



Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
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Vayoshreshtha Samman-National Award, 2017

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India invites nominations for conferment of "Vayoshreshtha Samman (National Award)", 2017 on eminent senior citizens and institutions involved in rendering distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens, under the following categories:-

S.No.	Category	Description/ Eligibility	Nature of Awards
INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY			
1.	Best Institution for Research in the field of Ageing	For institutions with a record of outstanding work in research and dissemination of knowledge in the field of ageing.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 5 lakhs
2.	Best Institution for providing services to Senior Citizens and Awareness Generation	For institutions with a record of providing services to the elderly, especially indigent senior citizens.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 5 lakhs
3.	Best District Panchayat in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To the district Panchayats, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs
4.	Best Urban Local Body in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To municipal bodies, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs
5.	Best State in implementing the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To the State or Union Territory which has taken a lead in implementing various provisions of the Act and has highest percentage of settlement of claims of maintenance or best security programme for elderly.	(a) Citation (b) Memento
6.	Best Private Sector Organisation in promoting the wellbeing and welfare of Senior Citizens	Corporate Houses, addressing the problems of elderly either by providing them gainful employment, or utilising their skills and experience to the benefit of the society or creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care or any other similar step for the benefit of senior citizens as a community. The activities undertaken for benefit of senior citizens should be away from the mainline business of the organization.	(a) Citation (b) Memento
7.	Best Public Sector Organisation in promoting the wellbeing and welfare of Senior Citizens	Public Sector Organisations, undertaking service to the community through activities under corporate social responsibility and also through programmes for retired employees.	(a) Citation (b) Memento

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INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY			
8.	Centenarian	For renowned individuals who are above ninety years and are still physically active, independent and contributing to the society.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs
9.	Iconic Mother	For women senior citizens who in the face of great odds, brought up their children and supported them in being high achievers in the field of their choice.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs
10.	Lifetime Achievement	To senior citizens, preferably above seventy years, who have worked in the field of ageing and made significant contribution in the field.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs
11.	Creative Art	For winners of National/international acclaim for their contribution to literature, theatre, cinema, music, dance, painting, sculpture, photography, etc. and who continue to be active in their field well into their old age.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs
12.	Sports and Adventure (one each for Male and Female)	To senior citizens who have won international acclaim and who continue to contribute in the field of sports and adventure.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs
13.	Courage & Bravery (one each for Male and Female)	To senior citizens who have displayed extraordinary courage in the face of grave danger.	(a) Citation (b) Memento (c) Cash award of Rs. 2.5 lakhs

- The following agencies or individuals are eligible to make nominations of suitable persons/institutions for the Awards:-
 - Ministries and Departments of the Government of India and their autonomous organisations.
 - State Governments and Union Territory Administrations.
 - Past recipients of Padma Awards, Vayoshreshtha Samman and other National Awards in both individual and institutional categories.
 - Members of the National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSrC) constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
 - Renowned Apex Chambers like Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) etc.
 - Any other category of persons or institutions authorized by the Ministry from time to time.
- Detailed eligibility criteria, proforma for nomination for the Awards and the procedure for nomination etc., are available on the website of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment as indicated below:

<http://socialjustice.nic.in>.
- Nominations in the prescribed proforma complete in all respects with the requisite supporting documents of the nominee, photograph and bio-data of the nominee (in case of individual category), may be sent to the following address:
Smt. Ghazala Meenai Joint Secretary (Social Defence)
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment,
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Room No. 616,
A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road,
New Delhi -110001.
- The last date for receipt of nominations is **30th June, 2017**. Self nominations and applications from individuals or institutions not recommended by the prescribed agencies/individuals shall not be entertained and shall be liable to be summarily rejected.

(Ghazala Meenai)
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