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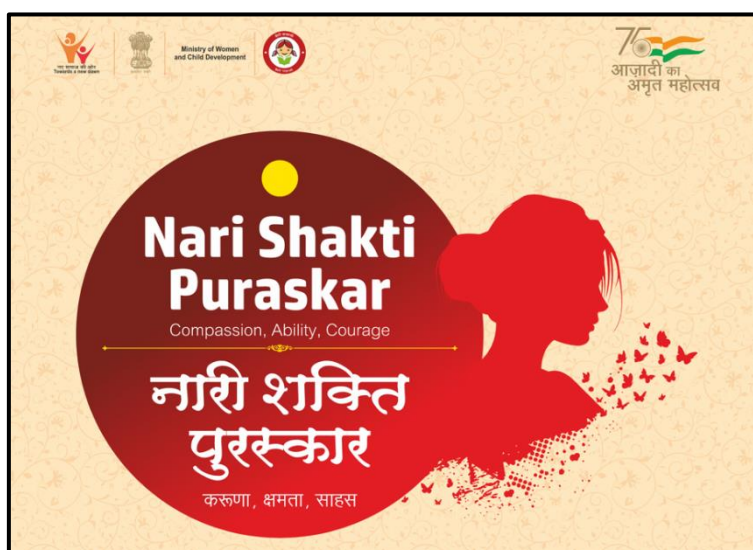
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“I pay my tributes to the power of Nari Shakti- let us walk shoulder to shoulder to further create a society where women are integral partners of our development journey!”ⁱ

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

Introduction

‘Nari Shakti Puraskar’ recognises outstanding work in the fields of economic and social empowerment of women. These awards are conferred every year on the occasion of ‘International Women’s Day’ i.e. 8 March, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development for recognizing exceptional work done by individuals/ groups/ Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) / institutions. The awards are given for encouraging women to participate in decision making roles; women’s skill development in traditional and non-traditional sectors; facilitating basic amenities for rural women; promoting women in non-traditional sectors like science and technology, sports, art, culture and for the significant work towards safety and security, health and wellness, education, life skills, respect and dignity of women. The awards carry a certificate and a cash amount of rupees two Lakh per awardee.ⁱⁱ



Objectives of the Nari Shakti Puraskar

- To acknowledge the achievers who have not allowed age, geographical barriers or inaccessibility to resources to come in the way of fulfilling their dreams.
- To show the Government's commitment towards women with the aim of strengthening their position in society.
- To inspire society at large and young Indian minds in particular to break gender stereotypes.
- To provide an opportunity to young Indians to understand the contribution of women in nation-building.
- To encourage people to stand up against gender inequality and discrimination.
- To recognize women as equal partners in the advancement of society.

Award Categories

The Nari Shakti Puraskar is given in both Institutional and Individual categories.

- **Institutional categories**
- **Rani Rudramma Devi Awards** given to two District Panchayats and two Gram Panchayats for work in the area of women's welfare especially related to the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana.
- **Mata Jijabai Award** for best urban local body for providing services and facilities to women, through urban local body's own initiatives or through the Government's flagship programmes.
- **Kannagi Devi Award** for best state which has appreciably improved Child Sex Ratio (CSR).
- **Rani Gaidinliu Zeliang Award** given to a civil society organisation (CSO) doing outstanding work for the welfare and well-being of women. The work may be in various fields such as awareness generation on issues relating to laws, health, work, education etc. for women empowerment.
- **Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Award** for best private sector organization or Public Sector Undertaking promoting the well-being and welfare of women in areas such as providing gainful employment, providing enabling/safe spaces for women etc.
- **Rani Lakshmi Bai Award** given to the best institution for research and development in the field of women empowerment.

- **Individual categories**

- ✓ **Award for Courage & Bravery** for women who have shown exemplary courage and have set an example and achieved laurels in the face of diversity.
- ✓ **Seven Awards for making outstanding contributions** to women's endeavour/community work/making a difference/women empowerment. These are awarded to women who have made exceptional contributions for women's socio-economic empowerment, effective implementation of women related legislation, media, environment protection, art, culture, sports, Science & Technology, and Indian heritage.

Eligibility Criteria for Nomination

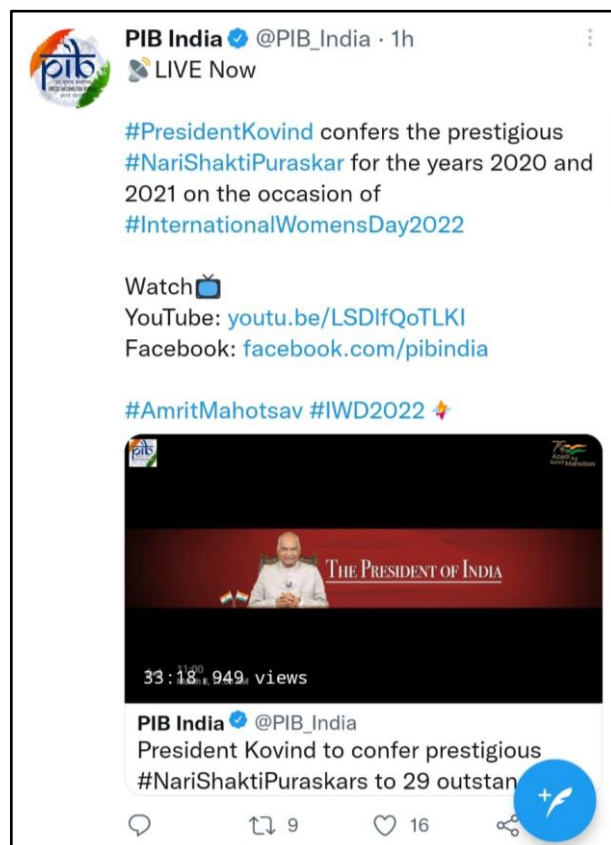
- The awards are open to all individuals and institutions.
- In case of individual category, the awardee must be at least 25 years of age.
- If the applicant is an institution, it should have worked in the relevant field for at least five years.
- The applicant should not be a recipient of the same award earlier (including Stree Shakti Puraskars as were awarded by the Ministry earlier).
- An award may also be given to a State or Union Territory, which has appreciably improved Child Sex Ratio (CSR).
- 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.

Nomination process

- 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).
- The Selection Committee may also, suo-moto, recommend an individual/ institution for the award with sufficient justification.
- The Nominations would be submitted to the Ministry of Women and Child Development with details as per online application form along with supporting documents as mentioned in the application form.
- The entities recommending the nominations should clearly certify the work carried out by the nominees for which the award is being recommended.

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- ✓ As part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’, the week-long celebrations of International Women’s Day started on 1 March, 2022 in New Delhi.
- ✓ The [President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the ‘Nari Shakti Puraskar’ - 2020 and 2021, at a special ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on occasion of International Women’s Day on March 8, 2022.](#) The award was conferred on 29 outstanding and exceptional women achievers for the years 2020 and 2021. Twenty-eight awards - (14 each for the Year 2020 and 2021)- were presented to 29 women in recognition of their exceptional work towards empowerment of women, especially the vulnerable and marginalized.



- ✓ On March 7, 2022, [Prime Minister Narendra Modi held an interactive session](#) with the Awardees to applaud their efforts and to inspire the masses to work for and excel in areas relating to women empowerment.ⁱⁱⁱ Prime Minister praised the awardees for the tremendous work done by them, adding that they are contributing to society as well as the country. He said that while their work has a spirit of service, what is also clearly visible in their work is innovation. He added that now there is no sector where women have not made their mark and made the country proud.
- ✓ The winners of the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2020 are from fields as diverse as entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, arts and crafts, Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEMM), and wildlife conservation, etc. The winners of the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2021 are from the fields of linguistics, entrepreneurship, agriculture, social work, arts and crafts, Merchant Navy, STEMM, education and literature, disability rights, etc.

[Details of awardees for the years 2020 & 2021:](#)^{iv}

Nari Shakti Puraskar 2020

Sl. No	Name	State/ UT	Domain
1.	Anita Gupta	Bihar	Social Entrepreneur
2.	Ushaben Dineshbhai Vasava	Gujarat	Organic farmer & Tribal Activist

3.	Nasira Akhter	Jammu & Kashmir	Innovator - Environmental Conservation
4.	Sandhya Dhar	Jammu & Kashmir	Social Worker
5.	Nivruti Rai	Karnataka	Country Head, Intel India
6.	Tiffany Brar	Kerala	Social Worker – Working for Blind people
7.	Padma Yangchan	Ladakh	Revived the lost cuisine & clothing in Leh region
8.	Jodhaiya Bai Baiga	Madhya Pradesh	Tribal Baiga Art Painter
9.	Saylee Nandkishor Agavane	Maharashtra	Down syndrome affected Kathak Dancer
10.	Vanita Jagdeo Borade	Maharashtra	First Women Snake Rescuer
11.	Meera Thakur	Punjab	Sikki Grass Artist
12.	Jaya Muthu, Tejamma (Jointly)	Tamil Nadu	Artisans - Toda embroidery
13.	Ela Lodh (Posthumous)	Tripura	Obstetrician & Gynecologist
14.	Arti Rana	Uttar Pradesh	Handloom Weaver & Teacher

Nari Shakti Puraskar 2021

1.	Sathupati Prasanna Sree	Andhra Pradesh	Linguist – preserving minority tribal languages
2.	Tage Rita Takhe	Arunachal Pradesh	Entrepreneur
3.	Madhulika Ramteke	Chhattisgarh	Social Worker
4.	Niranjanaben Mukulbhai Kalarthi	Gujarat	Author & Educationist
5.	Pooja Sharma	Haryana	Farmer & Entrepreneur
6.	Anshul Malhotra	Himachal Pradesh	Weaver
7.	Shobha Gasti	Karnataka	Social Activist – Working for ending Devadasi system
8.	Radhika Menon	Kerala	Captain Merchant Navy – First woman to receive award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea from IMO

9.	Kamal Kumbhar	Maharashtra	Social Entrepreneur
10.	Sruti Mohapatra	Odisha	Disability Rights Activist
11.	Batool Begam	Rajasthan	Maand & Bhajan Folk Singer
12.	Thara Rangaswamy	Tamil Nadu	Psychiatrist & Researcher
13.	Neerja Madhav	Uttar Pradesh	Hindi Author – working for rights for transgenders and Tibetan refugees
14.	Neena Gupta	West Bengal	Mathematician

Some glimpses of **Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on March 8, 2022:**

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President Ram Nath Kovind confers #NariShaktiPuraskar for the year 2020 & 2021 at @rashtrapatibhvn

🌸 Niranjanaben Mukulbhai Kalarthi- Author & Educationist

🌸 Pooja Sharma- Farmer & Entrepreneur

🌸 Radhika Menon- Captain Merchant Navy

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#PresidentKovind presents #NariShaktiPuraskar for 2020 on #InternationalWomensDay2022 at @rashtrapatibhvn

🌀 Jaya Muthu, Tejamma - Artisans - Toda embroidery

🌀 Jodhaiya Bai Baiga- Tribal Baiga Art Painter

🌀 Meera Thakur- Sikki Grass Artist

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