

## പത്രക്കുറിപ്പ്

എല്ലാ വർഷവും മാർച്ച് 8 അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വനിതാ ദിനമായി ആചരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനും ഉന്നമനത്തിനും ശാക്തീകരണത്തിനുമായി മികച്ച പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ കാഴ്ച വെച്ച സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്കും വ്യക്തികൾക്കും കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാർ നൽകുന്ന നാരി ശക്തി പുരസ്കാരത്തിന് അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ഉന്നമനത്തിനും, സ്ത്രീകളുടെ വിവിധ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ, ഗ്രൂപ്പുകൾ എന്നിവയ്ക്കും സ്ത്രീകൾക്കെതിരെയുള്ള അതിക്രമങ്ങൾ തടയുന്നതിനായി ധീരമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ശാക്തീകരണത്തിനും ക്ഷേമത്തിനുമായി അസാധാരണ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ കാഴ്ചവയ്ക്കുന്ന വനിതകൾക്കും അവർദ്ധുകൾ നൽകുന്നു.

സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനും ഉന്നമനത്തിനുമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു വരുന്ന വ്യക്തികൾക്കും സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്കുമാണ് മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾക്ക് വിധേയമായി അപേക്ഷിക്കാൻ അർഹതയുള്ളത്. ഓൺലൈൻ (<http://narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in/>) മുഖാന്തിരമാണ് അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നത്. അപേക്ഷ സമർപ്പിക്കേണ്ട അവസാന തീയതി: 31.1.2021 ആണ്. അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾ ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള വിശദവിവരങ്ങൾ കേന്ദ്ര വനിതാ ശിശുവികസന മന്ത്രാലയത്തിന്റെ വെബ്സൈറ്റായ [www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in](http://www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in) -ൽ ലഭ്യമാണ്.

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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you would be aware, 8<sup>th</sup> March is celebrated all over world as International Women's Day. Being the nodal Ministry for welfare of women, Ministry of Women and Child Development has been celebrating International Women's Day every year by felicitating eminent individuals, organizations, groups, NGOs and institutions with National awards called 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' in recognition of their exceptional contribution towards women's empowerment. Accordingly, this year also the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2020 will be awarded on International Women's Day i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

Nari Shakti Puraskars will be awarded to only 15 individuals/institutions/NGOs/ groups etc. The copy of Guidelines for the Awards is enclosed.

I seek your indulgence in publicizing the above awards on a large scale within various departments in your State and to NGOs, CSOs, other organizations etc., and encourage them to forward nominations in the format and manner specified in the Guidelines in respect of individuals/ institutions, who have rendered distinguished services for the cause of women. Only online applications on <http://narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in/> shall be entertained. So nomination through any other mode may not be forwarded. Link of the portal is also available on the website of the Ministry. The last date for receipt of online application/ nomination is 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021.

I shall be grateful if necessary instructions are issued to the concerned authorities to take proactive measures to popularize the awards and encourage people to nominate outstanding achievers for this prestigious award.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Secretaries of All States/ UTs



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Government of India  
Ministry of Women and 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 and institutions in recognition of their service towards the cause of women empowerment, especially vulnerable and marginalized women.

**2. Objectives**

21 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.

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

23 The awards will inspire the individuals & institutions to follow the league of awardees.

**3. Description**

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

3.2 The maximum number of awards (including individual and institutional) 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 all individuals and institutions.

4.2 In case of individual category, the awardee must be at least 25 years of age on 1st July of the award year (e.g. for the year 2020 awards to be distributed on 08.03.2021, the age should be as on 01.07.2020 and so on).



4.3 If the applicant is an institution, it should have worked in the relevant field for at least 5 years.

4.4 The applicant should not be a recipient of the same award earlier (including Stree Shakti Puraskars as were awarded by the Ministry earlier).

4.5 The Nari Shakti Puruskar may be awarded for outstanding work, preferably in exceptional circumstances, to - individuals/ groups / institutions / NGOs, etc. 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/ groups/ NGOs/ institutions etc. who encouraged women to participate in decision making roles; 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/ institution 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, an advertisement will be published by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Govt. of India in leading Newspapers across the country. The Ministry will also write to all the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Central Ministries/ Departments.

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.

6.3 The last date of the submission of the application will be mentioned in the advertisement. The applications received after the last date will not be considered.

## 7. Procedure for sending nominations:

7.1 Nominations will be received only through designated website i.e. [www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in](http://www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.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 and institutions.

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)	Concerned Director/ DS level officer, Ministry of Women and Child Development	-	Member
(iv)	Director/ DS level officer, Ministry of Urban Development, Rural Development, Health, Panchayati Raj, Home Affairs, NITI Aayog.		Member
(v)	Representative of CII and FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)	-	Member
(vi)	Concerned Under 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:

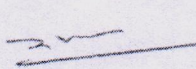
(i)	Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development	-	Chairperson, ex-officio
(ii)	Hon'ble Minister of State for Women and Child Development		Member, ex-officio
(iii)	Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child Development	-	Member, ex-officio
(iv)	Special or Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women & Child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

9.3 The Selection Committee may at its discretion also consider individuals/ institutions/ organizations 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.






## 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.

  
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