

Application Form  
for  
Societal Innovation Award of the Year 2012

Last date for receipt of complete Application : 28 February 2013



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# **Award Guidelines for Societal Innovation Award of the Year 2012**

## **Introduction**

National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) aims to promote innovative scientific endeavor in the country by encouraging and rewarding innovations that have positively impact on our lives and have at their core a great idea coupled with a unique insight. The awards are given to recognize individuals or groups who have innovated for the benefit of the society.

The Corporation has instituted these tax-free Societal Innovation Awards for scientific and technical personnel and industrial workers, technicians, artisans and craftsmen in order to stimulate the spirit of inventiveness among them and encourage them to apply their skills to facilitate the development of new ideas and innovations. The prime objective of this scheme is to recognize the creative talent among individuals or groups that could be harnessed for the benefit of society.

The Corporation awards annually to Indian nationals working in India for their excellence in original innovative work in the field of science and technology. The applications for these awards are invited by the Corporation every year on behalf of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. These applications are evaluated and reviewed by a panel of experts and specialists. The innovations that are new process/product resulting from transformation of creative ideas/know how or resources, accruing benefits to the society meet the eligibility criteria. Each award carries a trophy, certificate and tax-free cash award.

## **Selection Procedure**

The Awards are given annually as per the recommendations of the Prize Award Committee comprising of eminent scientists, technologists and specialists in diverse areas of science and technology. The applications received by the Corporation would be referred to a panel of experts comprising of eminent scientists, technologists and specialists working in Government organizations, research organizations, educational institutions and corporates for evaluation. The names and opinion of these experts are kept strictly confidential.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- The innovation should either be a new product, process or an improvement thereof so as to increase its utility by enhancing advantages and improvement in performance for benefit of the society.
- The innovation should have been successfully translated in to practice with recognizable impact on society.
- Mere theoretical hypothesis, concepts still in the idea stage and perceptions like that of perpetual motion machines are not eligible for consideration.
- The innovation should have contributed towards improving the quality of life or alleviation of drudgery of people, or helped in employment generation and achieving social and economical transformation.

## **Who can apply**

- The awards will be given only to the individual/team who contribute to the innovation, and not to the organization.
- Only Indian nationals working in India can apply.
- If the number of the applicants in a single Prize Award Application exceeds five, the application will not be considered.
- NRDC employees, Prize Award Committee members and their families are not eligible.

**Last Date** - Complete applications in all respects should reach by 28 February 2013.

**Award Money** - Rs. Three lakh each.

**Number of Awards** - Three (Maximum)

**Award Categories** - Agriculture, Environment, Rural and Energy

## **General Guidelines**

### **General Conditions**

- In case the applicant(s) are self-employed, it may be clearly indicated in the application form.
- The applicant(s) employed in any organization should forward their application through the head of the organization along with No Objection Certificate.
- An application is liable to be rejected, if it is not forwarded through proper channel or if any information therein is found to be incorrect.
- Applications not revealing adequate technical details required for evaluation of the proposal are liable to be rejected.
- Applicant(s) may submit published scientific papers /patents (if any) and any other relevant information in support of the innovation.
- If the innovation has been recognized/awarded by any other Institution, details of the same should be furnished.
- The applicant(s) may be required to send the prototypes/working models to NRDC for demonstration, if necessary.
- The prize award amount is usually distributed equally among the applicants. However, if unequal sharing of the award amount is desired by the applicants, its percentage should be clearly indicated in the application form.
- If during consideration of the applications received, no one deemed suitable, it would not be given that year.
- Application(s) will not be returned to the applicant(s).
- The decision of the Corporation shall be intimated to the applicants by post. Contacting NRDC officials or Prize Award Committee members in this regard may lead to disqualification of the application.

### **Rights and Obligations**

- The decision of the Corporation on the applications submitted for the award will be final and no further correspondence shall be entertained.
- NRDC retains the right to promote and seek publicity for all Award Winners.
- NRDC has the right to disqualify any applicant who does not comply with any of the terms and conditions under award guidelines.
- Award Winners are expected to comply with all reasonable requests for media articles, interviews, radio and television appearances as part of Award promotional activities.
- With NRDC's permission, winners may use images, photographs, media articles, DVDs and publicity material featuring their innovations, which have been produced by NRDC.

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## APPLICATION FOR SOCIETAL INNOVATION AWARD - 2012

(To be submitted in six sets)

**1. TITLE OF THE INNOVATION:**

**2. AWARD CATEGORY:**  
 ( ✓ in appropriate box)

**Agriculture**   
**Environment**

**Rural**   
**Energy**

**3. PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT (S):**

i) Name of the principal innovator

Name	Academic qualifications	Name of the organisation	Designation	Sharing % of award amount*

ii) Name(s) of the co-innovator(s)

Sr.No	Name(s)	Academic qualifications	Name of the organization	Designation	Sharing % of award amount*

\*For unequal sharing of award amount, please indicate the percentage of amount against the name of the applicants.

iii) Official & residential address (including phone with STD code, cell phone, fax and e-mail)

Sr.No.	Official address	Residential address	Phone/cell phone	E-mail

**4. DETAILED TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION :**

**5. ORIGINALITY/NOVELTY :**

**6. DEMONSTRATED COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES:**

**NOTE - Instructions for filling application:**

- (i) Please read Award Guidelines carefully before filling the application form
- (ii) Incomplete applications are liable to be rejected
- (iii) Separate sheets may be enclosed wherever necessary
- (iv) Soft copy of the Details in CD may also be provided

7. **CONTRIBUTION OF THE INNOVATION IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OR ALLEVIATION OF DRUDGERY OF THE PEOPLE** (enclose separate sheet):

8. **IMPACT ON SOCIETY:**

9. **DETAILS OF PATENT(S)** (if any):

10. **WHETHER ANY WOMAN INNOVATOR IS INVOLVED?** (If yes, her specific contribution in the development of innovation):

11. **DETAILS OF APPLICANTS' EMPLOYMENT :** i) Self-employed   
ii) Employed in an Organisation

12. **DETAILS OF THE EMPLOYER:**

Name and designation of Head of the Organisation	Name and complete address of the Organisation	Phone/ cell phone/Fax number	Email address

13. **APPLICANT(S) DECLARATION:** (Strike off whichever is not applicable)

**I/we certify that all particulars furnished above are correct and complete to best of my/our knowledge and I/we agree to abide by all terms and conditions stipulated under Award Guidelines.**

No.	Name (s)	Signature (s)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

14. **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATATION FROM EMPLOYER** (For employed applicants only)

**The innovation is not/is part of the employment and we don't have any objection for his/her/their applying for the above award.**

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of the Head of the Organization

**Seal**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosures:** Please check before sending the application form, whether you have enclosed the following:

- i) Detailed description
- ii) Photographs of the innovation
- iii) Test reports
- iv) Reprints/clippings of your innovation, if published in technical or scientific journals
- v) Names and addresses of the end users of the innovation
- vi) Patent documents
- vii) Soft copy of complete application form in MS Word