

Dear Members,

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Government of India) has invited applications / nominations for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities vide advertisement published in national/ regional dailies dated 15th June, 2023. The applications/nominations for the award are to be submitted through online mode only on the password protected centralized portal designed by Ministry of Home Affairs (www.awards.gov.in). The online nomination/application has started from 15th June, 2023 and the **last date for the nominations is 31st July, 2023.**

These awards were instituted to focus public attention on issues concerning persons with disabilities and to promote their mainstreaming into the society. The awards are conferred on 3rd December every year on the 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities" to outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

The Guidelines for the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are available on the website of the Department (<u>https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/</u>) and also on the Award Portal (<u>https://www.awards.gov.in/Home/AwardLibrary</u>). A brief note indicating the category of awards, specified disabilities and authorities is available at <u>https://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/content/page/brief-about-national-awards.php</u>.

Divangajan Members of ICSI may apply for these awards. Members in general may also nominate outstanding persons with disabilities, individuals and institutions that are working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.

Warm Regards,

Team ICSI