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Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2021

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Why in News

The **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has **invited nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2021** from children, individuals and institutions.

The **Awards are given by the President** of India in the **week preceding Republic Day** (26th January) **every year**.

Key Points

- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given under **two categories**:
 - Bal Shakti Puraskar, and
 - Bal Kalyan Puraskar.
- **Bal Shakti Puraskar**:
 - **Recognition**: It is given by the Government of India every year to recognize exceptional achievements of **children** in various fields i.e., **innovation, scholastic achievements, social service, arts & culture, sports and bravery**.
 - **Eligibility**: A child who is an **Indian Citizen** and **residing in India** and is **between 5-18 years of age**.
 - **Award**: A medal, a cash prize of Rs. 1,00,000, book vouchers worth Rs.10,000, a certificate and citation.
 - **Background**: It was **instituted in 1996 as the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement**, renamed from 2018 as Bal Shakti Puraskar.

- **Bal Kalyan Puraskar:**

- **Recognition:** It is given as recognition to **Individuals and Institutions**, who have made an outstanding contribution towards service for children in the field of **child development, child protection and child welfare**.
- **Eligibility:**
 - An individual **who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India** and should have attained the **age of 18 years or above** (as on 31st August of respective year). S/he should have **worked for the cause of children for not less than 7 years**.
 - The **institution should not be entirely funded by the government** and should have been in the **field of child welfare for 10 years** and performing consistently in the field.
- **Award: Three awards** are given in **each of the two categories** - Individual and Institution - along with **cash prizes** (Rs. 1,00, 000 and Rs. 5,00, 000 respectively).
- **Background:** It was **instituted in 1979 as the National Child Welfare Awards**, renamed from 2018 as Bal Kalyan Puraskar.

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