



Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

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Why in News?

The President of India, recently honoured 19 children with the [Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar \(PMRBP\)](#) in various categories, acknowledging their outstanding contributions in Bravery, Science & Technology, Innovation, Social Service, Sports, and Art and Culture.

What is Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP)?

▪ About:

- The **PMRBP** is organized to **celebrate the energy, determination, ability, zeal and enthusiasm of children.**
- The awards are conferred upon the children **for their excellence in seven categories**, viz. Art & Culture, Bravery, Environment, Innovation, Science & Technology, Social Service and Sports, which deserve national recognition.
- Each awardee of PMRBP is given a **medal, cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh, a Certificate and a Citation.**
- The selection of awardees was made by a Selection Committee under the **chairpersonship of the Union Minister for Women and Child Development.**
 - The **Awards are given by the President of India** in the week preceding [Republic Day](#) every year.

▪ Background:

- The Government of India has been conferring awards to children for their exceptional achievements.
- The **awards for child welfare were also conferred, to individuals as well as institutions.**
 - These awards were given in the following categories:
 - National Child Award for Exceptional Achievements - since 1996.
 - National Child Welfare Award (Individual) - since 1979.
 - National Child Welfare Award (Institution) - since 1979.
 - Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award - since 1994.
 - Since 2017-18, these Awards were given under the following categories:
 - **Bal Shakti Puraskar** (Earlier known as National Child Award).
 - **Bal Kalyan Puraskar [Individual & Institution]** (Earlier known as National Child Welfare Award).
 - From the year 2022 onwards, **Bal Kalyan Puraskar (both Individual and Institution) has been closed** and **Bal Shakti Puraskar has been subsumed** under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.

▪ Eligibility:

- A child who is an **Indian Citizen and is a resident of India.**
- A Child above the age of **5 years and not exceeding 18 years** (as on 31st July of respective year).
- The act/incident/achievement should have been within 2 years of the last date of receipt of application/nomination for the year of consideration.

▪ Number of Awardees:

- 25, however, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the National Selection Committee.

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