

CSIR inviting nominations for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2026

The Government of India has invited nominations for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2026, a prestigious national initiative to recognize outstanding contributions in the fields of Science, Technology, and Innovation. The awards are administered by the RVP Secretariat, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Ministry of Science & Technology, under the chairmanship of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the GOI.

The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar honours scientists, technologists, and innovators whose work has significantly advanced India's scientific landscape and contributed to national development. The Nominations, including self-nominations, are open across a wide range of domains, including Agricultural Science, Atomic Energy, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Defence Technology, Earth Science, Engineering Sciences, Environmental Science, Mathematics & Computer Science, Medicine, Physics, Space Science and Technology, Technology & Innovation, and Others.

The RVP-2026 awards will be presented in four distinct categories:

1. Vigyan Ratna (VR): Recognizing lifetime achievements in science and technology.
2. Vigyan Shri (VS): Acknowledging distinguished contributions to the field.
3. Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (VY-SSB): Encouraging young scientists (up to 45 years of age) who have shown exceptional promise.
4. Vigyan Team (VT): Awarded to teams of three or more researchers for collaborative excellence.

The Nominations, including self-nominations, are open online via the Ministry of Home Affairs Awards Portal (<https://awards.gov.in/>) from 28 March 2026 to 11 May 2026.