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Dear Colleagues,

This Department organizes an annual national level function on Teachers Day, i.e. 5<sup>th</sup> September every year to confer the National Awards to best teachers of the country, selected through a rigorous, transparent and online selection process. The purpose of National Teachers' Award is to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country while projecting them as a role model and to honour those teachers who, through their commitment and industry, have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

2. National Teachers' Awards were started in the year 1958-59 with the object of raising the prestige of teachers and giving public recognition to the meritorious services of outstanding teachers working in Primary, Middle and Higher Secondary schools.

3. In light of the prestigious nature of this award, you would appreciate that it is our endeavour that teachers with exceptional contributions in their profession, are not overlooked. It has been our experience that while we do receive several excellent nominations, a number of outstanding teachers are not considered due to a variety of reasons, viz. technical issues due to which they are unable to register online, lack of information about the award, reluctance to apply, etc. I would, therefore, request you to proactively make concerted efforts to identify such teachers whose quality and achievements deserve to be recognized and to support them in filing their online self-nominations by making appropriate arrangements. By taking these collective efforts to ensure that we honour the truly deserving and meritorious teachers, we will not only motivate the profession but also raise the stature and prestige of this award.

4. Online self-nominations from eligible teachers for National Teachers' Awards, 2025 are being invited with effect from 23<sup>th</sup> June 2025 to 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 on Ministry of Education's portal, <https://nationalawardstoteachers.education.gov.in>. However, the last date of final submission is 15.07.2025. This year, 50 deserving teachers will be selected through three stages selection process i.e., District, State and National level selection process as per evaluation matrix given in the Guideline. The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above portal. A copy of the Guidelines, governing these Awards is also available on the above portal.

5. School teachers and Heads of Schools working in recognized primary/middle/high/higher secondary schools run by State Govt./UTs Administration, local bodies, schools aided by State Govt./UT Admn. and Private schools affiliated to State/UTs Board are eligible for National Teachers' Awards. In addition, Central Govt. Schools i.e. KV, JNV, Sainik schools run by Ministry of Defence (MoD), schools run by Atomic Energy Education Society (AEES) and Eklavya

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Model Residential Schools (EMRS) run by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Council for Indian Schools Certificate Examination (CISCE) are also eligible.

**Only regular Teachers and Heads of Schools with minimum ten years of services are eligible.**

6. The online self-nomination procedure for application is as follows:

- i) All the applications would be received through an online web portal.
- ii) Ministry of Education would ensure coordination with States/UTs regarding timely submission / entry into the portal and resolution of technical and operational issues during data entry into portal through the portal development agency.
- iii) Ministry of Education is fully responsible for development and maintenance of the portal.
- iv) In case of State/UTs, teachers and Heads of schools themselves shall apply directly by filling out the application form online through the web portal before the prescribed cut-off date.
- v) Every applicant shall submit a portfolio, online along with the Entry Form. The portfolio shall include relevant supporting material such as documents, tools, reports of activities, field visits, photographs, audios or videos etc.
- vi) Each applicant shall give an undertaking that all the information/data submitted is true to the best of his/her knowledge and if anything is found at any later date to be untrue then he/she will be liable to disciplinary action.

7. In the above background, I request you kindly to issue suitable directions to encourage maximum teachers to register themselves for online self-nominations. The large number of registrations of self-nominations by the teachers will result in final selection of best 50 meritorious teachers at national level for conferring National Teachers' Awards on the occasion of Teachers' Day on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 by the Hon'ble President at a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

*Best Wishes*

Yours sincerely,

*23/7/2025*  
(Sanjay Kumar)

1. The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (School Education), all States/UTs.
2. The Heads of all Organizations (CBSE, KVS, NVS, NCERT, NIOS and ICSE)  
Copy for information and necessary action to - All SCERTs, DIETs and State Boards.