

# **Governor's Awards for Excellence 2024: Invitation for Nominations**

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The Governor of Telangana is pleased to institute the Governor's Awards for Excellence for the first time in the State of Telangana. These awards aimed at honouring outstanding contributions during the last five years i.e., from the year,2019 onwards by both individuals and institutions separately in the following four (04)fields i.e., **1. Environment Protection, 2. Divyangjan Welfare, 3. Sports and Games and 4. Culture.**

## **Award Fields:**

### **1. Environment Protection:**

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in the field of Environmental Protection are to honour exemplary efforts in conserving natural resources, raising environmental awareness, and developing innovative solutions to tackle environmental challenges. These prestigious awards recognize individuals and institutions that have championed in Environmental Protection like sustainable livelihoods, grassroots action, and advocacy for ecological balance etc., for the last five years i.e., from the year,2019 onwards. By acknowledging those who lead impactful initiatives, the awards aim to inspire other individuals/ organizations to contribute to the preservation of environment.

**Note:** There will be two separate categories of awards: one category is for individuals who are residents of Telangana and the other category is for Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts working in Telangana, celebrating their dedication to safeguarding nature, promoting sustainability and Environmental Protection.

## **2. Divyangjan Welfare:**

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in the field of Divyangjan Welfare are to honour extraordinary contributions to the empowerment, inclusion, and welfare of persons with disabilities (Divyangjan). These prestigious awards recognize individuals and Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts that have worked tirelessly to promote accessibility, provide essential services, advocate for rights, and create opportunities for Divyangjan to lead dignified, independent lives, whether through direct support, inclusive education, skill development, or innovative solutions to challenges faced by the disabled etc., for the last five years i.e., from the year,2019 onwards. The awardees exemplify a commitment to build a more inclusive and equitable society. Their efforts inspire others to contribute to the welfare and upliftment of Divyangjan, ensuring their full participation in every aspect of life.

**Note:** There will be two separate categories of awards: one category is for individuals who are residents of Telangana and

other category is for Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts working in Telangana.

- (a) Individuals with disabilities who have excelled in any field, as well as those individuals who have empowered or supported Divyangjan can apply in Individual category.
- (b) The Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts which have championed in furtherance of Divyangjan welfare can apply in institutional category.

### **3. Sports and Games:**

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in the field of Sports and Games to recognize exceptional achievements and contributions in promoting and advancing sportsmanship, athletic excellence, and physical well-being. These prestigious awards honour both individuals and Institutions/ Organizations/Societies that have demonstrated outstanding performance in sports and games, outstanding dedication to the development of sports and games for the last five years i.e., from the year,2019 onwards, fostering a spirit of competition, teamwork, and discipline. Whether through personal athletic accomplishments or efforts to support and encourage the growth of sports & games within communities, the recipients of these awards play a crucial role in inspiring future generations to embrace sports & games as a means of empowerment and holistic development.

**Note:** There will be two separate categories of awards: one category is for individuals who are residents of Telangana and the other category is for Institutions/ Organizations/Societies working in Telangana.

- (a) Individuals who have excelled in sports & games or have actively promoted the growth of sports & games can apply in Individual category.
- (b) The Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts which have championed in furtherance of Sports & Games welfare can apply in institutional category.

#### **4. Culture:**

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in the field of Culture are to celebrate outstanding contributions to the promotion, preservation, and development of Culture. This prestigious award recognizes individuals and Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts that have not only excelled in various cultural domains but also have been playing a pivotal role in ensuring the vibrant continuation of artistic and cultural traditions within society for the last five years i.e., from the year, 2019 onwards. By highlighting the efforts of those who nurture and safeguard cultural practices, these awards aim to inspire others to contribute to the preservation of our rich heritage, fostering a deeper appreciation for the diverse culture that defines Telangana.

**Note:** There will be two separate categories of awards: one category is for individuals who are residents of Telangana and the other category is for Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts working in Telangana.

- (a) Individuals who have excelled in any cultural field or have supported cultural development can apply in Individual category.
- (b) The Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/Trusts which have championed in furtherance of culture can apply in institutional category.

### **Award Structure:**

In Each Field, there shall be two categories of awards. One category is for individuals and the other category is for Institutions/ Organizations/Societies/ Trusts Etc.

**Prize:** Each award carry INR 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakhs) and a citation.

### **Award Ceremony:**

The awardees will be felicitated during a ceremony to be held on Republic Day, 2025, at Raj Bhavan, Hyderabad.

### **Who Can Apply?**

- i. Institutions/Organizations/Societies/Trusts:** Must have put up outstanding efforts to have significant

impact in any one field i.e. Environment Protection/ Divyangjan Welfare/ Sports and Games/ Culture **in the State of Telangana** for the last five years i.e., from the year, 2019 onwards **in Telangana**.

- ii. Individuals:** Must have an outstanding performance or must have put up an outstanding efforts to have a significant impact or achievement in development of any one field i.e. Environment Protection/ Divyangjan Welfare/ Sports and Games/ Culture for the last five years i.e., from the year, 2019 onwards and **are residents of Telangana**.

**Note:** In case of rare and exceptional Institutions/Individuals, others can also submit nominations proposing those Individuals/Institutions for awards.

### **How to Apply:**

#### **Application Process:**

Nominations can be submitted either online or offline.

**A. For offline submissions:** Filled in nomination forms duly downloading the prescribed format available in the Telangana Raj Bhavan website <https://governor.telangana.gov.in> and can be sent to **"The Principal Secretary to the Governor,**

**Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Somajiguda, Hyderabad – 500041"** along with all supporting documents by speed post or in person.

**B. For online submissions:** The applicants may upload the nomination forms and other required supporting documents by visiting the Telangana Raj Bhavan website <https://governor.telangana.gov.in>.

**What to Submit:**

- a. A completed application form.
- b. Self-attested copies of all specified and all relevant documents and evidences supporting the nomination.
- c. A Power Point presentation (PPT) as handouts (hard copies) of upto 10 slides.

**Last date of submission of applications:** Applications completed in all respects both offline and online shall be submitted latest by 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024, 5:00 PM.

**Selection Process:**

A committee of experts appointed by the Hon'ble Governor will evaluate the nominations based on merit.

The decision of the Committee will be final, and no further appeals or queries will be entertained.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

- Applicants are responsible for the accuracy of the information provided.
- Supporting documents will not be returned.
- Incomplete applications or those lacking the necessary documents will be rejected.
- By submitting an application, the applicant agrees to abide by the Governor's final decision without any right of appeal.
- Information provided in the nomination form may be placed in public domain, if required.

## **For further details or queries, please contact:**

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