



CIRCULAR

IMF GOLD MEDAL

IMF Gold Medal: IMF Gold Medal was instituted in 1961, in order to give due recognition to outstanding mountaineers. IMF may award one/ two such medals in a year. The award shall consist of a Gold Medal (silver, plated with gold) with a scroll. The award will be presented during the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM).

Criteria for the Award: The IMF Gold Medal is awarded for exceptional achievements in the field of mountaineering to Indian Citizens (including Sherpas and equivalents from Himalayan region). The incumbent should have participated in mountaineering activities of outstanding and challenging nature during the last ten to twenty years, which should include climbs above 8000m, climbs to technically difficult/ virgin peaks below 8000m and solo climbs, if any. In addition, the incumbent should have organized/ promoted mountaineering or related adventure activities in the said period of reckoning. In exceptional cases the award may be given posthumously. The award can only be given once in a lifetime.

Age at the Time of Consideration: Age at the Time of Consideration : Age of the incumbent should be between 30 to 50 years in the year of reckoning. In exceptional circumstances the age may be relaxed.

Cut off Dates for the Award: Relevant details as per IMF Form AW-01 for the yearly award should reach IMF Headquarters by 31 October of the year. All achievements up to 31 October of the year of the reckoning should be included in the details. Applications received after 31 October will not be considered for the Award.

Submission of Names for the Award: The names for the Award may be forwarded by any individual/ IMF member/ affiliated mountaineering clubs as per Form IMF-AW-01.

Method of Selection for the Award: The details received by IMF as per IMF-AW-01, before the closure date, will be scrutinized by a committee consisting of four members and Hony Secy, to be detailed by the G.C. The committee will submit names for the coveted award from the most outstanding mountaineers for the approval of the President IMF.



Note: IMF gives wide publicity to the award and circulates the above details to its members, Associate Members, Affiliated Clubs, Mountaineering and Adventure Institutes well in advance for wide publicity.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RECIPIENTS SO FAR:

Sl. No.	Name	Year
1	Shri Tenzing Norgay	1961
2	Shri Nandu Jayal	1961
3	Shri Sonam Gyatso	1963
4	Maj. John Dias	1964
5	Capt. MS Kohli	1965
6	Col. N. Kumar	1965
7	Shri Nawang Gombu	1965
8	Maj. HN Bahuguna	1971
9	Col. Prem Chand	1977
10	Shri Sonam Wangyal	1983
11	Shri Gurdial Singh	1983
12	Ms. Bachendri Pal	1984
13	Shri Hukum Singh	1988
14	Nb. Sub. ND Sherpa	1988
15	Brig. Gyan Singh	1991
16	Shri Rattan Singh	1992
17	Shri Dorjee Lhatoo	1992
18	Shri Magan Bissa	1992
19	Shri Kanhaya Lal	1993
20	Ms. Santosh Yadav	1993
21	Shri SD Sharma	1993
22	Shri Harish Kapadia	1993
23	Shri Lovraj Singh	2009
24	Col (now Brig) Ashok Abbey	2010
25	Sub Maj Mohinder Singh	2010
26	Ms. Kavita Burathoki	2011
27	Sub Amar Praksh	2011
28	Sub Maj C N Bodh	2012
29	Shri Debasish Biswas	2015
30	Ms. Tusi Anit Saha	2016
31	Lt Col R S Jamwal	2017
32	Sub Maj Wangchuk Sherpa	2018
33	Ms. Baljeet Kaur	2023



NAIN SINGH -KISHAN SINGH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Award: IMF may give “Nain Singh Kishan Singh Lifetime Achievement Award” once a year for exceptional achievements in the field of mountaineering and associated activities, to any eligible person once during his/her life span, specifically taking into account his/her achievements during the past 25 to 30 years. The award is to commemorate the memory of Late Pandit Brothers “Shri Nain Singh and Shri Kishan Singh”, from Milam, Almora, who in the 18th century made several adventurous forays to Tibet in disguise, through high passes to make the first ever survey map of the roof of the world without any formal mountaineering training, modern gears and with a very high personal risk, as that time Tibet was forbidden to foreigners including Indians.

Criteria for the Award: The person proposed for the Life Time Achievement Award should be a naturalized citizen of India bearing blameless character with clean track record, who has achieved excellence in the field of mountaineering and rendered valuable contribution towards promotion of mountaineering, related adventure, literature thereof and social upliftment of sherpas/ equivalents/ peripheral villages and preservation of Himalayan environment. Mountain exploration, if any, will be taken into account. The person should have achieved such high caliber in the field of mountaineering and related adventure in that his/her name should inspire the Indian youth to embrace mountaineering, exploration and adventure as a Career /Hobby. In exceptional circumstances the Award may be given posthumously. Persons who have received any lifetime achievement award in the field of mountaineering and adventure or equivalent from Govt. of India, will not be eligible for this award.

Age at the Time of Consideration: As, the award is for life time achievement, the age of the incumbent should not be less than 50 years in the year of the reckoning. In exceptional circumstances the age may be relaxed.

Submission of Names for the Award: The names for the award may be submitted by any individual/ IMF member/ affiliated mountaineering clubs/mountaineering, adventure institutes. It should include details about the person as per IMF-AW-02, such as current address, telephone number, date of birth, educational and mountaineering qualifications, achievements and contribution in the field of mountaineering, mountain exploration, adventure and literature for popularization thereof and any social service for upliftment of Sherpas/equivalents, peripheral villages and Himalayan environment. The form duly filled in is to be forwarded to IMF by a specified date.



Method of Selection for the Award: Details received by the IMF as per IMF-AW-02, up to specified date, will be scrutinized by a committee detailed by the GC, consisting of four members and Hony. Secy. The committee will go through all the details received and submit names for the approval of name by the President IMF by due date.

Note: IMF gives wide publicity to the Award and circulates the above details to its Members, Associate Members, Affiliated Clubs, Mountaineering and Adventure Institutes well ahead in time so that the details are available for consideration of the Committee by due date.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RECIPIENTS SO FAR:-

Sl. No.	Name	Year
1	Ms. C P Aitwal	2009
2	Shri C P Vohra	2010
3	Shri Harbhajan Singh	2011
4	Shri Sonam Wangyal	2012
5	Brig. D K Khullar	2012
6	Late Shri H. C. Sarin	2015
7	Late Brig. Gyan Singh	2015
8	Shri Magan Bissa	2016
9	Shri Manik Banerjee	2017
10	AVM A K Bhattachryya	2018
11	Prof. Harshwanti Bisht	2019
12	Shri Debabrata Mukherjee	2021



APPLICATION FORM FOR IMF GOLD MEDAL

Name (in capital letters):
Date of Birth dd/mm/yy:
Occupation:
Address:
Tel.No. Mobile:
E-Mail id:
Educational Qualifications:
Mountaineering Qualifications:
Expeditions undertaken with achievements (in reverse order, the last achievement to come first, please attach extra sheet in case space is short)
Mountaineering, adventure, instructional and promotional activities undertaken (Pl. attach extra sheet in case the space is short):
Awards received in the field of mountaineering and adventure:



Citation:

To be signed by the person submitting/forwarding the application form:

I hereby certify that the above details are true to the best of my knowledge, I understand that if any achievement/s is/are found false this application will be rejected and the name will not be considered again in future.

Date

Name:

(Signature)

To be filled by IMF Office- date of receipt and recipients signature):



NAIN SINGH-KISHAN SINGH LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Name (in capital letters):
Date of Birth dd/mm/yy:
Occupation:
Address:
Tel.No. Mobile:
E-Mail id:
Educational Qualifications:
Mountaineering Qualifications:
Expeditions undertaken with achievements (in reverse order, the last achievement to come first, please attach extra sheet in case space is short)
Mountaineering, adventure, instructional and promotional activities undertaken (Pl. attach extra sheet in case the space is short):
Mountain Exploration, published articles, books and promotional activities undertaken as given in the criteria:



Awards received in the field of mountaineering and adventure:

To be signed by the person submitting/forwarding the application form:

I hereby certify that the above details are true to the best of my knowledge, I understand that if any achievement/s is/are found false this application will be rejected and the name will not be considered again in future.

Date

Name:

(Signature)

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