

HIMACHAL GAURAV PURSKAR-Instructions thereof:

Himachal Gaurav Puskar was started in the 1992. Persons of either 'sex' in all walks of life are eligible for Himachal Gaurav Puskar. The Members of Armed Forces, Police Forces and the recognized Fire Services etc. are eligible for the puskar provided the life saving act/ gallant work is performed by them otherwise than in the course of their duty. The award can also be conferred posthumously. The Person,/ Group of persons, who is to be decorated with the Himachal Gaurav Puskar should either be Himachali or the commendable job should have been done in/ for Himachal Pradesh.

(I) Life Saving Act: The persons, who save the life of persons by endangering their own life and showing exemplary courage to save the life of a person are eligible for consideration of Himachal Gaurav Puskar as under:

- i) For conspicuous courage in saving life under circumstances of very great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- ii) For courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- iii) For courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of grave bodily injury to the rescuer/gallantry

(II) Art and others: The persons who have done commendable job in following fields are also eligible for consideration of Himachal Gaurav Puskar:-

Arts, Social Work, Public Affairs, Science & Engineering, Trade & Industry, Medicine, Literature & Education, Civil Services , Others (fields not covered above and may include propagation of Himachal Culture, Protection of Human Rights, Wild Life Protection/ conservation etc.)

(III) Sports: Outstanding sports persons of the State who have won medals in various recognized National/ International level Championships are also considered for Himachal Gaurav Puskar.

Though the awards for the persons doing commendable job in the fields stated above are considered by the concerned departments , nevertheless the State Government can consider the name for Himachal Gaurav Puskar on the merit of the case.

Presentation: There will be maximum four awards in a year , Three for individuals and one for a group. The award will be presented by Hon'ble Chief Minister in State Level Function of Himachal Day i.e. 15th of April every year . The composition of the Award will be as under:

For Individual:

- i) Cash Award- Rs. 21000/-
- ii) Himachali Shawl & Cap.
- iii) Citation

For Group

- i) Cash Award-Rs. 1,00,000/- (not exceeding 20,000/- per head)
- ii) Himachali Shawl & Cap (for each member)

iii)Citation (for each member)

(All the awardees will be treated as State Guests for participating in the Award Ceremony.)

Procedure for Selection: All the recommendations received from the respective HODs/ DCs will be scrutinized by the Screening/ recommending Committee constituted for the purpose. The Committee shall consist following members:-

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| 1. Chief Secretary | Chairperson |
| 2. Pr. Secretary to Chief Minister | Member |
| 3. Pr. Secretary Finance | Member |
| 4. Concerned Administrative Secretary | Special Invitee |
| 5. One non-Official Member ,
who is eminent Citizen or
retired Civil Servant. | Member |
| 6. Secretary (GAD) | Member Secretary. |

Recommendations: All the quarters concerned in the Himachal Pradesh are requested to send the recommendations of those persons/ Group of persons whose cases are not covered under the instructions of awards instituted by the Government of India like Padma Awards, Jeevan Raksha Padak series of awards and Ashok Chakra series of awards on the prescribed proforma endorsed with the letter with in very two calendar years from the date of incident / performance of act . It may also be ensured that cases not covered under the instructions of Himachal Gaurav Purskar will be disposed of by the concerned Deputy Commissioner / Department at their own level by giving them appreciation letter / appropriate cash award. Last date for receiving nominations/recommendations in GAD is 31st of December .