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**Government of West Bengal  
Department of Science & Technology**

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**RULES FOR STATE INNOVATION AWARDS (SIA) - 2012**

In partial modification of this Department No. 1715/ST/P/S&T/12G-84/2009 dated. 23/10/2009, the Governor is pleased to approve the following Rules for the State Innovation Award (SIA). The State Innovation Award was introduced in 2006 to encourage, recognize, honour and reward grass root technological innovations, that are developed in the un-organised sector i.e., farmers, mechanics, artisans, cottage industries, traditional ethnic communities, or students etc., without technical and/or financial help from formal Institutions, and primarily intended for implementation at the grass roots level and impacting the lives of common people in a positive manner.

1. The State Innovation Award will be given to 3 (three) Grass Root Innovators and 1 (one) outstanding Scout from West Bengal.
  - 1.1. The best Innovator will be given cash Award of `21,000/-, the second best will be given cash Award of `11,000/- and the third best will be given cash Award of `5,000/-. Each of the Awardees will be given a Certificate of Honour and a Citation Plaque.
  - 1.2. The Outstanding Scout Award will be given to a person or an Organisation who/ which will identify the Grass Root Innovator(s) and will help to bring that Innovator(s)' work to the notice of this Department. The Award will comprise a cash amount of `5,000/- along with a Certificate of Honour and a Citation Plaque.
2. The Awards will be given biennially, i.e., once in two years on the occasion of the West Bengal State Science & Technology Congress.
3. Any person from the un-organised sector in the State of West Bengal i.e. farmers, mechanics, artisans, cottage industries, traditional ethnic community or students without technical and/or financial help from formal Institutions, is eligible for this Award. Eligible educational qualification for non-professionally qualified candidates is maximum, upto the Graduation level, i.e., degrees like BA, B.Com for Arts and Commerce background and upto 12<sup>th</sup> Standard for Science background. Technically and professionally qualified candidates will not be considered for SIA.
  - 3.1. Any Applicant who has received any Award of similar nature from the Government of West Bengal/ Government of India within the last 5 (five) years will not be considered for the State Innovation Award.
4. Applications shall be invited through appropriate publicity, in print and electronic media, local campaigns and scouting through Local elected Bodies. The intimation regarding of the State Innovation Awards will also be sent to Universities, National/State R&D Institutions and leading Organisations of Science and Technology for wider dissemination.

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5. All Applications should reach this Department by a specific date which shall be mentioned in the Advertisement. Applications submitted after last date of receipt specified shall not be accepted. This Department will not be responsible for Application Forms sent by the Applicant that are lost in transit/ received late/ unreadable/ damaged/ incomplete in any manner.
6. Filled in and duly signed Application Form along with all the supporting documents (photographs/ certificates/ video clippings, etc.) should be sent to this Department in the prescribed format prescribed by it.
7. After expiry of the last date of submission, this Department will scrutinize all applications and prepare a Broad Sheet for facilitating assessment. Particulars received from the Applicants as per the Application Form will be considered while preparing the broad sheet.
  - 7.1. Information provided in the Application form and any additional information sourced for the Awards' process will be kept confidential and will be used only for the limited purpose of evaluating the Applicant's entry for this Award.
8. A declaration by the Applicant will have to be given in the Application Form that the Applicant (individual or community) is the sole Innovator of the Innovation and he/she/they has/have not received any Award for this Innovation. It is necessary to have signatures of two Witnesses and Scout, if any, in the filled in Application Form.
9. An Expert Committee consisting of not less than 7 (seven) Members, appointed by this Department will examine all the Applications. The number of Members may increase to include Experts or any person of repute. Fifty percent presence of the Members will suffice for the quorum of the meeting. To confirm the effectiveness of Innovation, the Applicant shall appear before the Expert Committee for interactions and demonstration of the Innovation. The Expert Committee will have the discretion to adopt any other methodologies to test the quality, efficacy and originality of the stated Innovation. The Expert Committee may seek additional information and/or proof to verify the submissions of Applicants. If the Applicant does not comply within the specified date, the Applicant would be disqualified from being considered for the Award. The Expert Committee will satisfy itself that the procedure laid down in the Rules has been duly observed. The Award Committee may waive a bonafide error or omission if the procedure has not been materially affected by such error or omission. After a rigorous scrutiny the Expert Committee will recommend the name of the Awardees to the Competent Authority of this Department. In the event that no Applicant is found to be worthy of Awards by the Expert Committee, the Award may not be given for that year. The decision of the Competent Authority in this regard will be final and non-contestable.
10. This Department will contact the Applicant at the address and/or contact number as provided in the Application Form.
11. If at any time, including after the conclusion/declaration of the Award, any information provided by any Applicant, is proven to be incorrect, false, misleading in any manner, the Applicant will be liable to be disqualified and the Award (Plaque, Certificate, monetary support etc.) will be revoked by this Department from the Applicant. This Department will also take penal action against the Applicant for providing false information. Views of the Competent Authority in this regard shall be final and binding.
12. If there is more than one candidate (maximum two) for one Award, the award money will be divided equally amongst them. However the Certificate of Honour and the Citation Plaque will be given to each of them separately.

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13. Awards will be given posthumously if death of the Awardee occurs after the decision of the Competent Authority on the final selection of the Awardee.
  14. Awardees shall have right to earn any revenues through Intellectual Property Rights generated by this Award, if any, and necessary guidance may be provided, if required, by Patent Information Centre (PIC), West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology (WBSCST), under this Department.
  15. This Department reserves the right to, at its discretion, withdraw or amend or add to the Rules for the Awards at any time, and does not take responsibility for any loss or damage that any individual or Organization may suffer as a result of participating or attempting to participate in this Award, the Award being withdrawn or its Rules amended
  16. In the event these Rules do not cover any question or complaint in relation to the Award, the same will be decided by this Department which decision will be final.

The Rules will take immediate effect and will continue to be followed until further Orders.

**By Order of the Governor**

Sd/-  
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