

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

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In news

32 children have been awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2021

About the award

- The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, formerly known as the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, is India's Highest Civilian Honour bestowed upon exceptional achievers under the age of 18
- The award is conferred by the President of India in the week preceding the Republic Day in the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, where the nation's other prestigious civilian honours like the Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri are also presented
- Previously, the awards were conferred on Children's Day.
- The Prime Minister of India also meets with the awardees at his residence, 7, Lok Kalyan Marg
- The awardees also participate in the Republic Day Parade

Who instituted the award?

The award was instituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in 1996 to recognize children with exceptional abilities and outstanding status in various fields such as academics, arts, culture, design, innovation, research, social service, and sports.

Which fields are covered under this award?

The Government of India has been awarding the Pradhan Mantri

Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to the children with exceptional abilities and outstanding accomplishments, **in the fields of innovation, scholastics, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery.**

S.No	Field of Achievement	Description
1	Innovation	Innovation in the field of science and social science may be considered. The initiative taken to impact the human lives as well as ecology and environment in a positive manner may be considered.
2	Social Service	Leadership skills in motivating and mobilizing society against social evils like child marriage, sexual abuse, alcoholism etc should be encouraged.
3	Scholastic	Consistent achievements in scholastic at National and International level to be encouraged.
4	Sports	Consistent achievements in sports at National and International levels to be encouraged.
5	Art & Culture	Consistent achievements in art & culture at National and International level in art, music (vocal & instrumental), dance, painting or any other form of art/culture.
6	Bravery	To acknowledge and encourage:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Selfless service in the face of risk to her/his own life;▪ And/or an act of outstanding courage and daring against adverse natural or manmade 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

2021 awards

7 awards have been given in the field of Art & Culture, 9 awards have been given for Innovation and 5 for scholastic achievements. 7 children have won in the Sports category, 3 children have been felicitated for Bravery and one child has been honoured for her efforts in the field of Social Service.

Award Money

Each awardee will be given a medal, a cash award of Rs.1,00,000/-, book vouchers worth Rs. 10,000/-, a certificate and citation.

Selection committee

A National Selection Committee, headed by Minister, MWCD or MoS, MWCD will finalize the names of the awardees for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

1	Minister or MoS, Ministry of Women and Child Development	Chairperson
2	Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member
3	Additional Secretary, MWCD	Member
4	Secretary or her/his representative in the Department of School Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
5	Subject expert in each field and child psychologist, sociologists, police/paramilitary/defense personnel/disability expert, etc	Member
6	Joint Secretary(Child Welfare), Ministry of Women and Child Development	Member Secretary