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Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (2023)

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“This is the new India, which does not hold back from innovating; courage and determination are the hallmarks of India today.”

- [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#)

INTRODUCTION

The Government of India confers the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) award to children for their exceptional achievements. The awards are conferred upon children in the age group 5 – 18 years, who deserve national recognition for their excellence in six categories, viz. Art & Culture, Bravery, Innovation, Scholastic, Social Service, and Sports. Each awardee of PMRBP is given a **medal, cash prize of Rs. One Lakh, a Certificate and a Citation.**¹

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

During 2017-18, the scheme of Awards was reviewed, and the Government of India introduced these awards under the name of “**Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar**”. 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)

¹ <https://awards.gov.in/>

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 CRITERIA

- ✓ Age Limit: A Child who is an Indian Citizen and residing in India and is above the age of (+5) years and not exceeding 18 years (as on 31st August of the respective year).
- ✓ The achievement should not be one-off but carried out over a period of time. The achievements should be indicative of the child's passion in the respective field and suggestive of a bright future in particular field.

SELECTION PROCESS

The applications received are first scrutinized by a Screening Committee, and the final selection is done by the National Selection Committee.

PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR - 2023

The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) 2023 to 11 exceptional children in an [award ceremony held on January 23, 2023](#).

PMRBP - 2023 was conferred upon children selected from all regions of the country for their exceptional achievement in the field of Art and Culture (4), Bravery (1), Innovation (2), Social Service (1), and Sports (3). [Out of the 11 awardees, 5 are Girls and 6 are boys.](#)



To see the full list of awardees, [Click Here](#).

The nominations for the award were received in online mode, for the first time, on the Award portal of the Government of India – www.awards.gov.in. A total of 742 applications were received on the portal, out of which 684 were found fit for consideration. The selection of

awardees was made by a Selection Committee under the chairpersonship of the Union Minister for Women and Child Development.²

- ❖ [Speaking at the award ceremony, the President of India said](#)

that children are invaluable assets of our country. Every effort made to build their future would shape the future of our society and country, she said. “We should make every effort for their safe and happy



childhood and a bright future. By awarding the children, we are encouraging and honouring their contribution in nation-building,” she added.

- ❖ Union Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, while speaking on the occasion, said that in line with the vision of giving children a safe and happy environment, the Ministry of Women and Child Development organizes the Pradhan Mantri Bal Puraskar every year to honour children for their outstanding performance in different arenas. This award ceremony is amongst our most treasured occasions as it reflects our commitment to providing children with an atmosphere where they can imbibe good values and principles and become responsible citizens of our country.
- ❖ A book on **Baal Veer “Young Heroes of India”**, was also released during the ceremony by Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, who presented the first copy to the President of India.

Prime Minister Lauds Winners of PMRBP – 2023

[Prime Minister Narendra Modi met and interacted with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar winners](#) at his residence on January 24, 2023. He presented souvenirs to all the awardees and discussed their achievements on a one-on-one basis, which was followed by an interaction with the entire group. The children asked him various questions about the challenges they face and sought his guidance on a variety of topics³.

Prime Minister suggested that the awardees should start by solving small problems, gradually build capacity, enhance capability and develop the confidence to solve bigger problems as they

² <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1893127>

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PMO=3&PRID=1893359>

go ahead in life. Discussing the issue of mental health and problems faced by children, he talked about tackling stigma around the issue and the important role of family in tackling such issues.



LIST OF AWARDEES (PMRBP – 2023)

S.no	Name	Category	State
1.	Aadithya Suresh	Art & Culture	Kerala
2.	M. Gauravi Reddy	Art & Culture	Telangana
3.	Sambhab Mishra	Art & Culture	Odisha
4.	Shreya Bhattacharjee	Art & Culture	Assam
5.	Hanaya Nisar	Sports	Jammu & Kashmir
6.	Shauryajit Ranjitkumar Khaire	Sports	Gujarat
7.	Kolagatla Alana Meenakshi	Sports	Andhra Pradesh
8.	Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan	Innovation	Chhattisgarh
9.	Rishi Shiv Prasanna	Innovation	Karnataka
10.	Rohan Ramchandra Bahir	Bravery	Maharashtra
11.	Anoushka Jolly	Social Service	Delhi

To read more about the winners, [Click Here](#).

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