

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

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Why in News?

Recently, nominations for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP), has been opened.

- It is **India's highest civilian honour** for children.
- **Purpose** - Encourages children to strive for excellence beyond academics, including personal conduct and social contribution.
- **Conferred by** - President of India on Veer Bal Diwas (26th December) **annually**.

Veer Bal Diwas links contemporary youth excellence with the legacy of Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh, sons of Guru Gobind Singh, martyred at ages 9 and 7 in 1704.

- **Commenced in** - 2019.
- **6 Categories** - Bravery, Social Service, Environment, Sports, Art and Culture, and Science & Technology.

Eligibility

- **Age** - 5 to 18 years (as on July 31 of award year).
- **Citizenship** - Must be Indian citizen and resident.
- **Condition** - Achievement must have occurred within 2 years of nomination deadline.
- **Nomination** - By individuals, institutions, self-nomination, or recommendations from government authorities (Ministers, CMs, Governors, MPs, District Magistrates, etc.).
 - **Exclusion** - Not conferred posthumously, except in rare cases.

Selection Process

- **Committee** - Chaired by the Secretary of Ministry of Women and Child Development, along with domain experts.
- **Final approval** - The Union Minister for Women and Child Development.
- **Award Components** - **Medal, Certificate, Citation** presented by the President of India.
 - Awards must be received in person; in posthumous cases, guardians may accept.

Reference

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