



National Geoscience Awards -2022

Why in News?

The Ministry of Mines invites nominations for the **National Geoscience Awards (NGA)-2022** for contributions in the field of fundamental/applied geosciences, mining, and allied areas.

- Geoscience is an all-encompassing term used to refer to the **Earth Sciences**. Geoscientists can come from such fields as the atmospheric sciences, geology, hydrology, mineralogy, petrology, pedology, and oceanography.

What are the Key Points of the Awards?

▪ About:

- It was instituted by the **Ministry of Mines in 1966** and given annually.
- It is an initiative to **encourage geoscientists** to strive toward excellence.
- Any citizen of India with a significant contribution in any of the fields specified in **Clause-2 of the NGA Regulation 2022** will be eligible for these awards.
- Broad Disciplines: -
 - Mineral Discovery & Exploration
 - Mining, Mineral Beneficiation & Sustainable Mineral Development
 - Basic Geosciences
 - Applied Geosciences

▪ Categories:

- **National Geoscience Award for Lifetime Achievement:**
 - Award for Lifetime Achievement shall be **given to an individual with an exceptionally high lifetime achievement** for sustained and significant contributions in any of the disciplines mentioned in Clause-2 of NGA Regulation 2022.
 - The award carries a cash prize of **Rs. 5,00,000/- and a certificate**.
- **National Geoscience Award:**
 - National Geoscience Award shall be given to individuals or team(s) in **recognition of meritorious contribution** in any of the disciplines mentioned in Clause-2 of NGA Regulation 2022.
 - Each award carries a cash prize of **Rs. 3,00,000/- and a certificate**. In the case of a team award, the award money will be equally divided.

▪ National Young Geoscientist Award:

- Young Geoscientist Award shall be given for outstanding **research work in any field of geosciences** to an individual **below 35 years of age** as on the 31st December 2021.
- The award carries a cash prize of **Rs. 1,00,000 plus a research grant of Rs. 5,00,000/-** spread over five years subject to satisfactory yearly progress and a certificate.

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