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NATIONAL DESIGNER AWARDS

GUIDELINES OF THE YEAR 2026

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WDF IS READY TO SET THE BENCHMARK IN DESIGNING INDUSTRY THROUGH NATIONAL DESIGNER AWARDS 2026 BY INVITING THE MOST RENOWNED FASHION DESIGNERS TO BUDDING DESIGNERS
(WDF GOOGLE PRESENCE)

OUR AIM IS TO PROMOTE INDIA'S HIDDEN ARTS CRAFTS AND TECHNIQUES OF WEAVING AND THE WORK OF ARTISANS IN A NEW CREATIVE WAY IN THEIR SELF-CONSTRUCTED DESIGNS.
(MEDIA COVERAGES)

The National Designer Awards is a prestigious platform honoring fashion designers across India. Season 9 offers talented designers a chance to compete with their creativity, gain national recognition, and build successful careers. This year, the awards will also provide resources and tools to help designers establish their own fashion start-ups, and Brand Recognition.

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DESIGNER COMPETITION

NATIONAL LEVEL

Seats Availability - 33
Upcoming Designer
(Experience: 0-3 years)

Seats Availability - 33
Emerging Designer
(Experience: 4-8 years)

Seats Availability - 33
Established Designer
(Experience: 9+ years)

Seats Availability - 15
Institute Designer
(Any Indian Institute)



DO YOU HAVE A BRAND?

IF YOU ARE A REAL FASHION DESIGNER, DARE TO INNOVATE



DO YOU HAVE A CREATIVITY?

"NOMINATE NOW"



TOP 3 AWARDS

WINNER

The Best Fashion Designer of the year

Upcoming Designer

WINNER

The Best Fashion Designer of the year

Emerging Designer

WINNER

The Best Fashion Designer of the year

Established Designer



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AWARDS CATEGORY

WESTERN

BEST WESTERN DRESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

ECO-FRIENDLY STREETWEAR AWARD

BEST OUTERWEAR DESIGN AWARD

MINIMALIST STYLE AWARD

BEST BASIC WESTERN WEAR AWARD

BEST USE OF ORGANIC FABRICS AWARD

UPCYCLED FASHION AWARD

BEST ATHLEISURE/SPORT DESIGN AWARD

NATURE-INSPIRED DESIGN AWARD

BEST CASUAL WEAR AWARD

BEST COLOR COMBINATION AWARD

BEST SUSTAINABLE FABRIC AWARD

BEST LAYERED LOOK AWARD

CREATIVE TEXTILE USE AWARD

BEST RECYCLED MATERIALS USE AWARD

BEST STATEMENT PIECE OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST CO-ORD SET OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST INNOVATION IN WESTERN FASHION AWARD

BEST SUSTAINABLE BRAND OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST SEASONAL COLLECTION BRAND AWARD

BEST BRAND STORY OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST NATURAL DYE USE AWARD

BEST INNOVATIVE DESIGN AWARD

MOST IMPACTFUL BRAND OF THE YEAR AWARD

RISING DESIGNER IN WESTERN FASHION AWARD



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AWARDS CATEGORY

INDO-WESTERN

BEST FUSION WEAR AWARD

ECO-FRIENDLY INDO-WESTERN OUTFIT AWARD

BEST INDO WESTERN DESIGN AWARD

MODERN INNOVATIVE SAREE AWARD

BEST TRADITIONAL EMBROIDERY USE AWARD

BEST INDO CO-ORD STYLE AWARD

BEST LAYERED FUSION LOOK AWARD

NATURE-INSPIRED FUSION FASHION AWARD

BEST USE OF HANDLOOM AWARD

BEST ECO-FRIENDLY INDO-WESTERN DRESS AWARD

BEST INDO-ETHNIC DRESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

CREATIVE TRADITIONAL PRINTS AWARD

BEST CRAFT COLLABORATION AWARD

BEST HERITAGE DESIGN AWARD

BEST VERSATILE FUSION BASICS AWARD

BEST MULTI-FUNCTIONAL OUTFIT AWARD

UPCYCLED INDO-WESTERN DESIGN AWARD

BEST TEXTILE BLENDING AWARD

BEST SEASONAL FUSION WEAR AWARD

BEST DESIGN PATTERN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST CELEBRATION OF TEXTILES AWARD

BEST CONTEMPORARY ETHNIC WEAR AWARD

RISING DESIGNER IN INDO-WESTERN FASHION AWARD

BEST NATURE-INSPIRED PRINTS AWARD

BEST INNOVATIVE FUSION CONCEPT AWARD

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AWARDS CATEGORY

ETHNIC

BEST ETHNIC DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST HANDLOOM DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST SUSTAINABLE ETHNIC DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST NATURAL DYE USE IN ETHNIC WEAR AWARD

ECO-FRIENDLY ETHNIC DESIGN AWARD

BEST HANDICRAFT REVIVAL AWARD

BEST SUSTAINABLE LEHENGA AWARD

BEST ETHNIC SAREE OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST MODERN SHERWANI AWARD

CREATIVE USE OF TRADITIONAL FABRICS AWARD

BEST BRIDAL DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST ETHNIC DRESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST HANDWOVEN FABRIC OUTFIT AWARD

BEST HERITAGE CRAFT DESIGN AWARD

BEST REIMAGINED ETHNIC DRESS AWARD

BEST NATURE-INSPIRED ETHNIC PRINT AWARD

BEST WEAVING TECHNIQUES AWARD

UPCYCLED ETHNIC WEAR AWARD

BEST CULTURAL NARRATIVE AWARD

BEST FESTIVE WEAR AWARD

BEST USE OF EMBELLISHMENTS AWARD

BEST SEASONAL ETHNIC DESIGN AWARD

BEST CULTURAL FUSION AWARD

RISING DESIGNER IN ETHNIC WEAR AWARD

BEST CREATIVE BASICS REDESIGN AWARD



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AWARDS CATEGORY

NON-WEARABLE

BEST FASHION INSTALLATION AWARD

BEST TEXTILE ART DESIGN AWARD

BEST ABSTRACT APPAREL AWARD

BEST ILLUSION WEAR DESIGN AWARD

BEST PHANTOM COUTURE AWARD

BEST AVANT-GARDE DESIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD

BEST UPCYCLING PROJECT AWARD

EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION AWARD

BEST INTERACTIVE DESIGN AWARD

BEST INNOVATIVE TEXTILE USE AWARD

BEST STORYTELLING THROUGH DESIGN AWARD

BEST USE OF LOCAL CRAFT AWARD

BEST ENGAGING CONCEPT AWARD

BEST ARTISTIC EXPRESSION IN FASHION AWARD

BEST NATURE REPRESENTATION IN DESIGN AWARD

BEST DESIGN FOR SOCIAL CHANGE AWARD

BEST TEXTILE INNOVATION AWARD

BEST INNOVATIVE-INSPIRED DESIGN

BEST EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AWARD

BEST CROSS-CULTURAL DESIGN AWARD

BEST CONCEPTUAL FASHION DESIGN AWARD

BEST SUSTAINABLE FASHION INITIATIVE AWARD

BEST VISIONARY DESIGN AWARD

BEST OVERALL DESIGN CONCEPT AWARD

BEST DESIGNER COLLECTIVES AWARD

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THEME & CONCEPT

SUSTAINABLE FASHION

Focus on eco-friendly materials and sustainable practices

REVIVING INDIAN TEXTILES

Focus on traditional textiles like any hand-spun, handwoven fabric like Chanderi, Banarasi, or Ikat. Bring these fabrics to innovate new designs

NATURE'S PALETTE

Draw inspiration from India’s diverse flora and fauna. Use natural dyes and eco-friendly materials.

TIMELESS BASICS

Concentrate on designing basic clothing items that everyone needs, but add a special touch to make them stand out.

NOTE : YOU CAN TAKE ANY THEME TO NOMINATE YOUR GARMENT/S FOR THE NATIONAL DESIGNER AWARDS 2026, IN ANY TWO CATEGORY!

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Application Process & Submission

Design Submission:

Within 3 days of application, designers must submit the 2 designs sketches along with a mood board and story board to their relationship manager. You can pick any of the given theme. Failure to meet this deadline will result in disqualification, and the application fee will not be refunded.

Submission Time:

After selecting the category, each designer has **3 days** to submit,

- **Garment Sketch**
- **Storyboard**
- **Mood Board**

NOTE : IF YOU ARE ENROLLING FOR FASHION SHOW, THEN YOU HAVE TO PREPARE 1 DESIGNS FOR THE FASHION SHOW, ADDITIONAL GARMENT WILL CHARGED 5000 EACH EXTRA.

Participants will be invited to the awards ceremony in Agra. They will need to pay the following participation charges below mentioned;

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@₹14,999 + GST

(NDA AWARD CEREMONY)
DATE: 19-20 DECEMBER 2026
LOCATION : AGRA

Scan the QR

Download the complete itinerary for participation in Agra, for booking or any queries please connect with your Relationship Manager.

CONNECT WITH YOUR RELATIONSHIP MANAGER TO CONFIRM YOUR NOMINATION AND PARTICIPATION PACKAGE AS PER THE CHOICE OF PAKAGE. GST (18%) WILL BE APPLICABLE ON ALL PACKAGE.

General Guidelines for NDA26

- **Selection:** After submission, the selection committee will review the designs. within 48 hours of submission, designers will receive an email confirming their selection status and the category they are selected in. The selected designers will be informed about the award if they are eligible to receive.
- **Payment:** After selection, designers must clear all your dues
- **Media Exposure**: All selected designers will have their group photo and names published in major media outlets such as **Times of India, India Today, Times Now, NDTV, and others.**

- **Designer of the Year Award:** One designer from each category (Upcoming, Emerging, and Established) will be awarded the **Designer of the Year** title.

- **Post-Award Recognition:** Winners of the **Fashion Designer of the Year** award will receive extensive media exposure, including:
  - Biography
  - Google Knowledge Panel (After Approval)
  - Wikipedia Page (Based on approval)
  - Exclusive media articles **promoted by World Designing Forum.**

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Participation Criteria

Judging Criteria:

- **Creativity:** Assessment of the originality and creativity of the designs.
- **Innovation:** Evaluation of innovative techniques and concepts in the designs.
- **Technical Skill:** Assessment of the designer's technical skills and craftsmanship.
- **Research & Analysis:** Evaluation of the designs' visual impact and Research work.
- **Styling:** Consideration of the overall styling and how it enhances the stage presence of the garments (if Showcasing Included)

Other Terms:

- **Disclaimer Note:** Please be assured that your sketches, illustrations, and mood board details will not be shared with anyone or any platform without your acknowledgment. Your work remains protected and valued with us.
- **Intellectual Property:** Designers retain the intellectual property rights to their designs but grant the organizers the right to use images and descriptions for promotional purposes.
- **Compliance:** Participants must comply with all rules and regulations set by the selection committee.

Contact Information:

- **Support:** Please feel free to connect for any queries. Participants can contact business@worlddesigningforum.com, 022- 69646422, 9355702750,51.

These criteria ensure a fair and comprehensive evaluation of fashion designers who specialize in innovative and creative garments with a strong emphasis on stage presence and styling.

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Previous Event Highlights























Thank You

Let's come together to celebrate Creativity, Innovation, and Design Excellence at the National Designer Awards (Season-9)

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