee is found to be unbecoming by way of any anti-national, anti-social, unethical, immoral, illegal activities including indulging in crime against women, economic offences etc. or conviction by a court of law, the Ministry reserves the right to withdraw the awards and in such event the name of the awardee shall be deleted

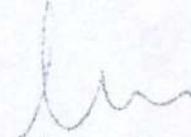


from the list of awardees and they would be required to refund the award money to Consolidated Fund of India in such manner, as may be prescribed.

12 Miscellaneous Provisions Governing the Awards

12.1 The Ministry reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning and / or disclosing any reason

12.2 The decision of the Government with regard to selection of awardees shall be final and binding and no person including the applicant will have the right to question the decision of the Government or to challenge the validity of such decision



(Manish Kumar Singh)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

19-07-2022