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National Geoscience Awards

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Why is in news? President of India presents National Geoscience Awards

The President of India presented the National Geoscience Awards-2022 at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in July 24, 2023.

The National Geoscience Award is instituted **by the Ministry of Mines**, Government of India with the **aim to honour individuals and teams for extraordinary achievements and outstanding contributions in various fields of geosciences**.

The President said that the field of Geoscience is very wide. It also **includes the study of natural disasters** like landslides, earthquakes, floods and tsunamis. These subjects are called **Public Good Geosciences** because they are useful in the protection of a large number of people.

The President said that mining is the primary sector of our economy. Mineral development has a vital contribution in the economic development of the country.

During the last few years, many progressive changes have been brought in the mining sector by the government. These changes are enhancing the capacity and productivity of the mining sector.

The President said only that path of science and development proves correct which goes towards the welfare of humanity. That's why the geoscientist community has to keep moving forward in the direction of human centric mining.

National Geoscience Award:

Geoscience is an all-encompassing term used to **refer to the Earth Sciences**. Geoscientists can come from such fields as the atmospheric sciences, geology, hydrology, mineralogy, petrology, pedology, and oceanography.

The award was instituted by the **Ministry of Mines in 1966 and given annually**.

It is an initiative to encourage geoscientists to strive toward excellence.

Any citizen of India with a significant contribution in **any of the fields specified in Clause-2 of the NGA Regulation 2022** will be eligible for these awards.

Broad Disciplines: -

Mineral Discovery & Exploration

Mining, Mineral Beneficiation & Sustainable Mineral Development

Basic Geosciences

Applied Geosciences

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Categories:

National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement:

Award for Lifetime Achievement shall be given to an individual with an exceptionally high lifetime achievement for sustained and significant contributions in any of the disciplines mentioned in Clause-2 of NGA Regulation 2022.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 5,00,000/- and a certificate.

National Geoscience Award:

National Geoscience Award shall be given to individuals or team(s) in recognition of meritorious contribution in any of the disciplines mentioned in Clause-2 of NGA Regulation 2022.

Each award carries a cash prize of Rs. 3,00,000/- and a certificate. In the case of a team award, the award money will be equally divided.

National Young Geoscientist Award:

Young Geoscientist Award shall be given for outstanding research work in any field of geosciences to an individual below 35 years of age as on the 31st December 2021.

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000 plus a research grant of Rs. 5,00,000/- spreadover five years subject to satisfactory yearly progress and a certificate.