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Dated the 3rd June, 2025

Dear Secretary,

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has instituted National Adventure Awards called "Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award" (TNNAA) in order to recognize the achievements of persons associated in the field of adventure.

2. Ordinarily, one award each is conferred for adventure activities on land, sea and air. In addition, a provision has also been made for giving one award for "Life Time Achievement" in the field of Adventure.
3. The nominations for TNNAA 2024 are being invited only through the common awards portal (<https://awards.gov.in/>) from 1st June to 30th June, 2025. Applications received in the Ministry through offline mode will be summarily rejected.
4. Recommendations for the Awards can be made by the Youth/Sports Department of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned or a recognized adventure Institute like Indian Mountaineering Foundation or by the Adventure Promotion Cell of the Army/Navy/Air Force or Indo-Tibetan Border Police or similar other para-military forces.
5. The concerned departments/organizations may choose to provide their recommendation to the applicant by e-mail or any other suitable mode to enable them to apply for the award **online**. All nominations in respect of serving personnel of Army/Navy/Air Force should be recommended by their respective Adventure Cell/Directorate.
6. While recommending the nominations, the performance of the persons in adventure activities for the last three years i.e. 2022, 2023 and 2024 may be taken into account. The TNNAA guidelines and FAQs are **enclosed** for your kind perusal.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,

(Nitesh Kumar Mishra)

Secretaries in charge of Youth Services and Sports of all States/UTs.

Copy along with enclosures to:

1. Joint Secretary (G & AIR), Ministry of Defence, South Block, New Delhi.
2. President, Indian Mountaineering foundation, 6, Benito Jaurez Road, New Delhi.
3. Principal, Himalaya Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, West Bengal.
4. Principal, Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports, Nunwan, Pahalgam, J&K.
5. Principal, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand
6. Director General, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. Director General, Border Security Force, West Block, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
8. Director General, Central Reserve Police Force, Block No. 1, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003.
9. Director, Army Adventure Wing, Dte. General of Military Training, DHQ Post, New Delhi
10. Director, Adventure Cell, Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Director, National Adventure Foundation, DGL 102, DLF Galleria, Mayur Vihar Phase I Extn, Delhi 110091.
12. Deputy Director, Naval Training Adventure Cell, Room No. 327-C, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi.
13. Director, Intelligence Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Near the Maurya Shereton Hotel, New Delhi.

Guidelines for Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award

OBJECTIVES

1. To recognize the achievements of persons in the fields of adventure.
2. To encourage young people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk-taking, cooperative teamwork and quick, ready and effective reflexes in challenging situations.
3. To provide incentive to the young people for getting exposed to the adventure activities.

CATEGORIES

1. Awards can be given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water (Sea) Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement for adventure activities on Land, Sea and Air.
2. Ordinarily not more than one Award will be made in each category.
3. The Ministry may increase the number of awards in a particular year for specific reasons recorded in writing and with the approval of the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports.

ELIGIBILITY

A person should have excellent performance and have outstanding qualities of leadership, a sense of adventure discipline and have continuous achievement in one particular field of adventure viz. Land, Air or Water (Sea).

RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS

1. Entries for the Awards will be received in a pro-forma Annexed to these guidelines, giving the past performances of the persons recommended in general and for the year of the Award in particular within such date as is specified on year to year basis. The last date of entry may be relaxed at the discretion of the Government of India in exceptional cases.
2. Candidates applying for the award may get their applications recommended by the Youth/Sports Department of the State Government concerned, or a recognized adventure institute like Indian Mountaineering Foundation for Land Adventure, National Institute of Water Sports for Water (Sea) Adventure and Aero Club of India for Air Adventure or by the Adventure Promotion Cell of the Army/Navy/Air Force or Indo-Tibetan Border Police or similar other para- military forces.
3. All nominations in respect of serving personnel of Army/Navy/Air Force should be recommended by their respective Adventure Cell/Directorate.

4. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports can also nominate any person on its own or seek nominations from such other organisations/agencies as are deemed fit, for this award.
5. The Ministry will receive the applications/ nominations for the award through online portal, the link for which will be provided on the website of the Ministry at the time of calling for the nominations.

SCRUTINY

1. All the nominations received in the Ministry will be sent categories-wise to the three apex bodies namely, Indian Mountaineering Foundation, National Institute of Water Sports and Aero Club of India as defined in the NPYAD Scheme guideline for verifying achievements in Land, Water (Sea) and Air respectively. Upon which they will confirm from official records the achievements/performance of all nominated persons within a maximum period of one month of receipt of the nominations from the Ministry.
2. For the first three categories, achievements of the last three calendar years will be taken into consideration.

COMMITTEE

1. Government of India will set up a National Selection Committee to be headed by Secretary (Youth Affairs) to scrutinize all the entries received for the award and submit its recommendations for the approval of Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. The composition of the committee will be as under:
 - i. Secretary (Youth Affairs) – Chairperson
 - ii. Joint Secretary (Youth Affairs) – Member Secretary
 - iii. Representative from the field of Land adventure – Member
 - iv. Representative from the field of Water (Sea) adventure - Member
 - v. Representative from the field of Air adventure – Member
2. Members for the Committee will be nominated each year by Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports may nominate more members pertaining to some particular field of adventure if the number of applications received is high.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

1. The applications will be first scrutinized at Division level. Ineligible applications will be discarded at this level.
2. The eligible applications will be placed before the Committee.
3. The Committee will discuss the achievements of all the applicants and will recommend the suitable candidates for the award.
4. The decision of the Government of India in respect of the Award will be final.

GENERAL

1. The award will consist of a bronze statuette, a certificate, a blazer with a silken tie/a saree and an award money of Rs. 15 Lakh.
2. The Status of the Award will be same as Arjuna Awards conferred in the field of Sports by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
3. The Awards will be presented to the winners along with Arjuna Awards by the Government of India.
4. The Awardees will be reimbursed to and fro air fare (economy class) and such other fare of conveyance as relevant in the journey through shortest route from his/her place of stay to the place of award ceremony and back subject to production of original boarding passes/ Tickets etc. along with duly filled in proforma. Awardees would be given reimbursement for AC 1 tier rail journey, if opted.
5. Awardees will also be provided free boarding and lodging in a suitable place for the award ceremony.
6. One companion with each lady and physically handicapped awardee will be provided with same travelling and boarding/lodging facilities as that of the awardee herself/himself.
7. Canvassing in any form in respect of any entry will render that entry liable to be disqualified.
8. No award will be conferred for a second time to the same person under same category.
9. The award may be given posthumously if such an occasion arises.
10. Government of India may cancel or annul the award to any person under circumstances which, in the opinion of the Government, might render such person unworthy of the award and thereupon, the recipient shall be required to surrender the statuette and the award money. However, the Government of India may restore the award if it decides to withdraw the cancellation or annulment.
11. The decision of the Government of India in respect of interpretation of these rules shall be final and no appeal shall lie against it.
12. A person who is recommended for the Award shall be deemed to have accepted these Rules.

Instructions for the Candidates:

The candidates are advised to adhere to the following instructions while applying for the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award:

- i) Upload the documents in a common format for uniformity and effective scrutiny.
- ii) Mention your achievements year-wise followed by supporting documents in a single PDF. The documents available in PDF should be clear and the PDF document should contain an index.
- iii) If a candidate is selected for the award, he/ she would be required to furnish the following to the Ministry immediately:
 - a) Bank mandate form duly authorized by the bank.
 - b) High resolution photographs wherein the candidate is visible performing the adventure activity.
 - c) Measurement for tailoring work.

**APPLICATION FORMAT FOR TENZING NORGAY NATIONAL ADVENTURE
AWARDS**

Name:

(a) in block letters in English:

(b) in Devanagari Script (Hindi):

2. Sex (Male/Female):

3. Father's Name:

4. Date of Birth:

(a) in Words:

(b) in Figures:

5. Contact Details:

(a) Mailing Address (including PIN Code):

(b) Permanent Address:

(c) Telephone/ Mobile Number (s): (d) E-Mail ID:

6. Aadhaar No. (Optional):

7. Occupation:

8. Educational Qualifications:

9. Details of achievements in the field of adventure for the last three calendar years in general and the year for which application is forwarded in particular with documentary proof:

10. Details of award(s) received in the past:

11. Whether convicted by any court of law and if so, the result thereof:

(Signature of the Applicant)

Place:

Date:

Information to be furnished by the Recommending Authority

12. Special justification if any for recommendation:

13. Any other information relevant to the proposal:

(Signature)

with office Seal of the Recommending Authority

Place: Date:

Description of Achievements

Name	(in English)	(in Hindi)
Date of Birth	(in figures)	(in words)
State		
Category	Land/Water/Air Adventure or Life Time Achievements* (please mention only the one applicable in your case) * For lifetime achievements, more rows of years as applicable may be added.	
Details of Achievement in chronological order		
Year	Achievements	Brief Description of Achievement and Supporting Documents at Page No. of the PDF
2024	Achievement 1	3 to 13 (say)
	Achievement 2	14 (say)
	Achievement 3	15 to 17 (say)
		
2023	Achievement 1	
	Achievement 2	
	Achievement 3	
		
2022	Achievement 1	
	Achievement 2	
	Achievement 3	
		
Other relevant information, if any	Information	
Past Recognitions/ Awards	Names	
Recommended by		

Page 3 onwards of the PDF should contain brief description of achievements of the candidate followed by supporting documents while properly mentioning page numbers in the table to be placed at Page 2 of the PDF as indicated above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can a person apply if he/She is already in receipt of the award in the past?

Yes, but the award will not be conferred for second time to the same person under same category. For example, if a person has been awarded Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (**TNNAA**) under Land Adventure category, he/ she cannot be awarded the award under Land Adventure category again. However, if he/ she has achievements under say, water adventure category, he/ she can apply under that category.

2. Who can apply for the Award?

Any Indian Citizen working in the field of Adventure or immediate family member of posthumous Adventurer.

3. How will the recommendation letter be submitted by the applicant?

The applicants will collect the recommendation letter (wherever applicable) from the competent authority and shall upload the scanned copy of the same along with other supporting documents for the Award.

4. Can an organization apply for the award?

Only individuals can apply for the award. Therefore, the applicants may select the option “Individual” while registering.

5. What option is to be selected in nominator type?

In drop down menu under “nominator type”, the applicant must select **citizen** for applying for TNNAA.

6. Is recommendation mandatory for all the applicants?

Recommendation is mandatory for serving personnel of Army/Navy/Air Force. Other applicants may get their recommendation from the authorities as mentioned in the scheme guideline for the award. In case an applicant could not get his/her application recommended, he/she may fill NA in the Recommending Authority Column while applying for the award.

7. What can be uploaded as a Supporting Document?

Supporting documents in r/o year-wise achievements in chronological order as mentioned in the Instructions need to be uploaded as a **Single PDF document**. The recommendation (wherever applicable) should also be a part of the PDF. The supporting documents should be clearly numbered and indexed as mentioned in the instructions.

8. I have successfully submitted my application for award. Does it confirm that I am eligible for the award?

Merely submission of the form may not ensure that the applicant is eligible. **The applicants are advised to go through the awards guidelines under Notification Tab of the portal and these FAQs before applying for the award.**