



Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
University Branch
Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 091.

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From: Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.

To: The Registrar,

_____ University.

Sub: Regarding filling up nominations for National Award to Teachers 2026 (NAT-2026).

Ref.: D.O. No. 29-4/2024-S&S dated 30.05.2026 received from the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India.

Sir / Madam,

The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, has invited nominations for the ‘National Award for Teachers’ for the year 2026 (NAT-2026). The award recognizes outstanding contributions of teachers in improving quality education and student learning outcomes.

The Nominations for NAT-2026 has been called for in online mode (www.awards.gov.in) w. e. f. 26.05.2026 and the end date is 05.07.2026 and the mode of nomination is on janbhagidari basis i.e. self-nomination or institutional nomination by Heads of HEIs or by peers and fellow colleagues where the nominee holds regular employment.


To ensure maximum participation from West Bengal, it is essential that the NAT-2026 receives wide publicity among the teaching community of all State-aided Universities.

Hence, I am directed to request you kindly to circulate this to all faculty members, HoDs, Principals of affiliated Colleges, and teaching staff through official email, University website, and notice boards so that the eligible teachers may fill up the forms through online mode on self-nomination or institutional nomination by Heads of HEIs within the specified date i. e. 05.07.2026.

A compliance report in this regard may be sent to this Department by 23.06.2026 indicating the steps taken for publicity and number of nominations forwarded.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo.: As stated.


Deputy Secretary

No. 843/1(34)-Edn (U)

Date: 17.06.2026

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India, 21072, Kartavya Bhavan-2, New Delhi – 110 001. Email: secy.dhe@nic.in.
2. The Vice-Chancellor, _____ University;
3. The Director of Public Instruction, Govt. of West Bengal with the request to communicate all State-aided & Government Colleges for taking necessary action from their end;
4. Sr. P. S. to the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education;

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Deputy Secretary

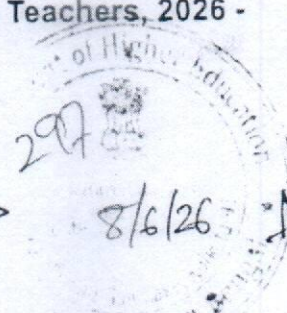
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Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Higher Education

Respected Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed D.O. letter dated 30th May, 2026 from Secretary (HE) requesting to give wide publicity of National Awards to Teachers in HEIs and Polytechnics - 2026 amongst the

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faculty members. They may be encouraged to apply for the same in large numbers. The Nominations for NAT-2026 has been called for in online mode (www.awards.gov.in) w.e.f. 26.05.2026 and the end date is 05.07.2026.

with regards,

S E Rizwi
Joint Secretary (Admn.)
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education
Phone No.: 24015012, 24015112

1 Attachment(s)

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Department of Higher Education
Additional Chief Secretary
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DO No.:29-4/2024-S&S

Dated, the 30th May, 2026

Dear Ma'am / Sir,

As you may be aware, the National Education Policy, 2020 lays emphasis on cultivating a culture of excellence in higher education by acknowledging the outstanding and creative work of faculty members of Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) including Polytechnics through appropriate rewards and recognition mechanisms. Accordingly, a National Award to Teachers for Higher Education and Polytechnics was instituted in the year 2023 and the awardees were felicitated on 5th September in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 by the Hon'ble President of India.

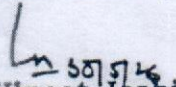
2. The Nominations for NAT-2026 has been called for in online mode (www.awards.gov.in) w.e.f. 26.05.2026 and the end date is 05.07.2026. The award is open to all regular faculty members with five or more years of teaching experience encompassing all knowledge domains / disciplines such as Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Pure Sciences including Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy, Arts and Social Sciences, Humanities, Languages, Legal Studies, Commerce, Management and any other subjects/disciplines and emerging areas in higher education.

3. The mode of nomination is on janbhagidari basis i.e. self-nomination or institutional nomination by Heads of HEIs or by peers and fellow colleagues where the nominee holds regular employment.

4. It is desired that the NAT - 2026 may be given wide publicity amongst the faculty members and they may be encouraged to apply for the same in large numbers. The HEIs may nominate deserving candidates for the awards as part of institutional nomination and facilitate the faculty members with timely issuing of necessary documentations to be uploaded while applying online. It is reiterated that the portal, www.awards.gov.in, for accepting nominations shall be live upto 05.07.2026 only.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. Vineet Joshi)

Secretary, Higher Education All States / UTs