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**Subject: Nomination for National Awards for e-Governance 2020-2021.**

**Respected Madam/ Sir,**

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances presents the National Awards for e-Governance (NAeG) every year during the National Conference on e-Governance (NCeG) to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives. The NAeG 2019-2020 were presented during the 23<sup>rd</sup> NCeG held on 07.02.2020 – 08.02.2020 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. These awards seek to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance project/ initiatives/ solutions.

The web-portal for inviting nomination under the Scheme of NAeG 2020-2021 (**copy enclosed**) was launched by Secretary (AR&PGO) on 28.01.2021. An advertisement was also published in national and regional newspapers, through Bureau of Outreach and Communication on 28.01.2021 notifying the Award Categories and inviting nomination for the NAeG 2020-2021 (**copy enclosed**). For the year 2020-2021, the awards would be presented in the following categories:

- i. Universalizing Access including e-Services
- ii. Excellence in District level initiative in e-Governance
- iii. Outstanding research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/ Research Institutions
- iv. Excellence in adopting emerging technologies
- v. Use of ICT in the Management of COVID-19

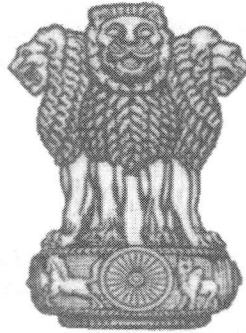
In view of the above, I shall be grateful, if you could send a suitable nomination under above categories for NAeG 2020-2021 on NCeG portal at [www.nceg.gov.in](http://www.nceg.gov.in) and [www.darpg.gov.in](http://www.darpg.gov.in) **latest by 26.02.2021.**

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

(Rajnish Jain)

To  
**The Vice-Chancellors/ Directors**  
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**Award Scheme for  
National Awards for e-Governance  
2020-21**

**Department of Administrative Reforms  
&  
Public Grievances  
Government of India  
New Delhi**



National Awards for e-Governance are presented every year to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives.

### 1. Purpose of Award

The purpose of the award is to:-

- (i) Recognize achievements in the area of e-Governance
- (ii) Disseminate knowledge on effective methods of designing and implementing sustainable e-Governance initiatives
- (iii) Encourage innovations in successful e-Governance solutions
- (iv) Promote and exchange experiences in solving problems, mitigating risks, resolving issues and planning for success.
- (v) To award leapfrogging states/Districts.

### 2. Scope of Award

For the year 2020-21, the scope of the National Awards for e-Governance has been expanded to identify areas of significant outcome-oriented/leapfrog performance by few Districts / States in certain identified programs. The Awards seeks to recognize the best performing Central Government Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments/Districts and local bodies, Central and State Government PSUs, Academic/Research Institutions (Government and Non-Government) in facilitating implementation of new initiatives and bringing transparency by use of technology.

The Awards will be presented for the best achievement in implementation of e-Governance innovation and those performers who have taken efforts to fast track the implementation of an initiative/ technology/project or program to take a leap against the best performer in the area and not the best performer.

### 3. Criteria for Evaluation

The initiative will be evaluated on the following criteria :

- i. Initiating and implementing an innovative project to meet stakeholders' requirement through use of ICT
- ii. Use of technology in bringing perceptible improvement in processes/ systems
- iii. Making public delivery systems responsive, transparent and efficient particularly by leveraging technology
- iv. Bringing significant improvement/enhancement by use of technology
- v. Innovations / intervention of technology / integration to take leap forward against the best performing District/State in particular field/ project/program or area. The criteria for the evaluation will be designed during the assessment process.



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### 4. Categories of awards

S.No.	Award Category	Scope of Award	Who can apply/compete	Period of consideration
1	2	3	4	5
1	<b>Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation</b> i. Central level initiatives ii. State/UT level initiatives iii. District level initiatives	This award seeks to recognize the projects that involved analysis and re-design of workflow and which resulted in improvement in outcomes related to efficiency, effectiveness of process, cost, quality, service delivery or a combination of these. The impact of the re-engineering process should have been a significant digital transformation.	i. Central Ministries/ Departments ii. State/UT Government iii. Districts	<b>The launch date of the project should be between 30.09.2018 – 30.09.2019.</b>  <b>The project must be operational for a period of at least one year as on 30.09.2020 (excluding Pilot Period).</b>
2	<b>Universalizing Access including e-Services</b> i. Central level initiatives ii. State/UT level initiatives iii. District level initiatives	This award seeks to recognize the projects which resulted in providing universalized access including e-Services to citizens, the unique digital instance for all government entities. The project proposals should broadly cover areas of status of accessibility, content availability, ease of use, information security & privacy, end service delivery, integrated service delivery and status request and tracking in Delivery of Public Services.	i. Central Ministries/ Departments ii. State/UT Government iii. Districts	
3	<b>Excellence in District level initiative in e-Governance</b> i. North-East States + Hilly States; ii. UTs (including Delhi);	This award seeks to recognize the district level e-Governance projects including in the field of redressal of Public Grievances, which resulted in delivering enhanced value to citizens' through effective use of ICT.	Districts and Local Bodies	





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iii. Other States			
4	<b>Outstanding research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/Research Institutions</b>	This award seeks to recognize the exemplary research in the field of e-Governance by Academic/Research Institutions for the benefit of the citizen.	Academic/Research Institutions (Government and Non-Government)
5	<b>Excellence in Adopting Emerging Technologies</b>	This award seeks to recognize the exemplary adoption of emerging technologies (such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing etc.) for e-Governance projects.	Central Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments, Central and State Government PSUs
6	<b>Use of ICT in the Management of COVID 19</b> i. Central level initiatives ii. State/UT level initiatives iii. District level initiatives	This award seeks to recognize the projects which provided technology solutions to manage COVID 19	i. Central Ministries/Departments ii. State/UT Government iii. Districts
			<b>The launch date of the Project must be between 30.09.2018 – 30.09.2020.</b>  <b>The project must be operational as on 30.09.2020.</b>
			<b>The launch date of Project must be during COVID19 period.</b>  <b>The project must be operational as on 30.09.2020.</b>

### 5. Terms and Conditions

#### 5.1 General

- The project must be new and path breaking initiative in public service.
- A project can compete only for one category which should be clearly mentioned.
- At the time of submission of nominations for award, the award category under which the submission is to be considered may be indicated. However, it would be prerogative of the jury to decide the category to which a given submission can be treated for the purpose of selection for the award.
- For category 3 above, assessment will be based on steps taken for leapfrog/ to take over best performing District/State by use of technology and in short span (implementation time).



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- (e) All nominations **MUST** be submitted online as mentioned in para 8 below before the last date.
- (f) **Only incumbent Head of the Organization may register and submit online application(s).**
- (g) The application must reflect the organization email ID, individual email ID applications will be rejected at any stage of the scrutiny of the applications or till the award function.
- (h) Individual Nominations/self-nominations shall not be accepted.
- (i) Nominations received after the last date will not be accepted under any circumstances. **email/Hard Copies/fax of the application forms will NOT be accepted.**
- (j) Details furnished would need to be comprehensive and cover the specified aspects of the initiative undertaken including the team members working / worked for the project. No changes or request for change i.e. addition of names will be considered at later stage or any other stage of the award process. **Incomplete submissions not complying with the directions/guidelines detailed herein would not be considered.**
- (k) The project must relate to any of the areas of poverty reduction and economic development, social services, education, health, rural and community development, environmental management, transportation, housing, urban governance and regional planning, land use management/GIS, disaster and risk management, trade practices, commerce, business development and any such other domains of governance.
- (l) Besides leveraging on ICT, the projects implemented would need to showcase effective use of infrastructure, partnership with the local community, leadership practices, simplification of processes, strategic architectures, best practices in the design, development, deployment of solution using technology, innovative people centric approach and such other effective interventions.
- (m) Diligence in the design, development and implementation of solutions, persistent problem solving, efforts to create and sustain systemic changes, institutionalize best practices, gain community/ stakeholder acceptance, discontinuance of inefficient administrative practices, ingenious people centric approach would need to be clearly brought out.
- (n) Verification of the ownership of all shortlisted projects shall be carried out before finalizing results. Supporting details shall be made available by the Project in Charge.
- (o) **The decision of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India in selecting the project/ initiative for National Award for e-Governance, shall be final and binding on all the nominations.**



- (p) **Applications without completely filled information will be summarily rejected.**

### 5.2 Specific

#### **For Category-IV - Outstanding research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/Research Institutions**

- Project should be in either social or economic domain of development.
- Project should leverage use of ICT for social or economic growth/ development.
- Project should not be about use of ICT for improving organization's internal or project's efficiencies.
- Project should not be implemented under a State or Central Department/ Ministry approved scheme.
- Project should demonstrate tangible impact on core developmental issues through number of citizens impacted.

**6. There will be six awards in Category I, II, III & VI, two for each three sub-categories; and two awards for Category IV & V as under:**

**6.1 Gold Award:** It carries a certificate for the Project and cash award of Rs.2.00 Lakh for the Department/Organization/Institution.

**6.2 Silver Award:** It carries a certificate for the Project and cash award of Rs.1.00 Lakh for the Department/Organization/Institution.

### 7. How to apply

**The nominations are to be submitted online only in the prescribed Proforma for a specific category.**

**8. Guidelines for applying for the nominations for the National Awards for e-Governance 2020-21**

#### **(A) Application Stage**

- 8.1 **Nominations are to be submitted online only through the portal.**
- 8.2 **Nomination other than above mode will NOT be accepted in any case.**
- 8.3 **Online registration of the organization is mandatory before submitting online application form.**



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- 8.4 Present incumbent Head of the Organization will apply for the nominations for NAeG 2020-21 including furnishing details of team members who have worked for the successful design and implementation of the project. No changes or request for change, i.e. addition of names will be considered at later stage or any other stage of the award process.
- 8.5 Contact details of such an officer may be provided who is well versed with the project and access emails and calls on priority.
- 8.6 **Online Award Specific Forms** for 6 distinguished categories {as mentioned in para 4 (2) above} are available in a prescribed format for each category of the projects being nominated.
- 8.7 **An organization needs to register only once and can submit more than one project/initiative through the same login ID.**
- 8.8 To register an organization, visit the website <https://nceg.gov.in> and click the **“Register”** tab.
- 8.9 Before registering the organization, please check whether your organization is already registered. To check whether your organization is already registered, click the **“List of already registered organization/ Department/Ministry/District”** tab. If yes, sign up with the User name, Password and Activation Link sent to the email ID provided at the time of initial registration of the organization. If you do not have these details, the same can be obtained by sending an email to the email ID mentioned against the name of the organization already registered. This email ID has been provided by the authority registering the organization. However, if it is not possible to obtain the same ID, Password and Activation key against which organization is earlier registered, the organization can be registered again using a different email ID.
- 8.10 For logging, click “Log in” tab and fill in the User name, Password and Captcha details to apply for the category-wise Application Form.
- 8.11 **The Self Certification Form (Format-I/Format-II) may be submitted on the letter head of the Department/Organization.**
- 8.12 Download Self Certification Form (**Format-I** for Government Organizations and **Format- II** for Non-Government institutions/Non-Government Academic and Research organizations) from the prescribed place in the application form. Fill in the applicable forms, get it signed with seal, scan it and save it in pdf format and upload at the prescribed place.





- 8.13 In case the initiative is shortlisted, spot study/project verification of the project may be done in a short notice

**(B) Presentation Stage :**

- 8.14 In case the project is shortlisted for presenting before Jury, presentation may be made by the officer nominated/authorized by the Organization. A team of not more than 4 (four) members can participate in the presentation. Such members shall invariably be from the team as proposed/nominated during application stage {Ref. Guideline number 8.4 above}.

**(C) Award Stage :**

- 8.15 In case the project is selected for the Award, the Head of the Organization and/or the officer(s) nominated by him/her, subject to the condition that not more than 4 (four) members, who have contributed for the initiative/project, may be nominated for receipt of the award, as per para 8.4 above.
- 8.16 The citation film on the initiatives awarded with NAeG 2020-21 will display the names of officers, who have contributed towards the initiative.
- 8.17 A letter of appreciation will be issued by the Secretary (AR&PG) to the officers, who have contributed towards the initiative awarded with NAeG 2020-21 with a copy to the Chief Secretary/Administrator of the concerned State/UT or Secretary of the concerned Central Ministry/Department, as the case may be. A copy of letter will also be sent to DoP&T for placing in the performance Appraisal Dossier of the concerned officer.

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**राष्ट्रीय ई-गवर्नेंस पुरस्कार 2020-21**

**नामांकन आमंत्रण सूचना**

भारत सरकार ई-गवर्नेंस पहलों के कार्यान्वयन में उत्कृष्टता को मान्यता देने और प्रोत्साहित करने की दृष्टि से प्रति वर्ष राष्ट्रीय ई-गवर्नेंस पुरस्कार प्रदान करती है।

केंद्रीय मंत्रालयों/विभागों, राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र सरकारों, जिलों, स्थानीय निकायों, केंद्रीय एवं राज्य सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों, शैक्षिक एवं अनुसंधान संस्थाओं (सरकारी अथवा गैर-सरकारी) से पुरस्कार स्कीम में दिए गए पात्रता मानदंडों के अनुसार 6 श्रेणियों में विचारार्थ नामांकन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं।

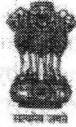
दिशानिर्देशों सहित नामांकन भेजने की विधि और पुरस्कार स्कीम के अन्य विवरण विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.darpg.gov.in/](http://www.darpg.gov.in/) [www.nceg.gov.in](http://www.nceg.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध हैं। सभी नामांकन केवल ऑनलाइन भेजे जाने अपेक्षित हैं जैसा कि पुरस्कार स्कीम में ब्यौरा दिया गया है। व्यक्तिगत रूप से/डाक/कूरियर/फैक्स द्वारा अथवा अन्य किसी प्रकार की हार्ड कॉपी के रूप में भेजे जाने वाले नामांकनों का संज्ञान नहीं लिया जाएगा।

**नामांकन भेजने की अंतिम तिथि : 26.02.2021**

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**Government of India****Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances****National Awards for e-Governance 2020-21****NOTICE INVITING NOMINATIONS**

With a view to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives, the Government of India presents National Awards for e-Governance every year.

Nominations are invited from Central Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments, Districts, Local Bodies, Central and State PSUs, Academic and Research Institutions (whether government or non-government) for consideration in 6 categories as per eligibility criteria detailed in the Award Scheme.

Modalities for sending nomination along with Guidelines and other details of the Award Scheme are available on the Department's website [www.darpg.gov.in](http://www.darpg.gov.in) / [www.nceg.gov.in](http://www.nceg.gov.in). All nominations are to be submitted online as per details given in the Award Scheme. Nominations sent by email/hand/post/courier/fax or any other form of hard copy shall not be taken into cognizance.

Last date for submission of Nominations:- **26.02.2021**

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