



# Recognizing Excellence in Education: **National Award to Teachers 2024**

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**"Teachers should be the  
best minds in the country"**

*- Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan*





The purpose of the **National Award to Teachers (NAT) 2024 in Higher Educational Institutions** is to recognise the distinctive contributions of some of the finest faculty members in the country and honor them for their dedication and hard work, particularly teaching and pedagogy and its impact which have not only improved the quality of higher education but also enriched the lives of their students.

**NAT 2024** seeks to recognise and honour the unique and path breaking achievements of faculty members in teaching-learning, community outreach, institutional service, research, and novelty of work in the field of **Higher Education**.



## Eligibility

The award is open to all the **faculty members of Colleges, Universities, Higher Educational Institutions / Polytechnics in India**, meeting the following criteria:

- i. The Nominee should be a **regular faculty member**.
- ii. Should have at least **five** years of full-time teaching experience in the Undergraduate and/or Post-graduate level.
- iii. Should **NOT** be above **55 years of age** as on the last date of receiving application for the awards.
- iv. **Vice-Chancellor/Director/Principal (regular or officiating)** are **NOT\*** eligible to apply.

\*However, individuals who have held such positions earlier, but are below 55 years of age and still in active service are eligible.

## Felicitation

The ceremony is held on 5th September every year. Each awardee shall be presented with the following.



**A medal**



**A certificate**



**Cash Prize of Rs 50,000/-**

## Awardees

A total of **35 Awards (25 in Category-I and 10 in Category-II)** shall be conferred every year.

**Category I:** Teachers of Higher Educational Institutions

- i. Engineering & Technology, Architecture.
- ii. Pure Sciences including Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy.
- iii. Arts and Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Legal Studies, Commerce, and Management.

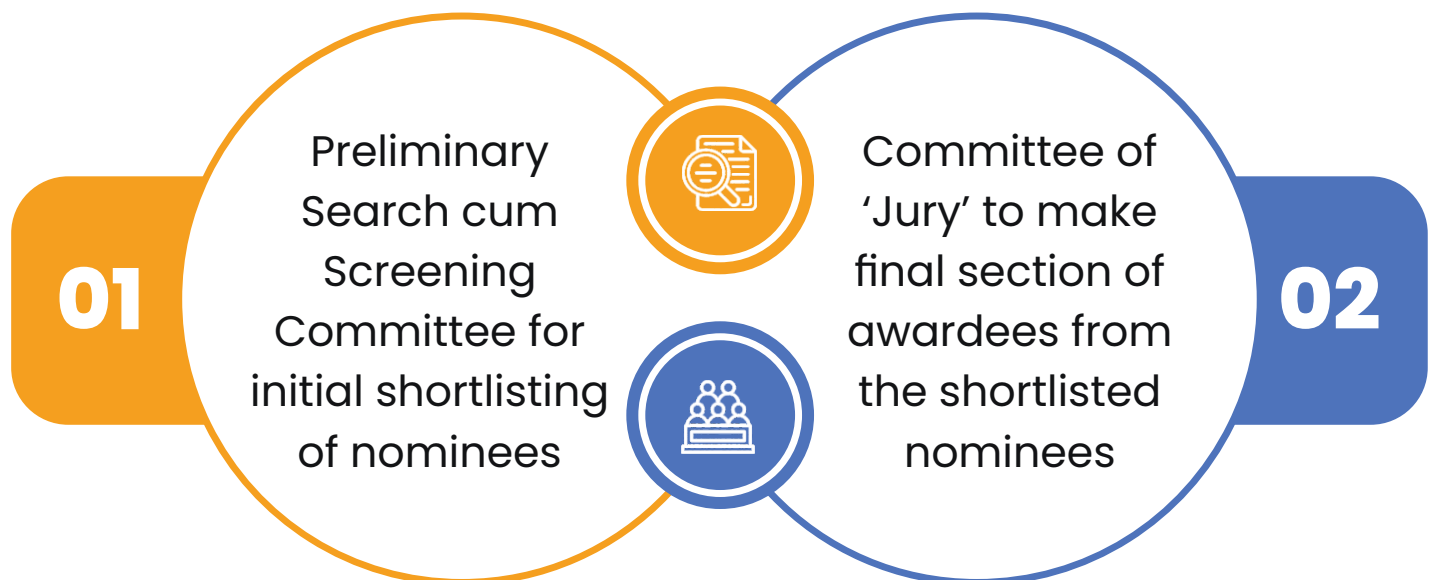
**Category II:** Teachers of Polytechnic Institutions

## Nominations

- 1 Self - Nominations (Singular basis).
- 2 Former or existing Vice-Chancellor/Director/Principal/Faculty member/Colleague of the same university/Institute/College/Polytechnic, where the nominee holds regular employment.
- 3 Members of Search-cum-Screening Committees may also take suo-moto cognizance of an outstanding faculty member and may nominate exemplary teachers.
- 4 Award Jury are NOT eligible to make any nominations for this award.

## Selection Process

Selection Procedure for NAT 2024 will follow two-step process.





## Glimpses of the National Awards to Teachers 2023

Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred National Awards to 75 exemplary teachers. NAT 2023 included 75 selected teachers. Of these, 50 were school teachers, 13 were teachers of Higher Education, and 12 were from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Notable individuals from Gujarat among the awardees were Dr. Satya Ranajan Acharya, Professor and Director of the Department of Entrepreneurship Education at EDII; Mr. Indranath Sengupta, Professor, IIT Gandhinagar; and Ms. Mehta Zankhana Dilipbhai, a Lecturer at Government Polytechnic, Ahmedabad.



**Dr. Satya Ranjan Acharya,**  
Professor & Director,  
(Department of Entrepreneurship Education),  
**Gujarat**



**Mr. Indranath Sengupta,**  
Professor, IIT Gandhinagar,  
**Gujarat.**



**Ms. Mehta Zankhana Dilipbhai,**  
Lecturer at Government Polytechnic,  
Ahmedabad, **Gujarat.**

## Looking Ahead

The **NAT 2024** shall not only honor the exemplary contributions of dedicated faculty members but also inspire others in the educational community to strive for excellence. These awards underscore the critical role educators play in shaping the minds and futures of students, fostering a culture of innovation, dedication, and community service within higher education.

For more details and updates about the **NAT 2024**, stay tuned to official announcements at <https://www.awards.gov.in/Home/Awardpedia>

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*If you have made significant contributions to higher education or represent an institution with outstanding faculty who have made a remarkable impact in teaching, pedagogy, and student enrichment, don't miss out to nominate them for recognition. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2024. To submit your nomination, please visit [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in). Join **Eduprogress** in celebrating those who have elevated the quality of higher education and transformed the lives of students and faculty alike and strive for world class education institutions.*

*We extend our heartfelt best wishes to all the nominees. Your dedication and commitment to excellence in teaching, society, and industry are truly commendable, and we are confident that your efforts will contribute to building a stronger nation.*



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