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MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
GUIDELINES FOR PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR (PMRBP)

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1. Introduction

The 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' (PMRBP) are conferred upon young brave hearts who have done selfless acts of exceptional bravery for others and on young children with exceptional abilities and outstanding achievements who are role models and have had widespread and visible impact on society in the fields of Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art & Culture and Science & Technology which deserve due recognition at the national level.

2. Objectives

The Award aims to recognize and honor children with exceptional achievements in various fields, including Bravery, Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art & Culture and Science & Technology. The award serves to encourage and inspire young talent by acknowledging their contributions at the national level and motivating others to strive for excellence. It promotes a culture of innovation, service, and perseverance by highlighting impactful contributions to society. Through this initiative, the government reinforces its commitment to child welfare, fostering holistic development and national pride among young achievers.

3. Description

3.1 The recipients of the PMRBP shall be declared every year on 26th December on 'Veer Baal Diwas'.

3.2 The maximum number of awards would be 25. However, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the PMRBP Committee. The Award in each category shall carry a Medal and a Certificate.

4. Eligibility Criteria

4.1 A child who is an Indian Citizen and is resident of India.

4.2 Age Limit: A Child above the age of 5 years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st July of respective year).

4.3 The act/incident/achievement should have been within 2 years of the last date of receipt of application/nomination for the year of consideration in the website i.e., <https://awards.gov.in>.

4.4 The applicant should not be a previous recipient of the same award earlier in any category.


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4.5 Bravery Award: The award is given to a young child to acknowledge her/his selfless service in the face of risk to her/his own life; and/or an act of outstanding courage and daring against an adverse natural or man-made situations; and/or an exceptional act of mental strength, quick wit and presence of mind in the face of grave danger to self and society.

4.6 Excellence Award: The award is given to children who have overcome their ordinary circumstances to achieve exceptional and outstanding outcomes in the following fields:

S. No.	Field of Achievements	Remarks
1.	Social Service	Leadership skills in motivating, organizing and mobilizing community towards rights of women & children and others
2.	Environment	Consistent efforts/achievements in environmental issues at various levels
3.	Sports	Consistent achievements in sports at National and International levels to be encouraged
4.	Art & Culture	Consistent efforts to promote cultural heritage and achievements in art & culture at National and International level in art, music (vocal & instrumental), dance, painting or any other form of art /culture
5.	Science & Technology	Includes new developments/Innovation that have positively impacted society, improved quality of life, or contributed to solving real-world challenges.

4.6 (i) The achievement should not be one-off, but carried out over a period of time. The achievements should be indicative of child's passion in respective field with visible impact on society.

4.6 (ii) Context and background of the child should also be a criteria. For example, achievements of a child in difficult circumstances would be given weightage.

4.7 Posthumous Cases- The Award is not conferred posthumously. However, in highly deserving and rare cases, the PMRBP Committee could consider giving an Award posthumously.

4.8 If any applicant has applied in more than one category, it will be at the discretion of the PMRBP Committee to accept only one application.

5 Nominations:

5.1 Nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar shall start from **01st April** and will be open till **31st July** every year. The nominations shall be received online on the centralized Rashtriya Puraskar Portal (<https://awards.gov.in>). Government may, at its discretion decide any other start/cut-off date for consideration of nominations for award for that particular year.

5.2 The nomination shall be open to all including self nomination.

6. Who Can Nominate?

6.1 Any individual or institution may nominate children with exceptional achievements for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP).

6.2 Children may also apply through self-nomination.

6.3 Recommendations shall also be invited from the Central Ministers [Cabinet Ministers/Minister of State (Independent Charge) /Minister of States], Chief Ministers/ Governors/ Lieutenant Governor/ Administrator of all State/UTs, Members of Parliament, Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, State Governments/UT Administrations, Principal Secretaries of Women and Child Development/Social Welfare of States/UTs, District Magistrates/Collectors, Educational Institutions/schools under Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan/ Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

7. Selection Procedure

7.1 All nominations received for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) shall be placed before the PMRBP Committee, which is to be constituted by the Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development. The Committee will comprise domain experts from various fields in which the PMRBP are conferred and will be chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development.

7.2 No award shall be conferred except on the recommendation of the PMRBP Committee.

7.3 As the award is very prestigious, the PMRBP Committee is expected to apply the highest standards while recommending a child for the award. The PMRBP Committee must look into the exceptional and distinguished achievements of an individual along with its benefits, as applicable, to the society. The PMRBP should be given for excellence and exceptional contributions and not merely routine lifetime contributions.

7.4 The recommendation by the PMRBP Committee will be submitted to Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development for approval.

8. Presentation of the Award:

8.1 The awards will be conferred by Hon'ble President of India every year at a special ceremony/function in New Delhi.

8.2 The Ministry of Women and Child Development will either provide round-trip air tickets and local transport or reimburse the Air fare expenses and local transport from place of residence to the place of stay in New Delhi and back incurred by the Awardees, as also his/her parents or guardians (maximum two numbers excluding awardee), in economy class or actual expenses incurred on this account, whichever is less. The Air fare will be reimbursed from the place of residence, as provided by the applicant in the application form or any institution within India where child may be studying.

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8.3 For awardees who are Divyang, the Ministry may consider providing business class air tickets to ensure their comfort and minimize any physical strain or discomfort that may arise during travel.

8.4 The boarding and lodging arrangements for the awardees shall be arranged by the Ministry.

8.5 The awards are to be received by the awardee in person. However, if the awardee is unable to attend the ceremony or if the award is conferred posthumously, the award may be received on their behalf by the parent or guardian.


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