## INSTRUCTION TO FILLUP ONLINE APPLICATION FOR BEST DOCTORAL AWARD 2026

Applications are invited for the "**Best Doctoral Award 2026**" from the Ph.D. scholars who have completed their defence from **4th November 2025** to **23rd November 2026**.

All the original/provisional degree holders within above mentioned period are eligible to apply for the same through the link given below:

https://award.nits.ac.in/

**Guidelines/Instructions:**

**i.** The applicant can apply for the "**Best Doctoral Award 2026**" through the online application portal available at https://award.nits.ac.in/ (else, copy the link and paste in the browser).
**ii.** The last date for filing up the application form with all supporting documents is **25.11.2026.**
**iii.** No application will be considered thereafter.
**iv.** All the supporting documents are to be self-attested.
**v.** The Institute reserves the right to cancel the award at any time without giving any further notice and assigning any reason thereof.
**vi.** Decision taken by the institute will be final and binding.

The selection criteria consist of scores obtained by the student in the different categories as mentioned below.

| Sl.No. | Items | | Marks |
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| 1. | Patent | | 10 per granted patent |
| | | | 5 per published patent |
| 2. | No. of citations | SCOPUS | 0.25 per no. of citations of papers (originating from the PhD work and reported in the thesis) |
| 3. | h-index | SCOPUS | 5 times the values of h-index based on the published papers (originating from the PhD work and reported in the thesis) |
| 4. | Journal Publications (Originating from the thesis) | Q1 Journal | 10 per paper (1st Author only) |
| | | Q2 Journal | 8 per paper (1st Author only) |
| | | Q3 Journal | 6 per paper (1st Author only) |
| | | Q4 Journal | 4 per paper (1st Author only) |
| 5. | Conference Publications (Originating from the PhD work and reported in the thesis) | | 2 per paper (1st Author only) |
| 6. | Best Paper Award (Originating from the PhD work and reported in the thesis) | | 4 per reputed international conference (1st Author and Presenter only) |
| | | | 2 per reputed national conference (1st Author and Presenter only) |

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