



PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

Why in News?

Recently, **Ayaan Sajad** from Anantnag district, Jammu and Kashmir was awarded the prestigious **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2024** by **the President** for his extraordinary accomplishments **in the fields of art and culture**.

Key Points

- **Extraordinary Talent:**
 - **Ayaan Sajad, a 12-year-old singer**, has gained widespread recognition for his remarkable talent.
 - His **Kashmiri songs** went viral on social media, **making him an Internet sensation with millions of views**, and his music continues to trend in Kashmir.
 - He aims to represent his country and native Kashmir, inspiring future generations worldwide to follow their passion.
- **Acknowledgment and Support:**
 - National Conference president and State Chief Minister have **congratulated Ayaan for his achievements**.
 - They expressed their hope that his talent and dedication will inspire young minds across the region and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting the youth of Jammu and Kashmir in their pursuit of excellence.

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.
- **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.

