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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
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New Delhi, the 1st January, 2024.

To

The Vice Chancellors and Registrars of CUs (As per list enclosed).

Subject:- Notification for 8th Visitor's Awards 2023.

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Madam/Sir,

The Visitor's Awards were instituted in 2014. The Awards are given to recognize excellence in research and innovation of faculty members/researchers of the Central Universities and motivate them to adopt best practices from around the world in pursuit of excellence.

2. Applications for Visitor's Award 2023 have been invited from the faculty members and researchers of all Central Universities, where the President of India is the Visitor.

3. A Notification in this regard is **enclosed** for uploading the same on the website of your University today itself.

Yours faithfully,

(Vishwajeet Kumar)
Director

Advertisement / Press Release for 8th Visitor Award 2023

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Online filing of applications for 8th Visitor's Awards will begin from 1st January 2024 and will be open up to **7th February, 2024.** The President, in her capacity as the Visitor of Central Universities, presents the Awards.

Background and Previous Awards

The Visitor's Awards were instituted in 2014. The award seeks to recognize works of distinction in the field of research, innovation and technology development being conducted in the campuses of Central Universities.

The First Visitor's Awards were presented during the conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities on February 4, 2015. In all Seven Visitor's Awards have so far been presented.

In compliance with the President's Secretariat Notification No.73-Pres/2023 dated 23rd May, 2023, Ministry of Education has to submit the recommended names for final selection of awardees to the President's Secretariat for the consideration / approval of the President of India from 8th Visitors' Award onwards.

Awards are given in the following categories:

Sl. No.	Title of the Award	Area/Fields of Awards
1.	Visitor's Award for Innovation	For unique innovation developed and displayed by individual or group of the central universities during the year
2(A).	Visitor's Award for Research (Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences)	For path-breaking research carried out by individual or group of the central universities during the year
2(B).	Visitor's Award for Research (Physical Sciences)	
2(C).	Visitor's Award for Research (Biological Sciences)	
3.	Visitor's Award for Technology Development	For technology developed by individual or group of the central universities during the year.

In above mentioned categories of the award, the proposal submitted by individual/group will be assessed, inter alia, on the following key benchmarks / parameters: -

a) Social relevance of innovations / Research / Development and how it helps in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sustainability, inclusivity, and equity (including gender equity) in the society.
b) High quality basic science of innovations / Research / Development and its widespread impact on upliftment of society.
c) Scientific Social responsibility (SSR) of the innovations/Research/ Development.
d) Involvement in joint research proposals and handholding of other state and public universities in the field of research and innovation in Tier-II and Tier - III cities.
e) Innovations / Research / Development focused on the cutting-edge fields, multidisciplinary/inter-disciplinary.

Details of Awards

Citation and cash reward will be presented to the winning entry. The total value of the cash reward will be Rupees Two and Half Lakhs. If there are two or more recipients, the cash reward is subject to the condition that, each awardee will receive a minimum of Rupees One Lakh.

Who can apply

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How to apply

Interested applicants can visit **Rashtriya Puraskar Portal, an initiative of MHA to bring together all National Awards under one digital Platform.** The details of the portal are **https://awards.gov.in.**

Last Date of Application

The last date for filling of the applications is on or before 7th February, 2024

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