



**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Ayush**



**Prime Minister's Awards for Yoga**

**Guidelines**

**( for the year 2023)**

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# Glossary

#	Term	Description
1	Awards	This means the Prime Minister's Awards for Yoga
2	Nomenclature	This refers to the name of the awards
3	Entity	This refers to individuals, Organizations, Institutions, Companies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Groups etc.
5	Jury	This refers to the evaluation committee which would decide on the award from the list of screened entities
6	Nomination	This refers to the name of an entity being proposed for the award
7	Clarification	This refers to an explanation required by the Ministry of Ayush on any documents submitted by entities

# ***1. Background***

Yoga is an invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition. The word "Yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit root Yuj meaning "to join", "to yoke" or "to unite", symbolizing the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfilment; harmony between human and nature, and a holistic approach to health and well-being. Yoga is known for disease prevention, health promotion and management of many lifestyle-related disorders. Recognizing its universal appeal, on 11th December 2014, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution (resolution 69/131) proclaiming 21st June as the International Day of Yoga (IDY).

## ***1.1. Purpose of the Awards***

Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, on the second International Day of Yoga announced two Yoga awards – one International and the other National – to be given on the occasion of International Day of Yoga. The purpose of the Award is to recognize and felicitate individual(s)/ organization(s) who have made a significant impact on society for a sustained period by way of promotion and development of Yoga.

## ***2. About the Awards***

The awards are being proposed to be given each year for exemplary contributions in the field of Yoga towards the development and promotion of Yoga. It has been proposed that the contribution be recognized both at the National as well as International levels. The award would be given annually on the occasion of “International Day of Yoga (IDY)” (21<sup>ST</sup> June). 21<sup>ST</sup> June has been declared as IDY, commonly referred to as Yoga Day, by the United Nations General Assembly.

### ***2.1. Nomenclature of the Awards***

In order to ensure that proponents who are making excellent contributions to Yoga are honoured, the Prime Minister of India, on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga in 2016, announced awards for the promotion and development of Yoga.

- **Prime Minister’s Award for Yoga at National Level (2 Nos)**

- **Prime Minister’s Award for Yoga at International Level (2 Nos)**

### ***2.2. Categories***

The awards would be given in two categories – National and International. The awards would be given to entities with an impeccable track record and outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of Yoga. In a particular year, the Jury may decide to give awards to one or more individuals/organizations or none. An entity which has received an award once may not be considered again for conferring an award in the same category.

**National:** The two National Awards will be given to entities of Indian origin, for their contribution to the promotion and development of Yoga.

**International:** The two International Awards will be given to entities of Indian or foreign origin, for their contribution to the promotion and development of Yoga across the Globe.

### ***2.3. The Award***

- The name of the winners will be announced on the 9<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga (21<sup>st</sup> June 2023)
- The winners will be felicitated by means of a Trophy, Certificate and a Cash Award
- The felicitation ceremony will coincide with the International Yoga Conference.
- The value of each Cash Award would be Rs. 25 lakh
- In the case of joint winners, the awards would be divided amongst the winners

### ***3. Procedure for Applying***

An application, complete in all respects, can be made by the applicant directly or they may be nominated by a prominent yoga organization for consideration under this Award process.

The application is open to all entities that meet the eligibility criteria mentioned in section 4 of these guidelines.

The applications/ nominations can be submitted through (MyGov platform only). Link for the same shall also be available on Ministry of Ayush's website and National Awards Portal.

An applicant can nominate/ can be nominated for only one award category that is either the National Award or the International Award, in a particular year.

## ***4. Eligibility***

The intent of the awards is to recognize entities who have made significant and outstanding contributions toward the promotion and development of Yoga.

In this regard, the applicants/nominees for these awards should have a rich experience in and a deep understanding of Yoga.

The minimum eligible age of the applicant/nominee under the individual category for both National & International is 40 years.

Minimum 20 (Twenty) years of service with an impeccable track record and outstanding contribution to the promotion and development of Yoga.

## ***5. Screening Committee***

A screening of all the applications/ nominations received will be done by a Screening Committee which shall be constituted every year by the Ministry of Ayush. The Screening Committee shall comprise 4 members including a Chairperson.

- The Screening Committee shall consider all applications/ nominations that are received by the Ministry
- The Screening Committee shall recommend a maximum of 50 names for each of the Awards – National & International.

The Screening Committee shall consist of 3 official members as follows:

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| i. Secretary Ayush   | - Chairman |
| ii. Director, CCRYN  | - Member   |
| iii. Director, MDNIY | - Member   |

One non-official may be nominated as a member of this committee by Secretary Ayush.



## ***6. Evaluation Committee (Jury)***

The Evaluation Committee (Jury) shall comprise 7 members including a Chairperson. The Jury shall have eminent personalities from different walks of life, which shall be nominated by the Ministry of Ayush every year. The Jury will consider the names suggested by the Screening Committee. It may also nominate suitable candidates on its own.

The Evaluation Committee (Jury) shall consist of 4 official members as follows:

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| i.   | Cabinet Secretary         | - Chairman         |
| ii.  | Advisor to Prime Minister | - Member           |
| iii. | Foreign Secretary         | - Member           |
| iv.  | Secretary, Ayush          | - Member secretary |

Three non-officials may be nominated as members of this committee by the Cabinet Secretary

## ***7. Evaluation criteria***

- Contribution to the body of knowledge.
- Contribution to the promotion of Yoga among the masses as a means for mental, physical and spiritual health.
- Impact on society by way of strengthening ethical and spiritual values.

### ***7.1. Evaluation Guidelines***

- The Jury would be the apex decision-making body for both categories of awards.
- The Jury has the right to nominate any applicant.
- While evaluation, the duration for which an applicant has demonstrated the aforementioned parameters would be key criteria.
- Any jury member will be ineligible to serve on a Jury if his/her close relative is being associated with a particular applicant and the jury member will have the right to recuse himself/herself from the process.
- The jury members shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding the deliberations of the meetings.
- The jury members will be given a copy of the eligibility documents submitted by the applicant(s).
- All Jury meetings will be held in New Delhi.
- Each meeting of the jury will be recorded and the minutes will be signed by all the jury members.
- In the event of a jury member not being able to attend the meeting, he/she can convey his choice in writing.
- The Chairperson of the Jury may seek the advice of experts in specialized areas, whenever necessary.
- The decision of the jury shall be final and binding and no appeal or correspondence regarding their decision shall be entertained.
- The Jury may decide its procedure for finalising the awards every year.

## ***8. General Terms and Conditions***

- An Applicant will be disqualified for life if it is found that they are influencing any member of the jury by way of writing letters, sending emails, making telephone calls, approaching in person or any other similar activity in this regard. This disqualification would entail that the work of such disqualified persons would not be eligible for consideration of these awards.
- An Applicant can also be disqualified for a period of three years if any information provided by the Applicant is found to be incorrect, wrong or false in any manner.
- Information provided by the Applicant will be deemed confidential and only used for the purposes of determining their eligibility.
- While furnishing specific information in the entry form, the organization should ensure that the complete postal address, email address, telephone number, mobile phone number and fax number (if any) are duly filled.
- The Ministry may seek clarifications on the documents submitted.
- The start date for receiving the applications shall be **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023** and the last date for submission of entries shall be one month after start date. The Ministry reserves the right to reject any entries received after the last date of submission.
- Grievances, if any, shall be addressed by the Secretary, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, whose decision in the matter shall be final and binding.

## 9. Annexure

**Disclaimer Note: Please exercise great care in filling this form. Details entered against each column in the application would be deemed to be final for the purpose of determination of Awards. No request for change of details would be entertained at any stage.**

<b>PARTICIPATING AS: –</b>	
<p><b>I.</b> Applicant (For self)</p> <p><b>II.</b> Nominator (For other)</p>	
<b>Application Form (For Applicants):</b>	<b>Nomination Form (For Nominators):</b>
1. Applying as –	1. Nominating as –
<p>i. Individual</p> <p>ii. Organization</p>	<p>i. Individual</p> <p>ii. Organization</p>
Not applicable	2. Nominator's details (For individuals) –
	<p>i. Full name</p> <p>ii. Organization's name</p> <p>iii. Designation</p> <p>iv. Service line</p> <p>v. Mobile number</p> <p>vi. Email ID</p> <p>vii. Office address</p>
Not applicable	3. Nominator's details (For organizations) –
	<p>–</p> <p>i. Organization's name</p> <p>ii. Mobile number</p> <p>iii. Email ID</p> <p>iv. Office address</p>
2. Award category applying for –	4. Award category nominating for –
<p>i. National individual</p> <p>ii. National institution</p> <p>iii. International individual</p> <p>iv. International institution</p>	<p>i. National individual</p> <p>ii. National institution</p> <p>iii. International individual</p> <p>iv. International institution</p>
3. Applicant's details (For individuals) –	5. Nominee's details (For individuals) –
<p>i. Full name</p>	<p>i. Full name</p> <p>ii. Gender</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Gender</li> <li>iii. Age</li> <li>iv. Educational Qualification</li> <li>v. Organization's name</li> <li>vi. Designation</li> <li>vii. Service line</li> <li>viii. Mobile number</li> <li>ix. Email ID</li> <li>x. Office address</li> <li>xi. District/City</li> <li>xii. PIN code</li> <li>xiii. State/UT</li> <li>xiv. Country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Age</li> <li>iv. Educational Qualification</li> <li>v. Organization's name</li> <li>vi. Designation</li> <li>vii. Service line</li> <li>viii. Mobile number</li> <li>ix. Email ID</li> <li>x. Office address</li> <li>xi. District/City</li> <li>xii. PIN code</li> <li>xiii. State/UT</li> <li>xiv. Country</li> </ul>
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<p>5. Accomplishments (up to 5 PDFs, each within 2 MB) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Past awards and recognitions</li> </ul>	<p>7. Accomplishments (up to 5 PDFs, each within 2 MB) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Past awards and recognitions</li> </ul>
<p>6. Research papers published and presented (up to 10 uploads) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Paper title</li> <li>ii. Publish year</li> <li>iii. Description</li> <li>iv. Link/upload</li> </ul>	<p>8. Research papers published and presented (up to 10 uploads) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Paper title</li> <li>ii. Publish year</li> <li>iii. Description</li> <li>iv. Link/upload</li> </ul>
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iv. Link/upload	iv. Link/upload
8. Other accomplishments (100 words)	10. Other accomplishments (100 words)
9. Applicants' exceptional work/specialization/expertise in Yoga (100 words)	11. Nominee's exceptional work/specialization/expertise in Yoga (100 words)
10. Reason for applying (800 words) – i. Details of work done ii. Details of positions held iii. Tasks handled iv. Local, national and international reach v. Other details (if any)	12. Reason for nominating (800 words) – i. Details of work done ii. Details of positions held iii. Tasks handled iv. Local, national and international reach v. Other details (if any)
11. Tenure and longevity – i. Number of years active in Yoga	13. Tenure and longevity – i. Number of years active in Yoga
12. Field/social impact – i. Direct and derived impact/outcome/result of endeavours made in Yoga. The impact may be twofold – a) Impact in Yoga – directly flowing from the efforts made by the nominee. b) Impact on society – indirect/derived outcome of efforts which affected society positively.	14. Field/social impact – i. Direct and derived impact/outcome/result of endeavours made in Yoga. The impact may be twofold – a) Impact in Yoga – directly flowing from the efforts made by the nominee. b) Impact on society – indirect/derived outcome of efforts which affected society positively.
13. Recommendation letter (up to 2 PDFs, each within 2 MB)	15. Recommendation letter (up to 2 PDFs, each within 2 MB)

Note: Recommendations can be done by an individual or organisation on their letterheads. The duly stamped and signed recommendation letter with clear mention of a category of award-nominated may be uploaded on the portal. The Nominator can also get other organisations to support their nomination.