



	<p>States; ii. UTs (including Delhi); iii. Other States</p> <p>(Total 6 Awards – 3 Gold and 3 Silver)</p>	<p>to citizens' through effective use of ICT.</p>		
IV	<p>Outstanding research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/Research Institutions</p> <p>(Total 2 Awards – 1 Gold and 1 Silver)</p>	<p>This award seeks to recognize the exemplary research in the field of e-Governance by Academic/Research Institutions for the benefit of the citizen.</p>	<p>Academic/ Research Institutions (Government and Non-Government)</p>	
V	<p>Excellence in Adopting Emerging Technologies</p> <p>(Total 2 Awards – 1 Gold and 1 Silver)</p>	<p>This award seeks to recognize the exemplary adoption of emerging technologies (such as blockchain, artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing etc.) for e-Governance projects.</p>	<p>Central Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments, Central and State Government PSUs</p>	<p>The launch date of the Project must be between 01.10.2020 – 30.09.2021.</p> <p>The project must be operational as on 30.09.2021.</p>

5. There will be total 18 awards under 5 categories of Award Scheme.

5.1 Gold Award: It carries a certificate and a trophy for the Project and cash award of Rs.5.00 Lakh for the Department/Organization/Institution and a certificate for each team member not exceeding four in numbers (including Project Head).

5.2 Silver Award: It carries a certificate and a trophy for the Project and cash award of Rs.3.00 Lakh for the Department/Organization/Institution and a certificate for each team member not exceeding four in numbers (including Project Head).

6. Terms and Conditions

6.1 General



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- (a) The project must be new and path breaking initiative in public service.
- (b) A project can compete only for one category which should be clearly mentioned.
- (c) At the time of submission of nominations for award, the award category under which the submission is to be considered may be indicated. However, it would be prerogative of the jury to decide the category to which a given submission can be treated for the purpose of selection for the award.
- (d) All nominations **MUST** be submitted online as mentioned in para 8 below before the last date.
- (e) **Only incumbent Head of the Organization may register and submit online application(s).**
- (f) The application must reflect the organization email ID, individual email ID applications will be rejected at any stage of the scrutiny of the applications or till the award function.
- (g) Individual Nominations/self-nominations shall not be accepted.
- (h) Nominations received after the last date will not be accepted under any circumstances. **email/Hard Copies/fax of the application forms will NOT be accepted.**
- (i) Details furnished would need to be comprehensive and cover the specified aspects of the initiative undertaken including the team members working / worked for the project. No changes or request for change i.e. addition of names will be considered at later stage or any other stage of the award process. **Incomplete submissions not complying with the directions/guidelines detailed herein would not be considered.**
- (j) The project must relate to any of the areas of poverty reduction and economic development, social services, education, health, rural and community development, environmental management, transportation, housing, urban governance and regional planning, land use management/GIS, disaster and risk management, grievance redressal, trade practices, commerce, business development and any such other domains of governance.
- (k) Besides leveraging on ICT, the projects implemented would need to showcase effective use of infrastructure, partnership with the local community, leadership practices, simplification of processes, strategic architectures, best practices in the design, development, deployment of solution using technology, innovative people centric approach and such other effective interventions.
- (l) Diligence in the design, development and implementation of solutions, persistent problem solving, efforts to create and sustain systemic changes, institutionalize best practices, gain community/ stakeholder acceptance, discontinuance of inefficient administrative practices, ingenious people centric approach would need to be clearly brought out.



- (m) Verification of the ownership of all shortlisted projects shall be carried out before finalizing results. Supporting details shall be made available by the Project in Charge.
- (n) **The decision of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India in selecting the project/initiative for National Award for e-Governance, shall be final and binding on all the nominations.**
- (o) **Applications without completely filled information will be summarily rejected.**

6.2 Specific

For Category-IV - Outstanding research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/Research Institutions

- Project should be in either social or economic domain of development.
- Project should leverage use of ICT for social or economic growth/ development.
- Project should not be about use of ICT for improving organization's internal or project's efficiencies.
- Project should not be implemented under a State or Central Department/ Ministry approved scheme.
- Project should demonstrate tangible impact on core developmental issues through number of citizens impacted.

7. How to apply

The nominations are to be submitted online only in the prescribed Proforma for a specific category.

8. Guidelines for applying for the nominations for the National Awards for e-Governance 2021-22:-

(A) Application Stage

- 8.1 **Nominations are to be submitted online only through the portal.**
- 8.2 **Nomination other than above mode will NOT be accepted in any case.**
- 8.3 **Online registration of the organization is mandatory before submitting online application form.**
- 8.4 **Present incumbent Head of the Organization will apply for the nominations for NAEg 2021-22 including furnishing details of team members who have**