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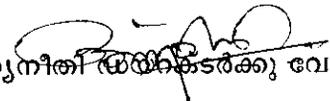
സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഡയറക്ടറേറ്റ്  
വികാസ്ഭവൻ, തിരുവനന്തപുരം,  
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വിഷയം: സാ.നീതി വകുപ്പ് - 'വയോശ്രേഷ്ഠ സമ്മാൻ' - 2017 വർഷത്തെ ദേശീയ അവാർഡ് - അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിച്ച് - ശുപാർശ സഹിതം അയക്കുന്നത് - സംബന്ധിച്ച്

സൂചന:

കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാരിന്റെ "വയോശ്രേഷ്ഠ സമ്മാൻ -2017"-ലെ അവാർഡിന് അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. അവാർഡ് സംബന്ധിച്ച വാർത്താകുറിപ്പും, വിശദ വിവരങ്ങളും ഇതൊന്നിച്ച് അയയ്ക്കുന്നു. ടി വിവരം വകുപ്പിന്റെ ബ്ലോക്ക്തല കാര്യാലയങ്ങളിൽ അറിയിക്കേണ്ടതും പ്രാദേശിക വാർത്ത മാധ്യമങ്ങളിലൂടെ പ്രചാരം നൽകേണ്ടതുമാണ്. 2017 ജൂൺ 25 വരെ ലഭിക്കുന്ന അപേക്ഷകൾ വ്യക്തമായി പരിശോധിച്ച് അപേക്ഷകളിന്മേൽ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി വ്യക്തവും വസ്തുനിഷ്ഠവുമായ, സ്കീമിലെ മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾ പ്രകാരം, ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലുള്ള ശുപാർശയും റിപ്പോർട്ടും സഹിതം 2017 ജൂൺ 28-നകം ഈ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ ലഭ്യമാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. സമയപരിധിയും മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങളും കൃത്യമായി പാലിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. നിശ്ചിത തീയതി കഴിഞ്ഞ് ലഭിക്കുന്ന അപേക്ഷകൾ പരിഗണിക്കുന്നതല്ല. അപേക്ഷ ഏത് വിഭാഗത്തിലേക്കാണ് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുന്നതെന്ന് ജില്ലാ സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഓഫീസർ റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ വ്യക്തമാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. വിശദവിവരം വകുപ്പിന്റെ website-ലും ലഭ്യമാണ്.

  
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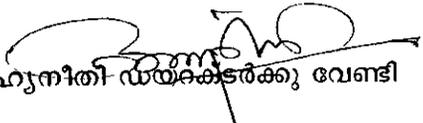
എല്ലാ ജില്ലാ സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഓഫീസർമാർക്കും.



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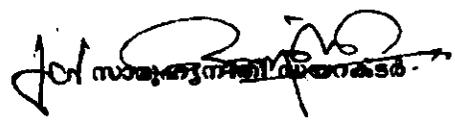
ഒക്ടോബർ 1 അന്താരാഷ്ട്ര വയോജന ദിനമായി ആചരിക്കുന്നതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി വയോജന ക്ഷേമ രംഗത്ത് സ്തുത്യർഹമായ സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള മുതിർന്ന പൗരൻമാർക്കും, മുതിർന്ന പൗരൻമാരുടെ വിവിധ പ്രശ്നങ്ങളിൽ ഇടപെട്ട് ക്ഷേമ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ നടത്തുന്ന സംഘടന, പഞ്ചായത്ത് എന്നിവർക്കും കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാർ "വയോശ്രേഷ്ഠ സമ്മാൻ" പുരസ്കാരം നൽകി വരുന്നു. ആയതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി 2017-ലെ "വയോശ്രേഷ്ഠ സമ്മാൻ" അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ പുരിപ്പിച്ച അപേക്ഷ ക്ഷേമ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ വിശദ വിവരം (ഇംഗ്ലീഷിൽ തയ്യാറാക്കിയത്) - ഫോട്ടോ പ്രസ് കട്ടിംഗുകൾ സഹിതം അതാത് ജില്ലാ സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഓഫീസിൽ 2017 ജൂൺ 25ന് മുമ്പായി ലഭ്യമാക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ലഭ്യമാകുന്ന അപേക്ഷകളിൽ ഓരോ വിഭാഗത്തിലും ഉള്ള അപേക്ഷകൾ സർക്കാരിലേയ്ക്ക് അയയ്ക്കുകയും സാമൂഹ്യനീതി സെക്രട്ടറി തലത്തിലുള്ള പരിശോധനയ്ക്ക് ശേഷം കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാരിന് സമർപ്പിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. താഴെ ചേർക്കും പ്രകാരമുള്ള വിഭാഗങ്ങൾക്കാണ് അവാർഡ് നൽകുന്നത്.

  
സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഡയറക്ടർക്കു വേണ്ടി

**ANNEXURE - I**

1. വാർദ്ധക്യകാല പ്രശ്നങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് പഠിക്കുകയും, ജനങ്ങളിൽ അവബോധം സൃഷ്ടിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്ക് നൽകുന്ന അവാർഡ്.
2. മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ ക്ഷേമരംഗത്ത് സ്തുത്യർഹമായ സേവനം അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുന്ന സംഘടനകൾക്ക് നൽകുന്ന അവാർഡ്.
3. മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനായി മികച്ച പ്രകടനം കാഴ്ചവെച്ചവർക്ക് ജില്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്ത് നൽകുന്ന അവാർഡ്.
4. മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ സേവന രംഗത്ത് മികച്ച പ്രകടനം കാഴ്ചവയ്ക്കുന്ന മുനിസിപ്പൽ ബോഡികൾക്കുള്ള അവാർഡ്.
5. Senior Citizen's Act 2007 മികച്ച രീതിയിൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കിയ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിനുള്ള അവാർഡ്.
6. മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ ക്ഷേമത്തിനായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന Best Private Sector Organisation- നുള്ള അവാർഡ് (Corporate Houses).
7. Best Public Sector Organisation (Public Sector Undertakings)
8. 90 വയസ്സിനു മുകളിലുള്ള ഇപ്പോഴും സാമൂഹ്യക്ഷേമ രംഗത്ത് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നവർക്കുള്ള സെന്റീനേറിയൻ അവാർഡ്.
9. ജീവിതത്തിൽ അപ്രതീക്ഷിതമായി ഉണ്ടാകുന്ന എല്ലാ പ്രതിസന്ധികളും തരണം ചെയ്ത് മക്കളെ ലക്ഷ്യപ്രാപ്തിയിലെത്തിക്കാൻ പ്രയത്നിച്ച അമ്മമാർക്കുള്ള Iconic Mother അവാർഡ്.
10. മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ മേഖലയിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ഗണനീയമായ സംഭാവനകൾ നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളതുമായ മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാർക്ക് നൽകുന്ന 'Life Time Achievement Award'
11. കലാസാഹിത്യ രംഗങ്ങളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിച്ച് ദേശീയ അന്തർദേശീയ പുരസ്കാരങ്ങൾ ലഭിച്ച മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാർക്ക് നൽകുന്ന Creative Art Award.
12. കായിക രംഗത്ത് ദേശീയ അന്തർദേശീയ പുരസ്കാരങ്ങൾ ലഭിക്കുകയും, കായികരംഗത്ത് തുടർന്നും പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നവരുമായ മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാർക്ക് നൽകുന്ന Sports & Adventure Award (One each for male and female).
13. വിഷമ ഘട്ടങ്ങളിൽ അസാമാന്യ ധീരത പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ച മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാർക്ക് നൽകുന്ന courage and Bravery Award.

കൂടുതൽ വിവരങ്ങൾ ജില്ലാ സാമൂഹ്യനീതി ഓഫീസുകളിലും, സാമൂഹ്യനീതി Web Portal - [www.sjd.kerala.gov.in](http://www.sjd.kerala.gov.in) ലും ലഭ്യമാണ്.

  
സാമൂഹ്യനീതി മന്ത്രി

**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT****(Department of Social Justice and Empowerment)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 18th January, 2013

**Subject : 'Vayoshreshtha Sammans'—A Scheme of National Award for Senior Citizens**

No. 15-39(30)/09-10-AG-II.—Whereas in 1992, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution to observe the year 1999 as the International Year of Older Persons and to promote the theme, "a society for all ages", the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) is observed every year, worldwide, on 1<sup>st</sup> October. This day provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution, wisdom, dignity, and needs of our senior citizens and to rededicate our efforts to ensure their well-being.

And whereas, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the Nodal Ministry for the cause of elderly, celebrates International Day of Older Persons every year on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Taking this as an opportune moment to promote the concept of active and productive ageing, it was decided in the year 2005 to confer Vayoshreshtha Sammans to eminent senior citizens and institutions in recognition for their service towards the elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens

Now, therefore, in order to recognize the efforts made by eminent senior citizens and institutions involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Social Justice and Empowerment) hereby announce the following Scheme for conferring National Awards on eminent Senior Citizens and Institutions, namely:-

1. Short title: This Scheme may be called the Scheme of National Award for Senior citizens.

2. Application: This Scheme shall be applicable to institutions and individuals who have rendered distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens.

**3. Objectives**

A. In the last decade the subject of Ageing and related issues has gained utmost importance and focused attention. 'Vayoshreshtha Sammans' - A Scheme of National Awards for Senior Citizens shall showcase the Government's concern for senior citizens

and its commitment towards senior citizens with the aim of strengthening their legitimate place in the society. It will also provide an opportunity to the younger generations to understand the contribution of the elderly in building of the society and the nation.

B. 'Vayoshreshtha Sammans' would be conferred on eminent senior citizens and Institutions involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially indigent senior citizens. The recipients would be drawn from diverse fields and nominations would be invited from Governmental and non governmental agencies. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (herein after referred to as "the Ministry") would invite nominations from the State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, concerned Central Ministries, reputed Non Government Organisations working for the cause of elderly, members of National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSrC) and renowned Business associations like Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Indian Industry, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Indian Industry etc.

#### 4. Description

(1) Vayoshreshtha Sammans shall be conferred every year in thirteen categories. The recipients of the Sammans shall be declared every year on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and will be conferred on the 1<sup>st</sup> October on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons (IDOP). The Award in each category shall carry a Citation, a Plaque and also cash award in some of the categories as decided from time to time. The award would be given to eminent or outstanding Institutions or organisations and individuals from any part of the country.

(2) The categories, description and nature of awards are given as under: B

Sl. No.	Category	Description	Nature of Awards
<b>Institutional Category</b>			
1.	Best Institution for Research in the field of Ageing.	For institutions with a record of outstanding work in research and dissemination of knowledge in the field of ageing.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of five lakh Rupees.
2.	Best Institution for providing Services to Senior Citizens and Awareness Generation.	For institutions with a record of providing services to the elderly, especially indigent senior citizens.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento (c) Cash award of five lakh Rupees.
3.	Best District Panchayat in providing services and facilities to Senior	To the district Panchayats, which have done outstanding work for senior	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of ten lakh Rupees.

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	Citizens	citizens.	
4.	Best Urban Local Body in providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To municipal bodies, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of ten lakh Rupees.
5.	Best State in implementing the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, and providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens	To the State or Union Territories which has taken a lead in implementing various provisions of the Act and has highest percentage of settlement of claims of maintenance or best security programme for elderly.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento.
6.	Best Private Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens	Corporate Houses, addressing the problems of elderly either by providing them gainful employment, or utilising their skills and experience to the benefit of the society or creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care or any other similar step for the benefit of senior citizens as a community. The activities taken for benefit of senior citizens should be away from the mainline business of the organisation.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento.
7.	Best Public Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens	Public Sector Undertakings undertaking service to the community through activities under corporate social responsibility and also through programmes for retired employees.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento.  B
<b>Individual Category</b>			
8	Centenarian	For renowned individuals who are above ninety years and are still physically active, independent and	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.

		contributing to the society.	
9	Iconic Mother	For women senior citizens who in the face of great odds, brought up their children and supported them in being high achievers in field of their choice.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
10	Lifetime Achievement	To senior citizens, preferably above seventy years, who have worked in the field of aging and made significant contribution in the field.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
11	Creative Art	For winners of National/International acclaim for their contribution to literature, theatre, cinema, music, dance, painting, sculpture, photography, etc. and who continue to be active in their field well into their old age.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
12	Sports and Adventure (one each for Male and Female)	To senior citizens who have won international acclaim and who continue to contribute in the field of sports and adventure.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.
13	Courage & Bravery (one each for Male and Female)	To senior citizens who have displayed extra ordinary courage in the face of grave danger.	(a) Citation; (b) Memento; (c) Cash award of two lakh and fifty thousand Rupees.

(2) Normally the Sammans shall not be presented posthumously: Provided that death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the jury in the manner stipulated in this Code, then the Samman may be presented posthumously.

(3) A Screening Committee and Selection Committee would be constituted for the purpose which shall consider the achievement of the Organisations and the Individuals nominated or recommended for the Sammans by the prescribed authority. The

outstanding contribution in the field shall be the primary consideration in identifying the recipient of Sammans.

*Explanation:* For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the expression "prescribed authority" means the authority mentioned in paragraph 6.

## **5. Eligibility Criteria for Nomination**

(1) The Sammans are open to all Indian Institutions, organisations and individuals without any distinction or discrimination on grounds of race, sex, caste or creed.

(2) To be eligible for the Sammans, it would ordinarily be necessary that the nominee is recommended in writing by an agency or individual mentioned in Section 5. However, in exceptional cases, the Selection Committee may also, suo moto, recommend a person or institution for the award, with justification.

(3) Self nominations for the Sammans shall not be considered by the Screening Committee and the Selection Committee.

(4) The eligibility criteria for each of the Category of Awards shall be as follows:

### **A. Best Institution for Research and dissemination of Knowledge in the field of Ageing:-**

(1) The award shall be given to the institutions which are generating and spreading knowledge in the field of ageing.

(2) To claim the award the following requirements shall be fulfilled, namely:-

(a) The Institution or Organisation should be a registered body and should have minimum five years of experience in the field of ageing and related issues;

(b) The institution should have remarkable achievements in research or publication and spread of knowledge in the field of elderly in India;

(c) Outstanding achievements in the area of education or training etc. in the field of Ageing or Geriatric care;

(d) The Institution should have been instrumental in developing and formulating Policies and programmes for Senior Citizens either at the State or National level;

(e) Dissemination of knowledge and creating awareness on the issues relating to elderly through conferences, seminars, workshops and other means;

(f) Participatory leadership in the community and civil society at large in the field of ageing as prime concern.

### **B. Best Institution for providing Services to Senior Citizens:**

(1) The award shall be given to the institutions which are providing outstanding services to the elderly.



(2) To claim the award, the following requirements shall be fulfilled, namely:-

- (a) The institution should be providing comprehensive services for the elderly preferably in rural or hilly areas of India especially to indigent senior citizens;
- (b) The Institution or Organisation should be a registered body and should have minimum five years experience in the field of service to elderly;
- (c) The Institution should have made outstanding contribution and has wide recognition;
- (d) The institution has undertaken specialised or innovative services and programme for the betterment of life of elderly in the society;
- (e) Outstanding achievement to provide new and effective outreach strategy or programmes for the betterment of elderly in the society.

#### C Best District Panchayat:

- (1) The award shall be given to the District Panchayats, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
  - (a) Exemplary contribution in the field of Health, Counselling, Legal aid, awareness, institutional and non institutional programmes for the elderly;
  - (b) Significant role in the empowerment of elder people at the village level;
  - (c) Outstanding achievement in the involvement and participation of local people or community in the promotion of care for elderly;
  - (d) Promotion of barrier free environment in the public buildings in panchayat area.

#### D Best Urban Local Body:

- (1) The award shall be given to Municipal Bodies or Cantonment Boards or Other Statutory Urban Local Bodies, which have done outstanding work for senior citizens.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
  - (a) Exemplary contribution in the field of Health, Counselling, Legal aid, awareness, institutional and non institutional programmes for the elderly;
  - (b) Significant role in the empowerment of elder people at the municipality level;
  - (c) Outstanding achievement in the involvement and participation of local people or community in the promotion of care for elderly;
  - (d) Promotion of barrier free environment in the public buildings in the municipality area.

#### E Best State in Implementing the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 and providing services and facilities to Senior Citizens:

- (1) The award shall be given to the State or Union Territory which has taken lead in the implementation of various provisions of the Act.

(2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-

- (a) Notified the Act, framed the Rules, appointed Maintenance Officers, constituted Maintenance and Appellate Tribunals;
- (b) High level of settlement of claims of maintenance;
- (c) Constituted a State Council for Senior Citizens and held meeting at regular intervals;
- (d) Prepared and executed comprehensive action plan for providing protection to life and property of senior citizens;
- (e) Institutionalised arrangements for medical support to Senior citizens and created infrastructure and facilities for geriatric health care;
- (f) Promoted research work in treatment of chronic, terminal and degenerative diseases common among elderly;
- (g) Established a network of old age homes, service centres, help-lines or Volunteer bureaux.

**F Best Private Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens:**

- (1) The award shall be given to a Private Sector Organisation who have done work for the welfare of senior citizens.
- (2) To claim the award, the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-

- (a) Addressing the problems of elderly either by providing them gainful employment, or utilising their skills and experience for the benefit of the society;
- (b) Creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care or any other similar step for the benefit of elderly as a community;
- (c) Having made arrangements towards care of its former (superannuated) employees;
- (d) Providing barrier free for senior citizens at the work place.

**G Best Public Sector Organisation in promoting the well being and welfare of senior citizens:**

- (1) The award shall be given to the Best Public Sector Undertaking who have done work in promoting the welfare of senior citizens.
- (2) To claim the award, the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-

- (a) Formulating Post retirement career policy for its employees;
- (b) Creating infrastructure in geriatric medical care or any other similar step for the benefit of elderly as a community;
- (c) Having made arrangements towards healthy and productive ageing of its employees;
- (d) Providing barrier free for senior citizens at the work place.

**H Centenary Awards:**

- (1) The award shall be given to renowned individuals who are above ninety years of age and are still physically active, independent and contributing to the society.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
  - (a) The individual should be above the age of ninety years;
  - (b) Should have rendered exemplary services for the betterment of the community and society at large;
  - (c) Individual who fought against the social evils and for freedom of the Nation;
  - (d) Ongoing commitment especially for the cause of elderly or other marginalised sections of the society;
  - (e) His or her Contribution should have wide recognition from the society;
  - (f) Possessing reasonable good health and still actively participating for social causes;
  - (g) Participation on various State and National level platforms.

**I Iconic Mother Award:**

- (1) The award shall be given to senior citizen women who in the face of great odds, brought up their children and supported them in being high achievers.
- (2) To claim the award, the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
  - (a) Unwavering devotion and inculcation of good values and ethics in the children in highly testing circumstances;
  - (b) Because of her dedication, vision and hard work, children should have made remarkable achievement in the society;
  - (c) Mother who fought for protection, promotion and empowerment of girl child;
  - (d) Her contribution commands wide recognition from the society;
  - (e) Should be of age of sixty years or above,

**J Lifetime Achievement Award:**

- (1) The award shall be given to senior citizens, preferably above seventy years, who have made significant contributions to society, especially for the elderly.
- (2) To claim the award, the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
  - (a) The upliftment and betterment of the lives of elderly in society;
  - (b) Outstanding achievement in the field of education or research or publication and work performance etc;
  - (c) Provide pioneering or innovative programmes and services in the social welfare sector;
  - (d) Recognised as a role model for exemplary contribution to the community and society at large;
  - (e) Should be of age of seventy years or above.

**K Award for Creative Arts**

- (1) The award shall be given to winners of National or international acclaim for their contribution to literature, theatre, cinema, music, dance, painting, sculpture, photography, etc. and who continue to be active in their field well into their old age.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
- Exemplary contribution in the field of Art;
  - His or her art should be infused with social messages on contemporary issues;
  - Outstanding achievement in the promotion and dissemination of Art;
  - His or her art should have been recognised widely.

**L Award for Sports and Adventure (Male and Female):**

- (1) The award shall be given to senior citizens who have won international acclaim and who continue to contribute in the field of sport. One award each is proposed for male and female sportsperson as sub-categories.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
- Exemplary contribution in the field of Sports;
  - Recognition of his or her sportsmanship at State or National or International level;
  - Bringing solidarity, commitment and collective efforts through the medium of sports;
  - Outstanding achievement in the promotion and dissemination of sports to the younger generation;

**M Courage and Bravery Award (Male and Female):**

- (1) The award shall be given to a senior citizen who has displayed exemplary courage in the face of grave danger. One award each is proposed for male and female sportsperson as sub-categories.
- (2) To claim the award the following conditions shall be fulfilled, namely:-
- The protection of human rights, national security or mitigation of social evils;
  - Sustainable efforts for the protection of life of the people in society.

**6. Agencies or Individuals which may nominate and procedure of inviting nominations**

- (1). Nominations for the Sammans shall be invited from:
- The Ministries or Departments of the Government of India and their autonomous organisations.
  - The State Governments or Union Territory Administrations.

(c) Past recipients of Padma Award, Vayoshreshtha Samman and other National Awards in both individual and institution categories.

(d) Members of the National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSrC).

(e) Renowned Apex Chambers like Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Confederation of Indian Industry, Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National Association of Software and Service Companies, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry etc.

(f) Any other category of persons or institutions authorized by the Ministry from time to time.

(2) The nominations should be sent in the prescribed proforma at **Annexure I** (for Institutions) and **Annexure II** (for Individuals).

## 7. Calendar of Activities to be followed each year:

The calendar of activities to be followed each year with regard to the awards is given at **Annexure III**.

## 8. Screening of Nominations:

(1) A Screening Committee shall be constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to scrutinize and short list of the nominations received for the Award for consideration of the Selection Committee.

(2) The Screening Committee shall consist of:

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| (i) Joint Secretary (Social Defence), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment | - Chairperson, exofficio |
| (ii) An expert or professional in the field of ageing                            | - Member                 |
| (iii) An eminent senior citizen working for the cause of elderly                 | - Member                 |
| (iv) Head of Regional and Resource Training Centre (By rotation)                 | - Member                 |
| (v) Director, National Institute of Social Defence                               | - Member, exofficio      |
| (vi) Representative of Central Ministries for the concerned discipline           | - Member, exofficio      |
| (vii) Director (Social Defence), Ministry Of Social Justice and Empowerment      | - Member Secretary       |

(3) The non-official members of the Screening Committee shall be entitled to TA/DA in accordance with the Financial Rules and procedures as applicable in Government of India.

## **9. Selection of Awardees by the Selection Committee:**

(1) The final selection of the Awardees shall be made on the basis of recommendations of the Screening Committee by a Selection Committee to be constituted by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

(2) The Selection Committee shall consist of:

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| (i) Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment   | - Chairperson, exofficio     |
| (ii) Minister of State of Social Justice and Empowerment   | -Vice Chairperson, exofficio |
| (iii) Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  | - Member, exofficio          |
| (iv) Special or Additional Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment   | -Member, exofficio           |
| (v) Representatives of the Ministries or Departments – Members, ex officio of Home Affairs, Urban Development, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Panchayati Raj, Public Enterprises and Industrial Policy and Promotion |                              |
| (vi) Two members of National Council of Senior Citizens to be nominated by the Chairperson (Minister Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment)   | -Member, exofficio           |
| (vii) Two representatives or heads of reputed Non Government Organisations of national level in the field of elderly   | - Member, ex officio         |
| (viii) Representatives of at least two Apex Chambers of Commerce and Industry  | - Member, exofficio          |
| (ix) Joint Secretary (Social Defence), Ministry Of Social Justice and Empowerment  | -Convener, exofficio         |

12 The non-official members of the Selection Committee shall be entitled to TA/DA in accordance with the Financial Rules and procedures as applicable in Government of India.

13 The decisions of the Selection Committee shall be by a majority vote and in the event of the votes on both sides being equal, the Chairperson presiding over a particular meeting shall have a casting vote.

14 The decisions of the Selection Committee shall be final.

## **10. Presentation of Award**

(1) The Award shall be presented at New Delhi at a special ceremony/function to be held on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons on the 1<sup>st</sup> October every

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year. The Awards shall be presented by the President of India or the Prime Minister of India.

(2) The boarding and lodging expenses of the awardees including one companion for each awardee shall be borne by the Central Government.

(3) The to and fro travelling expenses and accommodation for up to one day prior and after the date of Samman ceremony (depending upon the actual arrival and departure dates) shall be arranged and the expenditure shall be reimbursed by the Central Government.

(4) The TA/ DA admissibility of the awardees and one companion shall be equivalent to that of Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

(5) Before the announcement of the Award, the concurrence of the prospective awardees or institutions would be suitably ascertained.

T. R. MEENA, Jt. Secy.

**ANNEXURE I****FORMAT FOR RECOMMENDING INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS**

1. Full Name, complete  
Address of the organization or Individual
2. Whether operating in own premises  
or in-rented premises
3. Other Communication devices:
  - (i) Landline Phone no.
  - (ii) Mobile No.
  - (iii) Fax no.
  - (iv) E-mail address:
4. Areas of operation  
(If possible, please attach Memorandum  
and Articles of Association  
containing objects and bye-laws)
5. Name of the parent Organisation or  
Registered Body (If possible, please attach  
certified copy of the certificate of registration):
6. The details of Managing Committee  
and qualification of their members:
7. Whether the NGO is working at
  - (a) Regional Level
  - (b) State Level
  - (c) National Level
  - (d) International Level

8. Total staff strength of the NGO
9. If possible, please attach the annual reports for the last three years:
10. Special or Outstanding achievements during last five years in the field of ageing and related issues:
11. Details of Awards or honours received, if any (attach citations)
12. Justification for the award.

## **ANNEXURE II**

### **FORMAT FOR RECOMMENDING INDIVIDUALS FOR NATIONAL AWARD**

1. Full name and complete address:
2. Designation
3. Other means of Communication:
  - (A) Landline Phone no.
  - (B) Mobile No.
  - (C) Fax no.
  - (D) E-mail address:
4. Academic Qualifications:
5. Subject of study or research:
6. Area of specialization:
7. Details of Professional experience  
(Area and number of years in chronological order)
8. Please specify details of notable work during the last three years in the field:
9. Details of Awards or honours received, if any (attach citations)
10. Justification for the award.