



Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2022

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Why in News?

Recently, at the inaugural session of the **One Week One Lab (OWOL)** program of the [Council of Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\)-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research \(CSIR-NIScPR\)](#), the **CSIR** announced the list of awardees for the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards for 2022**.

- There were no female scientists chosen for the SSB Awards 2022.

Note:

- OWOL, a theme-based campaign of the CSIR is being organized to **ignite the minds of young innovators, students, start-ups, academia, and industry** to look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.
 - Under this program **various Institutes of CSIR**, one after the other in every successive week, will showcase their **exclusive innovations and technological breakthroughs to the people of India**.

What are the Key Facts About the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards?

- **About:**
 - The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are the **highest multidisciplinary science awards in India**.
 - They are named after [Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar](#), the founder and director of the **CSIR**, who was also a renowned chemist and visionary.
- **Purpose:**
 - Recognition of outstanding Indian work in science and technology.
- **Nature of the Prize:**
 - SSB Prizes, **each of the value of Rs 5,00,000 (Rupees five lakh only)**, are awarded annually for notable and outstanding research applied or fundamental, in the following disciplines: (i) Biological Sciences, (ii) Chemical Sciences, (iii) Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, (iv) Engineering Sciences, (v) Mathematical Sciences, (vi) Medical Sciences and (vii) Physical Sciences.
- **Eligibility:**
 - **Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of science and technology up to the age of 45 years** as reckoned on 31st December of the year preceding the year of the Prize.
 - [Overseas citizens of India \(OCI\)](#) and [Persons of Indian Origin \(PIO\)](#) working in **India are also eligible**.
 - The Prize is awarded on the **basis of contributions made through work done primarily in India** during the five years preceding the year of the Prize.

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

- **CSIR** is the **largest research and development (R&D) organization in India**, established in 1942, with its **headquarters in New Delhi**.
- CSIR has a dynamic network of 37 national laboratories, 39 outreach centers, 1 Innovation Complex, and three units with a pan-India presence.
- CSIR is **funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology** and it operates as an **autonomous body through the Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- CSIR's organizational structure includes the **Prime Minister of India as President**, the **Union Minister of Science and Technology as Vice President**, with the Director-General heading the governing body along with the finance secretary (expenditures).

UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Prelims

Q. For outstanding contribution to which one of the following fields is Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize given? (2009)

- (a) Literature
- (b) Performing Arts
- (c) Science
- (d) Social Service

Ans: (c)

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