

MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

“Nari Shakti Puraskars” – National Award for Women –Guidelines

International Women’s Day is celebrated every year on 8th 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

- 2.1 In the past few years, there have been concerted efforts by the Government to recognise 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 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 30. The Award in each category shall carry a certificate and a cash amount of rupees one lakh.

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 the last date of receipt of nomination.
- 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).
- 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; effective