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President Droupadi Murmu Confers National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026

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President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026 on 15 nursing professionals at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion of International Nurses Day. The awards were presented in recognition of the outstanding contribution, dedication, and service of nursing professionals in strengthening India's healthcare system.

Key Highlights

President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026.

A total of 15 nursing professionals were honoured.

The awards were given on the occasion of International Nurses Day (12 May).

The awards recognize exemplary service and dedication in the nursing profession.

The awards are presented to:

Registered Nurses

Midwives

Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs)

Lady Health Visitors (LHVs)

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Note:

The awards were instituted in 1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

About the National Florence Nightingale Award

Award Name: National Florence Nightingale Award

Instituted By: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Year Instituted: 1973

Purpose: To honour outstanding nursing services

Presented By: President of India

Occasion: International Nurses Day

Field: Nursing & Healthcare

Awardees: Nurses, Midwives, ANMs, LHVs

Inspiration Behind Award: Florence Nightingale

Who was Florence Nightingale?

Florence Nightingale was a British nurse and social reformer considered the founder of modern nursing. She became famous for serving wounded soldiers during the Crimean War and was popularly known as the “Lady with the Lamp” because she visited patients at night carrying a lamp.

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