

■ **"Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar" for Science, Technology, and Innovation Launched**

The Government has unveiled a prestigious set of National Awards, known as "*Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar*," to honour exceptional contributions in the fields of Science, Technology, and Innovation. The award is set to become one of the highest recognitions in India's scientific and technological landscape. Eligible candidates include scientists, technologists, and innovators from government and private sector organisations, as well as individuals working independently, who have made noteworthy breakthroughs in research, innovation, or discovery within their respective fields. The award will be given in four categories: (i) *Vigyan Ratna* (ii) *Vigyan Shri* (iii) *Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award* (iv) *Vigyan Team (VT) Award*.