

**F.No. 15-40(33)/2019-20/Sr. C.II**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Department of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Senior Citizen Division**

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New Delhi, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Invitation of nominations for National Awards for Senior Citizens (Vayoshreshtha Samman) 2020 to eminent senior citizens and institutions for distinguished service for the cause of elderly persons – reg.**

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as part of celebration of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) on 1<sup>st</sup> October every year has been conferring Vayoshreshtha Samman on eminent senior citizens and institutions involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially **indigent senior citizens**, under the following categories:-

S.No.	Category	Description/Eligibility	Nature of Awards
<b>INSTITUTIONAL CATEGORY</b>			
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.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of five lakh Rupees.
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.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of five lakh Rupees.
3.	Best District Panchayat in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To the district Panchayats, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of ten lakh Rupees.
4.	Best Urban Local Body in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To municipal bodies, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of ten lakh Rupees.
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.	(c) Citation; (d) 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 taken for benefit of senior citizens should be away from the mainline business of the organization.	(c) Citation; (d) Memento.
7.	Best Public Sector Organisation in promoting the wellbeing and welfare of Senior Citizens	Public Sector Undertakings undertaking service to the community through activities under corporate social responsibility and also through programmes for retired employees.	(c) Citation; (d) Memento.
<b>INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY</b>			
8.	Centenarian	For renowned individuals who are above ninety years and are still physically active, independent and contributing to the society.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
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.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
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.	(d) Citation; (e) Memento; (f) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
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2. The following agencies or individuals are eligible to make nominations of suitable persons/institutions for the Awards:-

- (a) The Ministries or Departments of the Government of India and their autonomous organizations.
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- (f) Any other category of persons or institutions authorized by the Ministry from time to time.

3. For detailed eligibility criteria for nomination for the Awards and the procedure for nomination etc., the website of this Ministry <http://socialjustice.nic.in> may kindly be visited. The proforma for nomination for Institutional Category is given at **Annexure-I** and for Individual Category is given at **Annexure-II** to this circular.

4. Nominations in the prescribed proforma complete in all respects with the requisite supporting documents, photograph and bio-data of the nominee (in the case of individual category), may be sent to the following address:

**Smt. Upma Srivastava**  
**Additional Secretary (Social Defence)**  
**Department of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**  
**Room No. 617, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan**  
**Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road**  
**New Delhi -110001.**

5. The last date for receipt of nominations is **15<sup>th</sup> May, 2020**. It may be noted that self nominations and applications from individuals or institutions not recommended by the prescribed agencies/individuals as mentioned in para 2 of this circular, shall not be entertained and shall be liable to be rejected summarily.

Encl.: Annexure-I  
Annexure-II



(S.S. Kumar)  
Dy. Secretary to the Government of India

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All Ministries/Departments of Government of India  
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5.	Subject of study or research	
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## PRESS ADVERTISEMENT

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6. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Social Justice & Empowerment).



(S.S. Kumar)

Dy. Secretary to the Government of India

Tel: 011-26068837

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Room No. 622, A-Wing  
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Dated: 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2020


OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Vayoshreshtha Samman- 2020 (National Awards for Senior Citizens)-notice inviting nominations.**


Kindly arrange to upload the enclosed Press Advertisement on the subject mentioned above in the Ministry's website [www.socialjustice.nic.in](http://www.socialjustice.nic.in) under 'What's New' category, both in Hindi and English web version.

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Encl: as above

  
(Rajesh Kumar)  
Under Secretary (Sr. C.II)  
Tel: 011-23388541

Ms. Anubha Goyal  
Director (NIC)  
D/o Social Justice and Empowerment  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

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