

Government of Telangana
Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
Senior Citizens & Transgender Persons

State Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2025

Applications are invited from eligible individuals and institutions rendering services for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under Individual and Institutional Categories for conferment of State Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities – 2025 on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3rd December. For prescribed application form & guidelines please visit www.wdsc.telangana.gov.in website. Applicant has to submit hard copy of duly filled application in the prescribed format along with relevant documents to the below mentioned address. Last date for submission of application is 20.11.2025 5.00 PM

Office Address:

O/o the Director,
Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,
Senior Citizens & Transgender Persons
Ground Floor, Divyangula Sankshema Bhavan, Nalgonda 'X' Roads,
Malakpet, Hyderabad:500036.
Phone No.040-24559048

Sd/-
Director

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దివ్యాంగులు, వయోవృద్ధులు మరియు ట్రాన్స్ జెండర్ వ్యక్తుల సాధికారత శాఖ

దివ్యాంగుల సాధికారత రాష్ట్ర పురస్కారాలు -2025

డిసెంబర్ 3, అంతర్జాతీయ దివ్యాంగుల దినోత్సవం సందర్భంగా, దివ్యాంగుల సాధికారత రాష్ట్ర పురస్కారాలు - 2025 ప్రధానము కొరకు వ్యక్తిగత మరియు సంస్థాగత కేటగిరీల కింద దివ్యాంగుల సాధికారత కోసం సేవలందిస్తున్న అర్హులైన వ్యక్తులు/సంస్థల నుండి దరఖాస్తులు ఆహ్వానిస్తున్నాము. దరఖాస్తు ఫారమ్ & మార్గదర్శకాల కోరకు www.wdsc.telangana.gov.in వెబ్‌సైట్ ను సందర్శించగలరు.

దరఖాస్తుదారుడు పూర్తి చేసిన దరఖాస్తు ఫారం తో పాటు సంబంధిత ధృవపత్రాలు జతపరిచి దిగువ పేర్కొన్న చిరునామాకు 20 నవంబర్, 2025 సాయంత్రం 5.00 గంటలలోపు లోపు హార్డ్ కాపీని సమర్పించాలి.

కార్యాలయ చిరునామా:

సంచాలకుల కార్యాలయము,

దివ్యాంగులు, వయోవృద్ధులు మరియు ట్రాన్స్ జెండర్ వ్యక్తుల సాధికారత శాఖ,

గ్రాండ్ ఫ్లోర్, దివ్యాంగుల సంక్షేమ భవన్, నల్గొండ 'X' రోడ్స్,

మలక్ పేట్, హైదరాబాద్:500036

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Guidelines for the State Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, 2025

- I. Objective:** The objective of the Awards is to Empower, Recognize and Encourage individuals & institutions working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities.

II. Categories of Awards

S.No.	Name of the Award
I	Individual Category
1	Outstanding Person working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
2	Role Model
3	Outstanding Creative Child with Disability
4	Most Outstanding rehabilitation professional/ personnel working in the field of disability
5	Most Outstanding Research/Innovation/Product Development in the field of Disability
II	Institutional Category
1	Most Outstanding Institution working for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities
2	Most Outstanding Placement Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Note

1. The state awards are given on 3rd December 2025 at Hyderabad on eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
2. The selection committee may also suo moto, recommend an individuals/ institutions for the award with sufficient justification.
3. The Person / Institution who has been awarded state award shall not eligible for another award without completion of stipulated time of 5 years.
4. Application in prescribed proforma should be accompanied by the following i) 2 passport size photographs, ii) bio-data along with summary of achievements and documents in support thereof and draft citation
5. If no eligible women applicants are found or no applications are received from them, these awards will be given to the eligible/selected male applicants.
6. The decision of the selection committee is final in case of selection of awardees.
7. No TA / DA will be sanctioned to selected state awardees to receive the awards on that day.

III. Procedure for inviting applications for the awards

Applications shall be invited from eligible candidates who are residents of State of Telangana on the above mentioned categories in prescribed application form given at Annexures

IV. Procedure for forwarding of nominations

- i. The concerned District Welfare Officer of the Department of Women, Children, Disabled, Senior Citizens & Transgender Persons would receive the complete applications along with necessary documents under each category. DWO shall forward the application along with the recommendation / remarks to Director the Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens & Transgender Persons by the stipulated date.
- ii. The individual may apply on his/her own capacity or may be nominated by an eminent person working in the field of welfare of persons with disabilities.
- iii. Applications received after due date shall not be considered for Award.
- iv. The Ex –State Awardee without completion of 5 years are not entitled to apply for the awards under any category. Such applications of the Ex-State Awardee would not be entertained.
- v. The application form along with supporting documents on their meritorious services in the field of disability shall be sent to the following address earliest by 20th November, 2025 till 5.00 PM. Incomplete applications or applications received after due date or received through email will not be entertained without any further reference in the matter

To

The Director,

Department for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons,

Ground Floor, Divyangula Sankshema Bhavan, Nalgonda X Roads,
Malakpet, Hyderabad - 500036

V. Screening cum Selection Committee for short-listing of nominations received.

- i. There shall be screening committees for short listing of awardees in different categories of state awards.
- ii. The Screening cum Selection Committee shall decide the nomination of the awardees for various categories.
- iii. The awardees nominated under different categories of the state award shall be informed about date and venue of the state award function through telephone or on email ID.
- iv. The awards should be received personally by the selected individuals or representative of the institution.
- v. The decision of the Screening cum Selection Committee shall be final.

VI. Eligibility : The following criteria will be taken into consideration by the selection committee for awarding suitable persons / institutions under each category of awards.

1. Outstanding Person working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities:

- There shall be 2 Awards (1 for male and 1 for female).

Selection Criteria

- i. He/she has been responsible for initiating new program or services in the last 10 years resulting in benefiting the people with disabilities particularly in rural areas.
- ii. Paid officers of the Institution shall not be eligible for selection. However, paid workers/officers of the NGOs working for the cause of the disabled could be eligible.
- iii. His/her contribution should be outstanding in the areas of disabled welfare/rehabilitation/education/training etc.
- iv. His/her contribution in developing rehabilitation model for Community Based Rehabilitation and replicating the same in the inaccessible rural areas.
- v. Outstanding person championing the welfare and overall development of the disabled and sensitizing the community regarding rights and equal opportunities for the disabled.
- vi. The quality of the work performed by the individual in the cause of the disabled and its significance for the cause shall also be given due weight- age.
- vii. He/she has outstanding professional achievements to his/her credit

2. Role Model :

- Open to all persons with disabilities having any of the 21 specified disabilities under the RPwD Act, 2016
- Engaged in any field or activity i.e. Education/Health/Employment/ Art & Culture/Sports/Creative work/ Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities/Social service/ etc. who may exceptionally be a Role Model).
- There shall be 2 Awards (1 for male and 1 for female) in each field or activity.

Selection Criteria

Sl.No.	Criteria	Weightage
(i)	Extent of Disability a. 40% to 59% :04 b. 60% to 79% : 10 c. 80% and above : 20	20%
(ii)	Disability a. By birth or early childhood (0-6 years): 5 b. Subsequently : 2	5%
(iii)	Education/Qualification acquired before getting disability: 0 Qualification with & after having disability: 5	5%
(iv)	Extent of mobility, self-care and independence etc. a. Independently: 4 b. With the help of escort/assistive device: 10	10%
(v)	Staying in a. Rural: 10 b. Urban areas/Towns: 5 c. Metropolitan Cities : 2	10%

(vi)	Achievements in the field of Education/Health/Employment/ Art/ Culture/Drawing/Painting/Music/Sports/Creative work/Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities/Social service/ etc who may exceptionally be a Role Model	50%
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3. Creative Child with Disability

- i. Two awards to be given to the outstanding creative children with disabilities below the age of 18 years – one boy and one girl - for his/her outstanding creative work in the field of art & culture, drawing, painting, music, or any other type of creative work etc.

Sl. No.	Criteria	Weightage
(ii)	Extent of Disability 40% to 59% 04 60% to 79% 10 80% and above : 20	20%
(iii)	Disability By birth or early childhood (0-6) years): 5 Subsequently : 2	05%
(iv)	Education/Qualification acquired before getting disability: 0 Qualification with & after having disability: 5	05%
(v)	Extent of mobility, self-care and independence etc. Independently: 4 With the help of escort/assistive device: 10	10%
(vi)	Staying in Rural: 10 Urban areas/Towns: 5 Metropolitan Cities : 2	10%
(vii)	Achievement in the field of art & culture, drawing, painting, music, sports or any other type of creative work etc.)	50%
(viii)	Screening Committee may devise any other assessment parameter which may facilitate shortlisting of applicants	

4. Most Outstanding rehabilitation professional/personnel working in the field of disability

One State National Award shall be given to the best Rehabilitation Professional/Worker engaged in providing rehabilitation services for empowerment of persons with disabilities):-

Sr.No	Item	Weightage
1	Nature of Rehabilitation given to Persons with Disabilities	20%
2	Academic, Technical, Professional achievements in the field of rehabilitation qualifications	10%
3	Rehabilitation services provided in urban or rural areas	10%
4	No. of years of rehabilitation services provided	10%
5	Total number of persons benefitted	10%

6	Achievements in developing rehabilitation model for Community Based Rehabilitation and replicating the same in the inaccessible rural areas.	10%
7	Screening Committee may devise any other assessment parameter which may facilitate short-listing of applicants	30%

5. Most Outstanding Research/Innovation/Product Development in the field of Disability

One State Award shall be given to the best research or technological innovation aimed at improving the life of persons with disabilities or the development of new cost-effective product for manufacture aimed at improving the life of persons with disabilities. The selection criteria for

- a. The innovative projects or technology shall be:
 - i. Development of an outstanding device, aid or adaptation which substantially improves the chances of the persons with disabilities in receiving education, obtaining or retaining employment and in being totally integrated in the socio-economic life of the community; and
 - ii. The effectiveness of the device in increasing the mobility, productivity and employment prospects of the persons with disability, maintainability of the device and its reparability.
- b. The criteria for easy and most cost-effective adaptability technology shall be as follows:

Sr.No	Evaluation criteria	Weightage
1	State of Development idea/Concept prototype working model	20%
2	Innovation New Product Alternative	15%
3	Patented/Applied	10%
4	Cost Effectiveness/affordability	10%
5	Adding import substitution and self reliance	5%
6	Safety of use	5%
7	Commercialization	5%
8	Effectiveness of device in promoting education, enhancing mobility, promoting accessibility	10%
9	Publication: Journal/Other scientific magazine/published in newspapers	10%
10.	Screening Committee may devise any other assessment parameter which may facilitate short-listing of applicants	10%

6. Most Outstanding Institution working for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

- I. One Award for providing holistic comprehensive Rehabilitation Services; and
- II. One Award for promoting and imparting Inclusive Education or educational institutions that are preparing children with disabilities for inclusive education for higher studies.

The criteria for giving awards in this category shall be as under:-

Sl.No.	Criteria	Weightage
(i)	Has started comprehensive service for people with various disabilities.	10%
(ii)	Has adapted new equipments.	10%
(iii)	Has provided new services.	15%
(iv)	Has undertaken new strategies for improving existing services	10%
(v)	Has followed-up the clients in rehabilitation.	5%
(vi)	The Institution should have at least 10 years' experience in the field in the area of education/training/ rehabilitation etc.	10%
(vii)	The contribution of the institution in extension of outreach services in and around its working headquarters.	5%
(viii)	Motivation, involvement and participation of community for rehabilitation of the disabled particularly in rural areas	10%
(ix)	While selecting the institutions due weight age would be given to voluntary action through participation of local public and efforts for rendering rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities.	5%
(x)	The geographical area in which the Institution is providing services	5%
(xi)	The category(ies) of disability for which the institution is providing services	5%
(xii)	Screening Committee may devise any other assessment parameter which may facilitate short-listing of applicants	10%

7. Most Outstanding Placement Agency for Persons with Disabilities) (excluding Government/State Government/Local Body)

There shall be one State Award under the category of placement agency of person with disabilities (excluding Government/State Government/local bodies)

The best placement agency for placement of persons with disabilities shall be assessed on the basis of the following criteria:-

Sl. No	Criteria	Weightage
(i)	Placed at least 50% registered unemployed disabled persons in employment during the last five years and that at least 30% of them were women;	20%
(ii)	Total number of persons with disabilities placed during the last five years	10%
(iii)	His/her follow-up during the last five years coupled with placements of the people registered with him/her up to the end of the last year is outstanding;	25%
(iv)	The percentage of dropout employees should not exceed 20% in a given year;	15%
(v)	The placement officer shall provide placement to all categories of disabled persons and maintain a balance amongst them while assisting for placement.	10%
(vi)	Screening Committee may devise any other assessment parameter which may facilitate short-listing of applicants	20%

VII. Who can nominate?

- a) District Collector concerned/DWOs concerned.
- b) Earlier recipient of national awardees by the Govt. of India for empowerment of PwDs.
- c) The selection committee may also suomoto, recommend an individual / institution for the award with sufficient justification.
- d) Self-nominations.

VIII. Presentation of Awards :

The awards will be presented at Hyderabad on 3rd December, 2025 on the eve of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Annexure 'A'**Application form for State Awards for individual excellence**

1.	Award Category applied for: (Tick mark only one category) (Separate application if to apply for more than one category)	
	i. Role Model	
	ii. Outstanding Creative Child with Disabilities	
	iii. Outstanding Person working for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	
	iv. Outstanding rehabilitation professional /personnel working in the field of disability	
	v. (Most Outstanding Research/Innovation/Product Development in the field of Disability)	
2.	Name: (a) in English (in BLOCK Capital letters)	
	(b) in Telugu	
3.	Address: (a) Residential	
	(b) Office	
4.	Telephone numbers: (a) Residential	
	(b) Office	
5.	E-mail address, if any	
6.	Sex	
7.	Date of Birth/Age	
8.	Nature/Category of disability	
9.	Percentage of disability (Certificate of competent authority to be attached)	
10	Qualification: (a) Academic (b) Technical/Professional Qualifications acquired after onset of disability should be clearly indicated. (Certificate and testimonial should be attached)	
11.	Field or Activity associated with: a. Education b. Health c. Employment d. Art & Culture e. Sports f. Creative Work g. Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities h. Social Service	

12.	Whether employee or self-employed i) If employee : (a) Name of the Employer (b) Designation or Post held (c) Scale of pay and salary drawn (d) Nature of work engaged on ii) If self-employed : (a) Trade/Profession with which associated (b) Monthly Income (c) How far you have upgraded your skill in that trade/profession with a view to absorb yourself fully as a self-employed?
13.	Achievements (Certificates/Appreciation letters) in the field of activity at the a. International level b. National Level c. State level d. District level e. Organisation level
14.	Awards, Medals, honours received a. Name of the Award b. Conferring Agency c. Year of conferment
15.	Any other achievement for consideration of the National Award

It is certified that the information furnished above is correct and based on facts and records available with me.

(Signature of the Applicant with date)

Annexure 'B'**Application form for State Awards for Institutions engaged in Empowering Persons with Disabilities**

1	Award Category applied for: (Tick mark only one category) (Separate application if to apply for more than one category)	
	(i) Outstanding Institution working for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities	
	(ii) Outstanding Placement Agency for Persons with Disabilities	
2	Name of the Institution in English (In BLOCK Capital letters)	
3	Postal address of Institution with Pin Code and telephone number.	
4	Web-site/E-mail address	
5	Year of establishment	
6	Nature of work undertaken by the Institution	
7	Details of work done by the Institution including places and the number of disabled persons covered by the Institution.	
8	Specify the outstanding achievements/ Contribution of the Institution in the Past ten years in the area of welfare of persons with disabilities and rehabilitation/ education including technical education and vocational training to persons with disabilities.	
9	Whether Institution have received any Award in the past. If so, specify and give brief account.	

Signature of President/Secretary of the Institution with date