Governor’s Awards for Excellence – 2026

The Governor’s Awards for Excellence, 2026, are instituted to recognize and honour individuals and organizations that have demonstrated exceptional commitment, outstanding achievements and exemplary contributions during last 5 years from 2021 onwards.

Nominations are invited from individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions in the following fields: 1. Drug-Free Telangana & Nasha Mukt Bharat2. Transgender Welfare and Empowerment, 3. Environment – Soil and Water Conservation,and 4. Start-ups – Innovative Product Development.

1. Drug-Free Telangana & Nasha Mukt Bharat

This award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions towards creating a drug-free society by preventing substance abuse, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drugs and promoting a healthy and responsible lifestyle, particularly among youth.

The award will recognize exemplary efforts in:

* Conducting anti-drug awareness campaigns and educational programmes.
* Preventing drug abuse among students and youth through community participation.
* Providing rehabilitation, counselling and support to individuals affected by substance abuse.
* Promoting coordination among educational institutions, NGOs, communities and government agencies.
* Developing innovative initiatives to achieve the objectives of Drug-Free Telangana and Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.

2. Transgender Welfare and Empowerment

This award recognizes individuals and organizations working towards the dignity, equality, inclusion and empowerment of transgender persons, enabling them to lead a life of self-respect and equal opportunity.

The award will recognize exemplary efforts in:

* Promoting education, skill development and employment opportunities.
* Facilitating access to healthcare, social security and welfare schemes.
* Promoting entrepreneurship and economic independence among transgender persons.
* Creating awareness against discrimination, stigma and social exclusion.
* Promoting their participation in social, cultural, economic and public life.

3. Environment – Soil and Water Conservation

This award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions towards environmental protection, conservation of natural resources, restoration of ecosystems and sustainable management of soil and water.

The award will recognize exemplary efforts in:

* Rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge and watershed development.
* Soil conservation, prevention of soil erosion and restoration of degraded lands.
* Protection and rejuvenation of lakes, ponds, rivers and other water bodies.
* Promotion of sustainable agriculture, afforestation and biodiversity conservation.
* Innovative community-based initiatives for water management and environmental sustainability.

4. Start-ups – Innovative Product Development

This award recognizes promising entrepreneurs, start-ups and innovators who have developed innovative products, technologies or solutions addressing contemporary societal, industrial, economic and environmental challenges.

The award will recognize exemplary efforts in:

* Development of original, indigenous and innovative products.
* Research and development leading to practical and commercially viable solutions.
* Technology-driven innovations with significant societal impact.
*Products contributing to healthcare, agriculture, education, industry, environment and public welfare.
*Successful conversion of innovative ideas into prototypes, market-ready products and scalable enterprises.
*Promoting self-reliance, employment generation and entrepreneurship.

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.

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, 2027, at Lok Bhavan, Hyderabad.

Who Can Apply?

Institutions/Organizations/Societies/Trusts: Must have put up outstanding efforts to have significant impact in any one field i.e. 1. Drug-Free Telangana & Nasha Mukt Bharat2. Transgender Welfare and Empowerment, 3. Environment – Soil and Water Conservation,and 4. Start-ups – Innovative Product Development.
in the State of Telangana for the last five years i.e., from the year, 2021 onwards and be based in Telangana.

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. 1. Drug-Free Telangana & Nasha Mukt Bharat2. Transgender Welfare and Empowerment, 3. Environment – Soil and Water Conservation, and 4. Start-ups – Innovative Product Development.
for the last five years i.e., from the year, 2021 onwards and **are residents of Telangana**.

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 Lok Bhavan website ***https://governor.telangana.gov.in*** *and can be* sent to **"The Special Chief Secretary to the Governor, Governor's Secretariat, LokBhavan, 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 Lok 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 upto10 slides.

Last date of submission of applications: Applications completed in all respects both offline and online shall be submitted latest by 10th December 2026, 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:

Shri Murali Charyulu, Liasion Officer, Lok Bhavan,
Mobile Number 9392424483

Disclaimer:

All applicants shall give an undertaking that the Governor's decision will be final and waive any right to challenge or question the decision in any forum. By submitting an application, applicants agree to the terms and conditions specified in this proposal.

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