

NATIONAL AWARDS

National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement

The National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement was instituted in 1996 to give recognition to the children with exceptional abilities and who have achieved outstanding status in various fields including academics, arts, culture and sports etc.. Children between the age of 4 to 15 years who have shown an exceptional achievement in any field including academics, arts, culture and sports etc. are eligible for this award. One Gold Medal and 35 silver Medals (one for each State/UT) are to be given annually

The Awards for the child with exceptional achievement shall consists of :-

- (A) Gold Medal – 1 (One)
 - (i) A cash prize of Rs.20, 000/-
 - (ii) A Citation and certificates, and
 - (iii) A Gold Medal
- (B) Silver Medals – 35 (Thirty five)
 - (i) Award money @ Rs.10,000/- for each awardee.
 - (ii) A citation and certificate for each awardee, and
 - (iii) A Silver Medal for each awardee.

Applications of children for this Award should be recommended by the State Government/UT Administration, any Department of Government of India, District Authority, local authority or voluntary organization. The last date for submission of nominations for each year is 31st July.

National Award for Child Welfare

In order to encourage the voluntary sector, the Government of India in 1979 started a scheme of giving National Awards to deserving institutions and individuals for their outstanding performance in the field of child welfare. The Scheme was started with a view to give recognition to such voluntary action. Each year five institutions and three individuals are honoured with this prestigious Award. The National Award for Child Welfare includes the following:

- cash prize of Rs. 3 lakh for each institution
- Rs. 1 lakh for each individual and

- A certificate for each institution and individual.

The applications for the Awards are received through State Governments. The last date for receiving nominations is 31st July of each year.

Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award

In pursuance of its policy to support and encourage voluntary action and in memory of Late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India instituted the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award for Service to Children in 1994 to honour an individual who makes outstanding contribution towards service for children. The number of Awards increased to three in the fields of Child Welfare, Child Development and Child Protection from 2006. The Award carries the following:

- a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh,
- a silver plaque and
- a citation.

Applications for the Award are received through the State Government and the last date for receiving applications is 20th July every year.