



President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu to Confer National Awards to Teachers on 21 teachers/faculties of HEIs and Polytechnics on Teachers Day 2026

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The President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu will confer National Awards to Teachers (NAT) on 21 teachers/faculties of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and polytechnics at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on September 5, 2026.

This year, 12 teachers/faculties from central HEIs, five from state universities including three government and two private colleges, and four from polytechnics including two government and two private polytechnics, have been selected for the Awards.

Nominations for NAT, 2026 were invited in the online mode through Rashtriya Puraskar Portal - @www.awards.gov.in and included provisions for self, institutional and peer nomination as part of Jan Bhagidari. Nominations were invited from May 26 to July 20, 2026.

The Award is conferred on exemplary teachers/faculty members and the selection is based on their performance, as adjudged against several parameters including teaching-learning effectiveness, outreach activities, research and innovation, and sponsored research/faculty development programmes/consultancy teaching.

The selection procedure involves a two-step process:

- (i) Evaluation by Preliminary Search-cum Screening Committee for initial shortlisting of nominees and
- (ii) Selection of awardees from the shortlisted nominees by a Committee of Jury.

It was in 2023 that it was decided to institute two categories of awards for HEIs and polytechnics under the umbrella of the National Awards to Teachers. Till then, the awards were conferred on school teachers only. The ambit of the Awards was expanded to align with the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 which envisaged that incentives such as rewards and recognitions must be conferred to cultivate a culture of excellence in the education ecosystem.

The list of awardees is attached.

Sl. No	Name	Institution	Discipline	Gender
1.	Prof. Avlokita Agrawal	IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand	Sustainable Architecture and Built Environment	Female
2.	Prof. Kirti Chandra Sahu	IIT Hyderabad, Telangana	Chemical Engineering	Male
3.	Prof. Vinay Chamola,	BITS Pilani, Rajasthan	Electricals & Electronics Engineering	Male
4.	Dr. Srikant Gollapudi	IIT Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Metallurgy & Materials Science	Male
5.	Dr. Mithun Radhakrishna	IIT Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Chemical Engineering	Male
6.	Prof. Sourav Datta	IISER Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Plant Sciences	Male
7.	Prof. Vikram Vishal	IIT Bombay, Maharashtra	Earth Sciences	Male
8.	Prof. Sarvaiya Jayrajsinh Indrajitsinh,	National Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Forensic Pharmacy and Food Forensics	Male
9.	Prof. Sankar Prasad Rath	IIT Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh	Chemical Sciences	Male
10.	Dr Manisha Nigam	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University Srinagar, Uttarakhand	Biochemistry	Female
11.	Dr Amar Mohanrao Taksande	Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College (JNMC), Wardha, Maharashtra	Medicines- Paediatrics	Male

12.	Dr Arun Babu	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh	Medicines- Paediatrics	Male
13.	Dr Pukhrambam Lilabati Devi	Department of Dance and Music, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur	Manipuri Dance	Female
14.	Prof. Dr Ashutosh Mohan	Institute of Management Studies, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi	Management	Male
15.	Prof. Ankuran Dutta	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam	Mass Communication	Male
16.	Ms Shivani V.	Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore	Sanskrit	Female
17.	Prof. Rajeev Choudhary	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Physical Education, Yoga Education	Male
18.	Dr. Vishwanatha H. S.	M.E.I. Polytechnic, Bangalore, Karnataka	Civil Engineering	Male
19.	Dr Sasikala S.	PSG Polytechnic College, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Female
20.	Dr Kannan Rathinam	Sakthi Polytechnic College (Govt Aided), Erode, Tamil Nadu	Physics	Male
21.	Dr Sandipann Pralhad Narote	Government Polytechnic, Solapur, Maharashtra	Electronics Engineering & Telecommunication	Male

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