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अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
समाज कल्याण निदेशालय  
**DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL WELFARE**  
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**GOALGHAR, PORT BLAIR**  
ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय

Port Blair dated 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2022

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Ministry of Women & Child Development is celebrating International Women's Day every year on 08<sup>th</sup> March to acknowledge the achievement of women for the nation and recognizes their contributions to the society. The Ministry has decided to confer Nari Shakti Pursakars every year to individual and institutions in recognition of their service towards the cause of women empowerment, specially vulnerable and marginalized women.

The recipient of the Nari Shakti Puraskar is declared every year by 20<sup>th</sup> February and awards are conferred on 08 March on the occasion of International Women's Day. The maximum number of awards (including individual and institutional) would be 15. However, any relaxation to the maximum number may be at the discretion of the Selection Committee. The award in each category shall carry a certificate and a cash amount of Rs. 2 lakh per awardee.

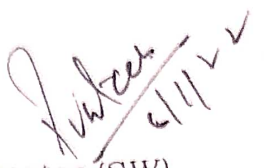
The eligibility criteria for nomination is available in the guidelines of the Ministry. The designated portal is opened throughout the year and details are placed on the Ministries website.

Nominations will be received only through designated website i.e. [www.awards.gov.in](http://www.awards.gov.in). The link of this website will also be available on the official website of the Ministry of Women & Child Development ([www.wcd.nic.in](http://www.wcd.nic.in)). Applications received other than online mode will not be entertained.

Applications received by the due date will be sent to the State/UT and District Collector/District Magistrate, other government/appropriate agencies/organizations for verification of the claims and achievements mentioned in the applications.

A Screening Committee constituted by the Ministry of Women & Child Development will scrutinize and short list the nominations to select the awardees on the basis of the recommendation. The Ministry reserves the right to reject any entry without assigning and /or disclosing any reason.

Further details in this regard may be obtained from Welfare Officer (Women), Room No. 205, Directorate of Social Welfare, Goal Ghar, Port Blair.

  
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