

**NOTICE INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR
STATE AWARD FOR SCIENTIFIC EXCELLENCE**

The Science & Technology Department, Government of Assam invites nominations for conferring following “**State Awards for Scientific Excellence**” to Scientists/Innovators and Scientific Institutions/organisations of/from Assam for the year 2023-24:

4. Award for Lifetime Achievements in Scientific Research and Innovation – 1 (one)
5. Young Scientist/Innovator Award – 1(one)
6. Award to institution/organisation for promoting scientific research/disseminating science in the state of Assam – 1 (one)

The first award will carry an amount of Rs.1.50 lakh, a citation and a memento. The other two awards will carry an amount of Rs.1.00 lakh each along with citations and mementoes.

SELF NOMINATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The nominations duly signed by the “NOMINATOR” should reach the following address, in a sealed envelope, by **20th December 2023**.

Details of Nomination Process:

A. Who can nominate?

(a) (For Category 1 & 2)

1. Vice Chancellors of Universities situated in Assam
2. Heads of Science & Technology Research Institutions in Assam
3. Heads of institutions of higher education in Assam with Science and/or Technology courses as faculty
4. A Scientist/Technologist awarded at National and/or State Level for Scientific/Technological contributions
5. A Scientist/Technologist of national and/or international repute

(b) (For category 3)

1. All in Category ‘a’
2. A person/agency from Assam who has already been awarded a national/state award for science communication/scientific research

NB: (i) One organisation may send maximum of 2 nominations for each category of awards

- (ii) One individual may send only one nomination for each category
- (iii) Heads of an agency under Science & Technology Dept., Govt of Assam cannot be a nominator.

B. Who can be nominated?

Category 1: A Scientist/Technocrat/Innovator of/from Assam -

- (i) Who has achieved highest level of excellence in the field of Science & Technology
- (ii) Engaged in continuous research for at least 25 years
- (iii) Having publications of original works in national and international journals of highest reputation in the respective field
- (iv) Having publications of quality books on the field of his/her research
- (v) With excellent contribution in the theoretical research or applied research, which can contribute towards society, environmental conservation, food production, changing life of people towards better sustainability

Category 2: A Young Scientist/Technocrat/Innovator of/from Assam -

- (i) Who has achieved highest level of excellence in the field of Science & Technology
- (ii) Whose age will not cross 35 years on 3^{1st} January of the year of conferring the award
- (iii) Engaged in research/innovations continuously for at least last 5(five) years
- (iv) Having publications of original works in national and international journals of highest reputation in the respective fields
- (v) Having publication of quality books on the field of his/her research
- (vi) With excellent contribution in the theoretical research or applied research, which can contribute towards society, environmental conservation, food production, changing life of people towards better sustainability
- (vii) Who was born in Assam or, born outside Assam but engaged in scientific work in Assam continuously for 5 (five) years.

Category 3: An organisation/institution of Assam -

- (i) Which has worked in the field of science communication/disseminating scientific knowledge or, environmental conservation/management/education programmes continuously for at least 10 years in the state of Assam,
- (ii) Having publications of books/articles, of highest quality, on popular science in vernacular languages of Assam for dissemination of scientific knowledge

- (iii) Which could bring about remarkable changes in social behaviour/livelihood/health and hygiene/solving local environmental problems through sensitization and interventions by scientific means
- (iv) Which contributed significantly for betterment of science education through meaningful interventions

NB. An individual who is in service under any of the agencies under administrative control of Science, Technology and Climate Change Department, Govt. of Assam cannot be a nominee for works done as part of his/her duty. Moreover, if any of the names of members in the Selection Committee/Screening Committee comes as a nominee/nominator, he/she would cease to be a member of the Selection/Screening Committee.

C. How to send nominations?

Following documents will be required:

- (i) Forwarding letter by the head of the nominating agency/by the individual nominator
- (ii) A summary of 500 words clearly stating contributions of the scientist/technocrat/innovator (for category 1&2) and contributions of Organisation/Institution for category 3
- (iii) Description of contributions in chronological manner with year
- (iv) Major noticeable achievements/awards/fellowships
- (v) List of publications of original research articles (mainly for category 1 & 2) with title, year, name of journal, Vol./issue No., etc.
- (vi) List of published books in the field of research (for category 1 & 2) and list of books on popular science topics in vernacular medium (category 3) with titles, name of publisher, year of publication
- (vii) List of popular science articles (mainly for category 3)
- (viii) List of project grants received from different funding agencies giving project title, project cost, achievements made through the project in tabular form
- (ix) Name and contact details of two eminent referees
- (x) A brief resume of the "Nominator" in 250 words along with contact details (Postal address, e-mail, contact No., etc.)
- (xi) Contact details of the "Nominee" (including Postal address, e-mail, contact No., etc.)
- (xii) Date of birth of the nominee