

Vayoshreshtha Samman

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In news- Vayoshreshtha Samman-2021 awards was presented to senior citizens on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons held at New Delhi.

About Vayoshreshtha Samman-

- Vayoshreshtha Samman is a **National award** instituted by the Ministry intended to be **conferred on eminent senior citizens and institutions** involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons especially indigent senior citizens.
- These awards are presented as part of the celebration of the International Day of Older Persons (IDOP).
- The recipients are drawn from diverse fields.
- The Awards are given to institutions/organisations/individuals from any part of the country.
- Nominations are invited from Governmental and Non-Governmental Agencies, Members of the National Council for Senior Citizens; Renowned Apex Chambers like FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM, NASSCOM, PHDCCI etc...
- On December 14, 1990 the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish **October 1 as the International Day of Older Persons** as recorded in **Resolution 45/106**.
- The holiday was observed for the first time on October 1, 1991.
- The theme for International Day of Older Persons 2021 is '**Digital Equity for All Ages**'.