

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2024

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Recently, the <u>President of India</u> conferred the awards on **17 children** (7 boys and 10 girls) during a ceremony held at <u>Rashtrapati Bhavan</u> on the occasion of <u>Veer Bal Diwas</u>.

- Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP):
 - It is India's highest civilian award for children, celebrating their exceptional achievements and abilities in seven categories: bravery, art and culture, environment, innovation, science and technology, social service, and sports.
 - The awardees, aged 5-18 years, are recognized for their inspiring contributions to the nation, receiving a medal, certificate, and citation.
 - The <u>Ministry of Women and Child Development organizes the awards</u> annually to recognize acts of extraordinary merit performed within the last two years of nomination.
 - The awards aim to encourage young talent and foster a tradition of opportunity and recognition for children's achievements.
 - Hembati Nag, a judo player from a Naxal-affected area, was awarded a silver medal at the <u>Khelo India National Games</u>, while 3-year-old **Anish Sarkar** was recognized as the youngest <u>FIDE-ranked</u> chess player.
 - These achievements reflect courage, innovation, and dedication and serve as a foundation for nation-building efforts by 2047, the centenary of India's independence.

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