



# State Level Awards for Persons with Disabilities, 2021

## why in the news

On March 4, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Social Welfare Minister Anila Bhendia honored **8 individuals and institutions with the State Level Award for Divyangjan, 2021**. On this occasion, **2 National Award winning institutions and 5 persons with disability, social service and special achievements** were also honored.

## key points

- The distribution function of **Divyangjan State Level Award, 2021** was organized by the Social Welfare Department of the state in the Directorate premises located at Mana Camp, Raipur.
- In the category of Best Visually Impaired Employee, Tejram Sahu, resident of Diabati village of Balod district was given the award for his distinguished and remarkable contribution. Even after being 100% visually impaired, he has been providing education in Braille script to visually impaired students for 16 years and making them self-supporting.
- Arvind Sharma, resident of Sorid Nagar of Dhamtari district was awarded the state level award in the category of best visually impaired employee. He has been providing technical education of computers to visually impaired students since 2013 at Residential Special Training Center Kachandur District Balod. He won the bronze medal representing Chhattisgarh in the National Paralympic Judo Competition of the year 2014-15.
- Saurabh Kumar Pandey, a resident of Danganiya, Raipur, was awarded the best hearing impaired employee for his efficiency and devotion to duty. He is working as Special Assistant in State Bank of India, Raipur.
- Rameshwar Prasad Sahu, a resident of Gudhiyari of Raipur district, has been awarded the best orthopedically handicapped employee for his dedication. During the Covid epidemic, he rendered his services by being present at work every day while serving the human beings as frontline warriors.
- In the category of Best Orthopedic Employer, Khemraj Jan-Kalyan Seva Samiti of Padkibhat of Balod district was awarded for exemplary work being done for Divyangjan. By providing self-employment training to disabled men and women, the committee is being made self-supporting.
- Fortune Foundation social service organization located in Saraipali of Mahasamund district has been awarded for the best visually impaired organization. The work of educational development and overall rehabilitation of visually impaired persons has been done by the institution since 2013-14. Children of the organization have won 5 gold medals, 11 silver medals and 7 bronze medals in the National Para Athletics Championships. Along with this, gold medals have been received by 2 boys and 2 girls in the state level para sports competition.
- The Premdhara Charitable Society (Nav Jeevan Mook Deaf Vidyalaya) of Janjgir-Champa district has been awarded the best institution for the hearing impaired. A special school for the hearing impaired is being run by the institution from the year 2018.
- Janjgir-Champa has been awarded the state level award for the best district for providing rehabilitation services to the differently-abled. An environment conducive to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities has been created in the district. Authentication and UDID registration of 12 thousand 861 Divyangjans have been done in the district and artificial limbs and assistive devices have been provided to 8545 Divyangjans.

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