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The Ministry of Women and Child Development has invited nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2026.

About Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- It is the nation's **highest civilian honour for children**.
- It is **presented annually** by the **President of India** on **Veer Bal Diwas**.
 - **Veer Bal Diwas** is **observed annually on December 26** in memory of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh.
- It recognises exceptional achievements in **six distinct categories namely**: Bravery, Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art and Culture, Science and Technology.
- **Selection Committee**: The **awardees are selected by a committee** constituted by the **Union Minister for Women and Child Development** and headed by the Secretary of the Ministry.

Eligibility for Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- **Citizenship:** A child should be an Indian Citizen.
- **Age:** A child **above the age of 5 years** and **not exceeding 18 years** (as of 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.
- The **number of awards will be 25**, however, any relaxation to this maximum number may be permitted at the discretion of the National Selection Committee.
- A child may be nominated in more than one category, although the committee reserves the right to consider only one application.
- Any **individual or institution can nominate a child**. Children **may also apply through self-nomination**.
- Recommendations are also invited from certain government entities and offices.
- Each awardee is given a medal, a cash prize of **Rs. 1 Lakh and certificate**.

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