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Dear Madam/Sir,

As you may kindly be aware that the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation had instituted a National Award in the memory of Prof. P.V. Sukhatme, a renowned statistician for his outstanding contribution and the distinguished service to the cause of Statistics and its application to Agriculture and allied fields. This award is given in alternate years to the senior Indian Statisticians for their Lifetime Contributions and Achievements in the field of Statistics. The award carries a citation, shawal and memento. The award for 2026 will be conferred during Statistics Day celebration on 29th June, 2026.

2. Nominations for **Sukhatme National Award in Statistics - 2026** are invited online at the National Awards Portal i.e., <https://www.awards.gov.in> from 1st January 2026. The last date for the receipt of applications/nominations is 31st January, 2026. A copy of announcement/advertisement inviting nominations is enclosed herewith for your kind information. This advertisement is also available on the website of our Ministry (<http://www.mospi.gov.in/>).

3. I would, therefore, request you to kindly circulate the advertisement/announcement of the award in departments/offices/institutions under your jurisdiction and publish the same on your organization's online portal for wide publicity. I would also request you are further to forward nominations of suitable candidates of your organizations/institutions before the last date for nomination i.e. 31st January 2026.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(R. Rajesh)

To

As per standard list of circulation



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i. The Award:

- a. **Sukhatme National Award in Statistics – 2026** carries a citation, shawl and memento.
- b. Expenditure on travel by Air (by shortest route), as admissible to Joint Secretary level officers of the Government of India, to the venue of the award presentation ceremony and boarding and lodging is also provided to the awardee for participating in the award presentation ceremony.

ii. Eligibility Criteria:

The eligibility for the award is as under:

- a. All Indian Nationals without distinction of race, occupation, position and gender are eligible for the award.
- b. The applicant should be at least 45 years of age as on 31st December of the financial year in which award is announced are eligible to apply for the said award.

- c. Any official and/or his/her family member(s), who was/were part of the selection process of the awardees, will be out of consideration zone of the awards.

iii. Submission of applications/nominations:

- a. The eligible candidates can nominate themselves or the names can also be proposed by institutions. The nomination/application should be supported by three distinguished statisticians/referees.
- b. Applications for **Sukhatme National Award in Statistics – 2026** along with the testimonials of three distinguished statisticians/referees are invited through the National Awards Portal of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) only at <https://www.awards.gov.in>
- c. **Posthumous Cases:** If the person proposed to be honoured, has passed away recently (say within a year), the award may be given posthumously.

iv. Procedure for selection of awardee:

- a. The selection of awardee(s) will be done in four stages, as below:
 - Primary Scrutiny by the Subject Matter Division of MoSPI.
 - Examination by Screening Committee
 - External Scrutiny Examination
 - Final Selection of the Nominee by Award Committee
- b. **Approving Authority:** Hon'ble Minister of Statistics & Programme Implementation

v. Presentation of Award:

- a. The Award will be presented during Statistics Day function on **29th June 2026**. At this ceremony, citations highlighting the work of the awardee would be read out and awardee may also be requested to take a session highlighting significance of their work.
