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President will present “National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), 2016” on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3rd December)

The President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee will present the “National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), 2016” on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. 3rd December at a function organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, various dignitaries from the Central Government Ministries will also grace the occasion. A total number of 78 individuals/institutions will be awarded on the occasion.

Every year, since the year 1992, on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities i.e. 3rd December, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment confers National Awards on Individual, Institutions, Organisation, State/District etc for their outstanding achievements and work done towards empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities are given under below 14 (fourteen) categories :-

- I. Best Employees/ Self Employed with disabilities;
- II. (a) Best Employers & (b) Best Placement officer or Agency;
- III. (a) Best Individual and (b) Best institution working for the Cause of Persons with Disabilities;
- IV. Role Model;
- V. Best Applied Research or Innovation or Product Development aimed at improving the life of persons with Disabilities;
- VI. Outstanding work in the creation of Barrier-free Environment for the Persons with Disabilities;
- VII. Best District in Providing Rehabilitation Services;
- VIII. Best State Channelizing Agency of National Handicapped Federation Development Corporation;
- IX. Outstanding Creative Adult Persons with Disabilities;
- X. Best Creative Child with Disabilities;
- XI. Best Braille Press;
- XII. Best “Accessible” Website;
- XIII. Best State in promoting empowerment of persons with Disabilities; and
- XIV. Best spots persons with disability.
