

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF URDU  
LANGUAGE  
MINISTRY OF HRD, GOVT. OF INDIA**

**AWARDS SCHEME**

National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language has been established by the Govt. of India (MHRD) for propagation, promotion and development of Urdu language. Its principal objectives are:-

- (i) To promote, develop and propagate Urdu language.
- (ii) To take action for making available in Urdu language the knowledge of scientific and technological development as well as knowledge of ideas evolved in the modern context.
- (iii) To advise the Government of India on issues connected with Urdu language and having bearing on education as may be referred to it.
- (iv) To undertake any other activity for the promotion of Urdu language as may be deemed fit by the Council.

In order to meet the above objectives and encourage and recognize the contribution of people associated with Urdu it has been decided to launch an Award Scheme w.e.f. 2017. These Awards are instituted to recognize the meritorious contribution in literature, arts, transfer of technology, Urdu education and Urdu journalism and contribution to Urdu culture, secular polity of India and strengthening of composite culture. These Awards will be in the following categories :-

**I. AMIR KHUSRO LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
(ONE)**

This Award will be conferred upon Urdu personalities who have made major contribution in Urdu literature, journalism, transfer of technology to Urdu,

modernization of Urdu language and contribution in the field of strengthening composite culture of India and re-establishing Urdu culture in the changing scenario of the country.

- (a) Award will be of Rs. 5,00,000/- (5 Lakh), the citation, award statuette/ memento, shawl and certificate.
- (b) The Award will be given once in life time.
- (c) Awardee should be an Indian citizen.
- (d) Honour is awarded to scholars of eminence over 60 years.

**II. PANDIT DAYA SHANKAR NASEEM AWARD FOR POETRY. (One)**

**III. PREM CHAND AWARD FOR FICTION. (One)**

**IV. AGHA HASHR KASHMIRI AWARD FOR PLAYWRIGHT/ DRAMA / SCREEN PLAY/ TV SERIAL/ RADIO DRAMA. (One)**

**V. RAM BABU SAXENA AWARD FOR HISTORY OF URDU IN ANY GENRE/TRANSLATION INTO URDU (One).**

**VI. PANDIT NAWAL KISHORE AWARD FOR MEDIA/ PRINT/ ELECTRONIC/ PUBLISHER (One).**

From II to VI as mentioned above, these Awards will be conferred in different categories out of which two awards are only for those writers **whose mother tongue or first language is not Urdu.**

- (a) Each Award will be of Rs.1,00,000/= (One Lakh), the citation, award statuette, moment, shawl and certificate.
- (b) This Award will be conferred once in life time.
- (c) This Award will be given to an Indian author/translator on the literary work published in India.

## **CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE NATIONAL AWARD**

1. Officers and staff of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language/ Ministry of Human Resource Development, Member of Finance Committee & Executive Board of the Council and their dependents shall not be eligible for award under this scheme.
2. In order to be eligible for the National award, the person must have made outstanding contribution in the field.

The contribution may be creative or a critical work but must not be

- a. An anthology or
  - b. An abridgement or a compilation or and annotation, or a treatise , or research work prepared for a university degree or any examination.
3. A work will be disqualified for the award if it is established to that plagiarism has been done by the author/ translator/ journalist.
  4. Award shall not be given posthumously. However, if the author has been died while his/her contributions already under consideration before the Screening Committee, he /she will be eligible for the award. In such an eventuality the Screening Committee shall forward its recommendation to Selection Board, selection to Executive Board. If he/ she finally be selected, Executive Board, after considering various aspects of the matter will disburse the award money to the successors/ heirs of the author in accordance with the relevant law or take such other action as may be considered appropriate.