राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक पुरस्कार 2025
National Award to Teachers 2025
(HEIs and Polytechnics)

1. SCOPE

The National Education Policy, 2020, has underlined the importance of motivated and energised faculty members to meet the expectations of high-quality education. For cultivating a culture of excellence in higher education, there is a need to develop a systematized mechanism to incentivize the outstanding and creative work of faculty members of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) including Polytechnics and ITIs and recognise its impact not only on their students but on the communities around them, through appropriate rewards and recognition mechanisms.

The purpose of the ***National Award to Teachers 2025 in Higher Educational Institutions*** is to recognise the distinctive contributions of some of the finest faculty members in the country and honour them for their dedication and hard work, particularly teaching and pedagogy and its impact which have not only improved the quality of higher education but also enriched the lives of their students. The Award seeks to recognise and honour the unique and path breaking achievements of faculty members in teaching-learning, community outreach, institutional service, research, and novelty of work in the field of higher education.

The selected awardees will be felicitated on 5th September (Teachers Day) to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and a remarkable teacher.

2. NAME OF THE AWARD

हिंदी: **राष्ट्रीय शिक्षक पुरस्कार 2025**

English: **National Award to Teachers 2025 (HEIs and Polytechnics)**

CATEGORIES

Category I: Teachers of Higher Educational Institutions: Total 25 Awards

This award will be conferred on the exemplary teachers/faculty members of technical and non-technical higher education institutions. There shall be **three** sub- categories based on the following broad disciplines:

Sub-category (i) : Engineering & Technology, Architecture.

Sub-category (ii) : Pure Sciences including Mathematics, Physical Sciences, BiologicalSciences, Chemical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy

Sub-category (iii) : Arts and Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Legal Studies,Commerce, Management.

Note : The list of disciplines/subjects is indicative only and will also include any other discipline / subject / emerging knowledge domain pertaining to higher education.

Category II : Teachers of Polytechnic Institutions: Total 10 Awards

This award will be conferred on the exemplary teachers/faculty members of Polytechnic institutions.

3. NUMBER OF AWARDS

A total of **Thirty five Awards (25 in Category-I and 10 in Category-II)** shall be conferred every year.

4. DECORATIONS

Each awardee shall be presented with the following.

- A medal
- A certificate
- Cash Prize of Rs 50,000/-

5. ELIGIBILITY

The award is open to all the faculty members of colleges / universities / higher educational institutions / polytechnics in India, satisfying the following conditions:

- The Nominee should be a regular faculty member,
- Should have at least **five** years of full-time teaching experience at the Undergraduate and/or Post-graduate level,
- Should **NOT** be above 55 years of age as on the last date of receiving application for the awards.
- Vice-Chancellor/ Director / Principal (regular or officiating) are **NOT** eligible to apply. However, individuals who have held such positions earlier, but are below 55 years of age and still in active service are eligible.

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6. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- Self-nomination (Singular basis).
- Former or existing Vice-Chancellor / Director / Principal / Faculty Member / Colleague of the same University / Institute / College / Polytechnic, where the nominee holds regular employment,
    - Earlier nominee / nomination is eligible for re-nomination,
- Members of the Search-cum-Screening Committees may also take *suo-moto* cognizance of an outstanding faculty member and may nominate exemplary teachers.
- Award Jury are **NOT** eligible to make any nomination for this award.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS FOR NAT

- The nomination shall be made in the prescribed format using the online portal, **Rashtriya Puraskar Portal @www.awards.gov.in.**
- The nominator may ensure that the nomination form is duly completed online and information, as required by the Committee, is included.
- The system generated OTP will be used for submission and an email will also be sent to the head of the institution.
- **The nomination shall be supported by a CAREER PROFILE in accordance with below enlisted points i to ix (maximum 800 words excluding spaces and paragraphs) enumerating the contributions and achievements of the nominee in the specified areas as given below. However, a citation of not more than 100 words should also be provided indicating achievements strictly with reference to the following parameters: -**

    i. Creating an optimal learning environment for students through innovative curricular design, improved pedagogical approaches, promoting multidisciplinary and experiential learning and effective assessment of learning outcomes,

    ii. Promoting educational technology to improve the quality of education including the development of digital educational resources,

    iii. Providing support for physical and psychological well-being of students while also enhancing their cognitive abilities,

    iv. Fostering gender, SEDGs sensitization and inclusivity on campus, community engagement, outreach, and service, etc.

    v. Fostering environmental/climate sensitivity, multi-stakeholder adaptability and a strong sense of nationalism.

    vi. Innovations/initiatives/Start-ups contributing towards better communities and nation.

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vii. Outcome of students' feedback (24x7) and steps taken to improve delivery and effectiveness of classroom teaching and evaluation.

viii. Efforts taken to make students independent of rote learning and original thinkers

ix. Type of innovative questions (with open answers) and evaluation: online and offline.

- Nominations received after the due date shall not be considered.
- Vigilance clearance and Integrity certificate are to be mandatorily provided by the HEI / Polytechnic as per **Annexure-I.** This statement should be taken from the Head of the Institute and uploaded at the time of submission of the nomination. In the case, such a certificate is not available at the time of submission of the nomination, the nominee must provide it within one month of date of submission of the nomination on the portal using the unique ID.

8. SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of meritorious teachers will be carried out through a rigorous screening process having the following parameters :-

Sl. No.	Parameter	Weightage	
		Diploma / UG	UG/ PG/ Ph.D.
1*	Teaching Learning Effectiveness	90%	75%
2*	Outreach activities		
3**	Research and Innovation	5%	15%
4**	Sponsored Research/ Faculty Development Programs/ Consultancy	5%	10%
TOTAL		**100%**	**100%**

**Criteria 1 and 2 are the most important for the Teacher's Award. Since these two carry the maximum weightage (75% UG/PG/ (Ph.D. if any) teaching and 90% diploma teaching), it should be filled in properly with documentary proofs, if any.*

*** Criteria 3 and 4 will not carry more than 25 % weightage in the case of teachers working in institutes where PG and Ph. D. programmes are run. In the case of institutes with only UG programmes and Polytechnic and Diploma awarding institutes, this will be given less importance and carry only 10% weightage.*

8.1 Teaching Learning Effectiveness

a) Courses taught (Theory/Tutorial/Lab) and student strength.
b) Duration of courses taught at Diploma, UG and /or PG level.
c) Implementation of NEP in curriculum

d) Portion out of prescribed syllabus or new knowledge beyond prescribed university syllabus to bring innovation.
e) New courses developed/Content created including Open ware/MOOCs/NPTEL
f) New experiments or demonstration experiments introduced to explain fundamentals including new simulation tools.
g) In the case of online courses, number of students registered for the course and method of evaluation; revenue generated for the institute (proof is needed to be furnished).
h) Innovative curricular design/ improved pedagogical approaches/ promoting multidisciplinary & experiential learning/effective assessment of learning outcomes/teaching methodology (Online/Offline/Blended).
i) Students mentoring/handholding.
j) Participation in Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs) or Quality Improvement Programmes (QIPs) and its implementation in own career
k) FDPs/Seminars/Conferences/Refresher Courses (As a Resource Person or as an Organizer)
l) Development of new apps for effective teaching and learning (if any)
m) Time spent on tutorials and individual problem solving for weak students.
n) Time spent on developing new laboratory experiments
o) Time spent on internship or placement for students
p) Lectures of industry experts arranged for new knowledge or career development.
q) Any innovation in teaching and learning which goes beyond regular classroom lectures.
r) 24x7 performance evaluation promoted through self-initiation if the institute does not have such a system in place.
s) Contribution as former Director/Principal/Head/Dean/Warden/ Head of Training & Placement/Program coordinators or during any other administrative duty performed/completed.
t) Incubation support for startups
u) Contribution to Co-curricular activity/Sports/NSS/NCC activities.
v) Contribution to NBA/NAAC/NIRF accreditation/Internal Committees.
w) Contribution to Community Outreach/Hackathons/ Students Clubs
x) Contribution towards Collaborative academia industries-interface for Research and Innovation/ Placement/ Technology transfer, etc.
y) Any other (please specify with proof)

8.2 Outreach Activities

a) In-Charge of Incubation Center/Institute Industry Cell/Institution Innovation Cell/Start up Cell, etc.
b) Contribution towards UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs).
c) Contribution to Regional/Rural Development/Extension Services etc.
d) Contribution to policy making and advocacy for issues pertinent to the society and nation such as Unnat Bharat Abhiyan,
e) Membership of the Govt. of India Committees/initiatives, if any.
f) Recognition - Awards / Prizes at state or national or international level. College level awards will not be considered.
g) Creation of socially responsible academia impact through teaching and /or research.
h) Laboratory infrastructure development/Learning Projects/Fieldworks

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i) Classroom Performance (academic result, talent shaping, encouraging learning, grooming & recognizing special needs)
j) Membership of institute committee for curricular and extra-curricular activities including preparation of documents and activities related to NAAC, NBA, NSS, etc.
k) Any Other (please specify with proof)

8.3 Research & Innovation

a) Numbers of Masters/PhD dissertations guided.
b) Fellowship of one of the four national academies of Science and Engineering, Humanities, etc.
c) Sr. Member/Member of Professional Bodies
d) Numbers of publications/Single author/Group member
e) Numbers of patents granted/Single author/Group member
f) Citation Index (Google scholar data)
g) Books/Chapters/Monographs/Project reports/laboratory manuals Prepared.
h) Editor/ Member of Editorial Board of Journals
i) Number of Technology transferred along with royalty received.
j) Number/details of startups created/supported along with valuation

8.4 Sponsored Research/Faculty Development Programs/Consultancy

a) Consultancy/Projects/Industrial R&D (Completed/Under progress)
b) Consultancy funding (Routine testing not to be included)
c) Research funding/International or National Projects/Programs
d) Patents/IPR/Transfer of Technology/Product Innovation

Video Submission: *Apart from information requested above, every candidate will be requested to submit a 2-3 minutes' video clip/link (uploaded on YouTube as private link) highlighting their outstanding achievements for the award.*

9. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection procedure for NAT-2025 will follow the below mentioned two-step process :

1) Preliminary Search-cum-Screening Committee for initial shortlisting of candidates
2) Committee of 'Jury' for final section of awardees from the shortlisted candidates

Step-1: Preliminary Search-cum-Screening Committee

There will be Category-wise, all-inclusive **Search-cum-Screening Committees** for initial screening and shortlisting of potential candidates. The Search-cum-Screening committee will have eminent experts (distinguished retired faculty members/ experts from industry/domain experts/eminent personalities/educationalist/national award winners and experts from social sector).

These Search-cum-Screening Committees shall carefully and unbiasedly review the submitted nominations and shortlist nominees under each category. The shortlisted nominations shall be forwarded to the **Jury** for final selection.

Initial evaluation will be based on the **Career Profile of the nominee (maximum 800 words excluding spaces and paragraphs; only the first 800 words will be accepted by the system)** clearly bringing out nominee's distinguished and exceptional achievements/noteworthy teaching service in their respective discipline that make them worthy of the National Award followed by an interaction with the Jury members. A citation of not more than 100 words excluding spaces will be needed for preparation of the certificate of the winners.

Step-2: Committee of Jury for selection of awardees

There shall be a comprehensive **five-member Jury** comprising of academic leaders, eminent academicians, policy planners in the field of higher education. The Jury shall consider the recommendations of the Search-cum-Screening Committees and finalize the awardees under each Award Category after a personal interaction in online mode with the shortlisted candidates.

10. AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

	Timeline for Award
Inviting Nominations	27th May, 2025
Deadline for receiving Nominations	9th July, 2025
Felicitation of Award	**5th September every year**

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Annexure -I

On Letter-Head of the Institute
(Vice Chancellor/Director/Principal)

Vigilance Clearance and Integrity Certificate

Ref. No. and Date

This is to certify that (Name of Nominee), (Designation), (Date of Birth) is a regular faculty memberof the University/Institute since_____, (Employee ID). Applicant has been teaching ITI/Diploma/Undergraduate/Post Graduate courses since_____.

He/She is a dedicated and popular faculty member who commands respect from his/her students and peers. There is no vigilance/departmental enquiry either pending or contemplated against (Name of Nominee).

The applicant has not been convicted by any court of law and/or there is no police case or court case pending against him/her to the best of my knowledge.

The applicant bears and displays good character and antecedents, and his/her integrity is beyond doubt.

Place **(Signature and Name)**

Date

(Vice Chancellor/Director/Principal)
With official seal