



NAINA BIENNIAL 2026 AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

NAINA's Nursing Excellence in India Award

NAINA's Nursing Excellence in India Award is a global recognition honoring a nurse currently serving in India who demonstrates excellence, innovation, engagement, and empowerment in the nursing profession, while making a meaningful difference.

Nomination Criteria

Nominees must:

- Be a registered nurse (RN) or equivalent recognized nursing professional
- Have a minimum of 10 years of professional nursing experience. Be currently practicing in India

Evaluation Criteria

Nominees should demonstrate strong evidence in the following areas:

1. Excellence in Nursing Practice

- Consistent delivery of high-quality patient care
- Clinical expertise and commitment to best practices
- Recognition by peers, patients, or institutions

2. Innovation and Measurable Impact

- Development or implementation of innovative solutions in healthcare
- Evidence of measurable outcomes (e.g., improved patient outcomes, system improvements, education advancements)
- Potential for scalability or replication

3. Leadership and Engagement

- Active participation in professional nursing organizations
- Leadership roles, mentorship, or team development
- Engagement in community or public health initiatives

4. Empowerment and Advocacy

- Advocacy for patients, nurses, or healthcare systems
- Mentorship and support of fellow nurses

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5. Global and Cross-Border Contribution

- Contributions that connect or strengthen relationships between nursing communities in India and abroad.

Participation in international collaborations, knowledge exchange, or partnerships

- Efforts that align with increasing engagement with NAINA

Required Documents

Each nomination must include the following in one PDF document:

- A **nomination statement** (300 words) addressing the evaluation criteria
- **Nominee's CV** (maximum 3–5 pages recommended)
- At least **one letter of recommendation** from a supervisor or senior leader (maximum two) with their contact information.

Evaluation Considerations

- Demonstrated **impact over time**, not just isolated achievements
- Evidence-based outcomes and contributions
- Potential to **inspire broader engagement**, especially among nurses in India

Please refer to the Rubric section below for award eligibility, evaluation criteria, and scoring details.

Warm regards,

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NAINA Global Nursing Excellence Initiative Award – Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Exemplary (5)	Accomplished(3)	Developing (1)
Professional Excellence	Exceptional leader, widely recognized for excellence	Consistent, reliable performance	Basic competence, minimal recognition
Innovation & Impact	Innovation with broad, measurable impact	Some innovation with moderate results	Minimal innovation, unclear impact
Engagement & Leadership	Highly influential leader with strong community involvement	Moderate engagement and participation in leadership roles	Limited involvement in leadership roles
Empowerment & Advocacy	Transformational advocate with widespread influence	Some mentorship and advocacy efforts	Limited advocacy or mentorship
Global & Cross-Border Impact	Exceptional connector between nursing communities in India and abroad.	Some global collaboration between nursing communities in India and abroad.	Minimal international engagement
Overall Impact & Story	Powerful, inspiring, and memorable narrative	Solid and meaningful contribution	Limited or unclear impact story