

**Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Direct Taxes**

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PRESS RELEASE

**Finance Minister's Awards conferred on employees of Income Tax Department today**

The prestigious Finance Minister's Awards were conferred on employees of the Income Tax Department at a presentation ceremony held today at Kedarnath Sahni Auditorium, Civic Centre, Minto Road, Delhi. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs conferred the awards in the presence of Shri Pankaj Chaudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance and Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Finance. Chairman, CBDT and Members, CBDT were also present.

The Finance Minister's Award is conferred in different grades on employees, who, by their innovative ideas and special efforts as well as sustained devotion and commitment to duty, have contributed to promoting excellence in diverse areas of Direct Taxation. The areas for which the awards are considered include (i) taxpayer services and facilitation/communication, including ease of doing business and grievance redressal; (ii) designing and re-engineering of business processes including automation; (iii) enforcement, including tax assessment, investigation, recovery and prosecution; (iv) widening of tax base; (v) international taxation and transfer pricing; (vi) litigation management and judicial functions; (vii) audit functions and improving accountability; (viii) infrastructure development; (ix) human resource development, including training and capacity building; (x) policy making and Secretariat functions.

The Finance Minister's awards comprise a medal and a citation/certificate. Twenty-six (26) employees have been conferred the Finance Minister's Award 2022. Their names and the specific areas for which their exceptional contributions have been recognized are mentioned in the list attached herewith.

(Surabhi Ahluwalia)  
Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax(OSD)  
(Media & Technical Policy)  
Official Spokesperson, CBDT

The list of FM Awardees along with their areas of contribution is as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Highlights of outstanding Contribution</b>
1	Sh. Pankaj Pruthi	ACIT (OSD) O/o CIT Media & Technical Policy, CBDT	CBDT, Delhi	Tax Payer service through Social-Media
2	Ms. Rathi N	ITO (HQ.) (PRO),	Bengaluru	Taxpayer service and grievance redressal
3	Sh. Kaushal Kishore Singh	Multi-Tasking Staff	Pr.DGIT (HRD), Delhi	Backend support for launch and smooth functioning of SPARROW
4	Sh. Yaram Vijay Bharath Reddy	ITI	Hyderabad	Assisted in setting up of Digital Forensic Lab in Hyderabad
5	Sh. Vishesh Prakash	ACIT (NaFAC)	NaFAC - National Faceless Assessment Centre, Delhi	Handholding of AOs for Faceless Assessment Process
6	Sh. Farhat Khan	Addl. CIT (NFAC)	NFAC - National Faceless Appeal Centre, Delhi	Contribution to acceptance of BHIM/ RuPay payment systems in Singapore
7	Sh. R. Sundar	AO Gr-II, Chennai	Chennai	Developed Office management software
8	Sh. P. Chandramohan	JCIT, Kochi	Kochi	Detected refund scam - misuse of TAN and inactive AIN.
9	Sh. V. Murlikkannan	ITO	Kochi	Use of Digital Forensic Tools to unearth unaccounted transactions.
10	Sh. K.A. Sandosh Kumar	Tax Recovery officer	Kochi	Tax Recovery through auctions
11	Sh. Parveen Sharma	ITO (ReFAC) (VU), Ludhiana	Chandigarh	Tax recovery through attachments in J&K
12	Sh. Yashender Garg	Addl. DIT (Inv), Jalandhar	NWR	Established presence of Investigation in J&K
13	Sh. Narendra Kumar Singh	DDIT (Inv.), Parwanoo	Kolkata	Detected evasion of taxes by Coal Syndicate

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14	Sh. U.N. Dilip	DCIT	Chennai	Attachment action under Benami Properties Act
15	Sh. P.S. Sivasankaran	Addl. DIT (Inv.)	Chennai	Exemplary work in Election expenditure monitoring
16	Sh. Amit Kumar Singh	Addl. CIT (ReFAC) (VU)-1 (1) Nashik	Pune	Busted bogus deduction claims under Sections 80C/ 80 D of I.T. Act.
17	Sh. Satyakam Dutt	DDIT	NER	Conducted search operations in remote and militant-infested areas
18	Sh. E. Sridhar	Addl. DIT	Hyderabad	Widening of tax base by way of TDS surveys
19	Sh. M.S. Nethrapal	Addl. CIT (CPC)	Bengaluru	Work done in the area of investigation of Foreign Remittances
20	Sh. Anand Mohan	CIT- (A)	Mumbai	Effective representation before ITAT in Black Money cases
21	Ms. Meeta Singh	ADG-1 (HRD)	Pr. DGIT (HRD), Delhi	Cadre and APAR management and launch of e-office.
22	Sh. Kamlesh Chandra Varshney	Joint Secretary (TPL-I)	CBDT, Delhi	Contributions towards Tax Policy and Vivad se Vishwas Scheme
23	Sh. Abhishek Sarkar	ITO	Kolkata	Facilitated in taking possession of large plot of land for Department
24	Ms. K. Jayalatha	ITO (HQ.)	Chennai	Lodged Criminal Complaint against Tax Defaulter for fraudulent sale of property
25	Sh. Rohit Mehra	Addl. CIT	NWR	Micro Forest
26	Ms. Sarika Jain	DCIT Central Circle	Mumbai	Covid Warrior