



# Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards 2022

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## Why in News?

Recently, at the inaugural session of the **One Week One Lab (OWOL)** program of the [Council of Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\)-National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research \(CSIR-NIScPR\)](#), the **CSIR** announced the list of awardees for the **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) awards for 2022**.

- There were no female scientists chosen for the SSB Awards 2022.

## Note:

- OWOL, a theme-based campaign of the CSIR is being organized to **ignite the minds of young innovators, students, start-ups, academia, and industry** to look for opportunities through deep tech ventures.
  - Under this program **various Institutes of CSIR**, one after the other in every successive week, will showcase their **exclusive innovations and technological breakthroughs to the people of India**.

## What are the Key Facts About the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards?

- **About:**
  - The Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Awards are the **highest multidisciplinary science awards in India**.
    - They are named after [Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar](#), the founder and director of the **CSIR**, who was also a renowned chemist and visionary.
- **Purpose:**
  - Recognition of outstanding Indian work in science and technology.
- **Nature of the Prize:**
  - SSB Prizes, **each of the value of Rs 5,00,000 (Rupees five lakh only)**, are awarded annually for notable and outstanding research applied or fundamental, in the following disciplines: (i) Biological Sciences, (ii) Chemical Sciences, (iii) Earth, Atmosphere, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, (iv) Engineering Sciences, (v) Mathematical Sciences, (vi) Medical Sciences and (vii) Physical Sciences.
- **Eligibility:**
  - **Any citizen of India engaged in research in any field of science and technology up to the age of 45 years** as reckoned on 31st December of the year preceding the year of the Prize.
    - [Overseas citizens of India \(OCI\)](#) and [Persons of Indian Origin \(PIO\)](#) working in **India are also eligible**.
    - The Prize is awarded on the **basis of contributions made through work done primarily in India** during the five years preceding the year of the Prize.

## Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

- **CSIR** is the **largest research and development (R&D) organization in India**, established in 1942, with its **headquarters in New Delhi**.
- CSIR has a dynamic network of 37 national laboratories, 39 outreach centers, 1 Innovation Complex, and three units with a pan-India presence.
- CSIR is **funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology** and it operates as an **autonomous body through the Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- CSIR's organizational structure includes the **Prime Minister of India as President**, the **Union Minister of Science and Technology as Vice President**, with the Director-General heading the governing body along with the finance secretary (expenditures).

### UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

#### Prelims

**Q. For outstanding contribution to which one of the following fields is Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize given? (2009)**

- (a) Literature
- (b) Performing Arts
- (c) Science
- (d) Social Service

**Ans: (c)**

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