

# Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024



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Leading researchers from the ranks of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) received top honors from the Government of India at the inaugural edition of national science awards (Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar) in recognition of their outstanding work that contributed to the growth of science, technology and innovation in the country.

Dr. Avesh Kumar Tyagi (Distinguished Scientist & Former Director, Chemistry Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai), Professor Naba Kumar Mondal (INSA Senior Scientist, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata) received Vigyan Shri awards in recognition of their outstanding work in the fields of Atomic Energy and Physics. Professor Vivek Polshettiwar (Professor (H), Division of Chemical Sciences, TIFR, Mumbai) secured Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award given for researchers under 45.

In the inaugural edition of the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2024, 33 awards were presented to distinguished scientists from across the country in four different categories - Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva, and Vigyan Team. The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, presented the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-2024 awards at a ceremony held at Gantantra Mandap, Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 22, 2024.

The primary objective of the RVP is to recognize and celebrate the outstanding work of individuals and teams in various fields of science, technology, and innovation. This prestigious award is open to scientists, technologists, and innovators working in government and private sectors, as well as independent researchers and Indian-origin professionals abroad. The award seeks to acknowledge those who have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields, particularly those whose work has a significant impact on Indian society and the global scientific community, stated Government of India in a release.

The awards cover a wide range of scientific fields, including Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Science, Earth Science, Medicine, Engineering Sciences, Agricultural Science, Environmental Science, Technology & Innovation, Atomic Energy, and Space Science and Technology. The nominations will be invited from January 14 to February 28 every year.

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1. Group Photograph of Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar-2024 awardees.
2. President of India handing over the award to Dr. Avesh Kumar Tyagi.
3. Professor Naba Kumar Mondal receiving the award from the President of India.
4. President of India handing over the award to Professor Vivek Polshettiwar.