



## BHU's Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal honoured with National Young Geo-Science Award

### Why in News?

On July 24, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu conferred the prestigious National Young Geo-Science Award-2022 (NGA) of the Ministry of Mines to Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal, Assistant Professor, Department of Geo-Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi at a grand ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

### Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that the National Geo-Science Awards - 2022 (NGA) honoured 22 Geo-Science s including working professionals and academicians from across the country under three categories - one National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement, one National Young Geo-Science Award and eight National Geo-Science Awards in different fields of Geo-Science.
- The National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement was given to Dr. Om Narayan Bhargava (Honorary Professor, Department of Geo-Science, Punjab University, Chandigarh). He is known for his remarkable work in the Himalayas over the last four decades.
- Dr. Amiya Kumar Samal, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, has been awarded the National Award for Young Geo-Science for his significant contribution to understanding the 'Heterogeneity of the Sub-Continental Lithospheric Mantle (SCLM) beneath the Various Archaean Cratons of the Indian surface.'
- It is worth mentioning that the National Geo-Science Awards (NGA), instituted in 1966, is a symbol of respect & appreciation for exceptional people and organizations who have demonstrated excellence, dedication & innovation in the field of Geo-Science s. These awards are given in the fields of mineral exploration and exploration, basic Geo-Science, applied Geo-Science & mining, mineral beneficiation and sustainable mineral development.
- A total of 173 nominations were received for the National Geo-Science Award-2022. The number of valid nominations under the three award categories is 168. Out of a total of 12 awards, the AMA has finally selected 10 awards, including 4 individual awards, 3 team awards and 3 joint awards. The 4 individual awards include an award for the National Geoscientist Award for Lifetime Achievement and another award for the National Young Geo-Science Award.

S.N.	Category of Award	Number of Awards
1.	National Geo-Science Award for Lifetime Achievement	1 Award
2.	National Geo-Science Awards	8 Award (3 Team Award + 3 Joint Award + 2 individual Awards= 20 awardees)
3.	National Young Geoscientist Award	1 Award
	<b>Total</b>	10 Awards (22 Awardees)



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