



## National Geoscience Awards 2023

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Recently, the [President](#) of India conferred the [National Geoscience Awards \(NGA\) 2023](#) to 21 geoscientists.

- **Prof. Dhiraj Mohan Banerjee** received the **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his pioneering work in **phosphorites and Precambrian geology**.
- **Dr Ashutosh Pandey** was honoured as the **National Young Geoscientist** for his research on the **Eastern Dharwar Craton**.

### National Geoscience Awards:

- **About:** It is one of the **oldest and most prestigious honours** in the field, established by the **Ministry of Mines** in **1966**.
  - Prior to **2009**, these awards were known as the **National Mineral Awards**.
- **Objective:** The purpose of these awards is to **recognise individuals and teams** for **exceptional achievements and significant contributions in various geoscience** fields, including mineral discovery and exploration, mining technology and mineral beneficiation, and both fundamental and applied geosciences.
- **Eligibility:** Any Indian citizen who has made notable contributions to these areas is eligible for the award.
- **Categories:** It is given under 3 categories:
  - **Lifetime Achievement**
  - **National Geoscience Awards**
  - **National Young Geoscientist Award**.
- **Geoscience**, also known as Earth science, is the **study of the Earth**, including its processes, surface, natural resources, and water and ecosystems. It includes disciplines like **Geology** (examines the **Earth's composition**, structure, and history) and **Geophysics** (applied mathematics and physics to study the Earth's internal structure).

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