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
Port Blair, dated the 23rd March, 2026

CIRCULAR

A copy of Circular No. M/27/2024-Home-Section-Sectt dated 11.03.2026 received from the Assistant Secretary (GA), A & N Administration, Secretariat in connection with Nominations for Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2027.

In this regard, it is requested to kindly circulate the above among all officials/ staff working under your jurisdiction.

The nominations of the officials who are eligible for Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2027 may be sent to this office on or before 31/03/2026 so as to enable us to forward the same to PBD Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, Kartavya Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi.


20/3/26
Engineer Officer
To Chief Engineer

The Circular is enclosed for ready reference.

To

1. All Superintending Engineer under APWD.
2. All Executive Engineer under APWD.
3. The Executive Engineer, E&M (Plg), CE's Office, Sri Vijaya Puram for uploading the same in departmental website.


Engineer Officer
To Chief Engineer

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Copy to:

1. All Commr.-cum-Secretaries, A&N Admin.
2. All Secretaries/ Spl. Secretaries/Joint Secretaries, A&N Admin.
3. PS to CS for kind information of Chief Secretary, A & N Admin.
4. PS to Secy. to HLG, for kind information of Secretary to HLG, Lok Niwas.
5. PS to Secy. (GA) for kind information of Secretary (GA), A & N Admin.
6. PA to JS (GA) for kind information of Joint Secretary (GA), A & N Admin.

MK
Assistant Secretary (GA)

देश मन्त्री
भारत



Minister of External Affairs
India

DL 16-2-26
09 February 2026

No. DE-11014/02/2026

Dear Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) is the highest honour conferred on overseas Indians. These awards are conferred by the Hon'ble President of India as part of the biennial Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention.

2. The Award can be conferred on a Non-Resident Indian (NRI), Person of Indian Origin (PIO) or an organization or institution established and run by an NRI or PIO that has made a significant contribution in any one of the following fields (copies of Notification attached):

For Achievements Abroad:

- (a) Better understanding of India;
- (b) Support to India's causes and concerns in a tangible way;
- (c) Building closer links between India, the overseas Indian community and their country of residence;
- (d) Social and humanitarian causes in India or abroad;
- (e) Welfare of the local Indian community;
- (f) Philanthropic and charitable work;
- (g) Eminence in one's field or outstanding work, which has enhanced Indian's prestige in the country of residence; or

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- (h) Eminence in skills which has enhanced India's prestige in that country (for non-professional workers);

For Achievements within India:

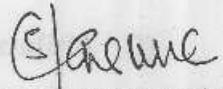
- (a) Philanthropic investments and charitable work in India;
(b) For contribution made towards India's development.

3. You may like to make nominations for the PBSA 2027 as per the attached Nomination Form.

4. The nominations may be emailed to pbsaward@mea.gov.in followed by a hard copy to PBD Secretariat, Room No. 33118, Ministry of External Affairs, Kartavya Bhawan-3, Janpath, New Delhi- 110001. In the case of individuals, the nomination should be accompanied by a passport size photograph and his/her bio-data/CV. In the case of organizations/institutions, the emblem/logo and a brief write-up of the organization/institution would be required.

5. The last date for receipt of nominations by the Ministry of External Affairs is **May 01, 2026**.

With regards,


(Dr. S. Jaishankar)

Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi, PUSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar

Lok Niwas

Port Blair - 744101

Andaman and Nicobar

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Ministry of External Affairs
Diaspora Engagement Division

NOMINATION FORM FOR PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD-2027
(all fields are mandatory)

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1. DETAILS ABOUT THE NOMINEE

A. IN CASE OF INDIVIDUAL

PERSONAL INFORMATION

(i)	First Name	
	Middle Name	
	Last Name	
(ii)	Gender	
(iii)	Date of Birth	
(iv)	Place of Birth	
(v)	Place of Origin in India	
(vi)	Marital Status	
(vii)	Nationality	
(viii)	Country of residence	
(ix)	Father's name	
(x)	Address of nominee in India (if any)	
(xi)	Mobile Number	
	Email	
(xii)	Address of nominee in India (if any)	
(xiii)	Profession of the nominee	
	(a) Name of the organization	
	(b) Designation	

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OTHER INFORMATION

(i)	(a) Name of the nominee's ancestor who migrated from India													
	(b) Relationship with the nominee													
	(c) Approx. year when he/she migrated from India													
	(d) Last known address of ancestor in India													
(ii)	Nominee's closest relative in India													
	(a) Name													
	(b) Relationship to the nominee													
	(c) Address													
(iii)	(d) Mobile Number													
	In the case of Non-Resident Indian, please provide the following information for the past five years:													
	<table border="1"><thead><tr><th>S.N.</th><th>Country of stay</th><th>Period of stay (From mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></tbody></table>		S.N.	Country of stay	Period of stay (From mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)									
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(iv)	Significant achievements of the nominee in his profession, i.e. area of work (Describe in 100 words)													

**B. FOR NOMINATION OF OVERSEAS INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS/
ASSOCIATIONS**

(i)	Complete name of Organization / Association	
(ii)	Nature of Organization - Not for profit, Commercial, Other (In case of other please give details)	
(iii)	Year of establishment	
(iv)	Place / Year of Registration	
(v)	Complete address of the organization	
(vi)	Principal area / sector of activity (100 words) Experience in the field of health, education, arts and culture, etc.	
(vii)	Major activities undertaken for the Overseas Indian Community in the past five years (maximum 100 words)	
(viii)	Details about Head of the Organization/Association	Name
		Position
		Mobile
		Email

2. JUSTIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

Please provide justification for nomination in approximately (100 words):

3. Previous awards, decorations, citations given to the nominee (Only those of national / international importance can be mentioned)

Name of Award/ Decoration / Citation	Year in which it was granted	Name of country/ Organization which gave the Award	Work/ Reasons/ accomplishments for which Award was given

4. Person/body proposing the nomination for PBSA (In case of self nomination, It is not required)

(i)	Name	
(ii)	Position	
(iii)	Address	
(iv)	Mobile	
(v)	E-mail	

5. I certify that the information furnished above is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also certify that I have gone through the guidelines for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and I am satisfied that the Person of Indian Origin/ Non-Resident Indian/ Indian organization or institution (established and run by the Non-Resident Indians or Persons of Indian Origin) nominated by me is eligible for the nomination as per these guidelines.

Date:

Place:

(Name and Signature
of the Person/body
making the nomination)
(with official stamp)

**Attachments:**

1. Bio-profile of the nominee (in case of individual nominee) in English (not more than 300 words; or Brief write-up of the organization/ institution (in case of organization/ institution) in English (not more than 300 words).
2. Recent passport size colour photograph (in case of individual nominee) or Emblem/ Logo (in case of organization / institution) in JPEG format.

N. B.

1. The nominations along with a passport size photograph may be sent by email to the email address pbsaward@mea.gov.in.
2. Incomplete nomination form will not be accepted.
3. Citation and bio-data/CV of the nominee may be sent as an attachment with this nomination form.
4. Electronic form of the passport size photograph of the nominee (in case of individual nominees), and an electronic format of the logo/ emblem (in case of association) may be sent with the nomination form.
5. The certificate is to be signed by Head of Indian Diplomatic Mission/ Post abroad for nominations being made by him/her from the country of his/her accreditation/concurrent accreditation or the persons/ organizations forwarding nominations

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Summary of PBSA Nominee 2027

1.	Name	
2.	Country of Residence	
3.	Nominated by	
4.	Nationality	
5.	Place & Date of Birth	
6.	Place of Origin	
7.	Profession	
8.	Present Office and Designation	
9.	Details of closest relative in India and address in India	
10.	Field of nomination (e.g. community service/business/art and culture/public service /medical science / education / any other, please specify:	
11.	Details of earlier awards:	
12.	Brief Profile (in approx. 100 words):	

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नई दिल्ली, 27 मार्च, 2018

फा. सं. ओआई-11014/10/2018-ओआईए-II-राष्ट्रपति जी, भारत सरकार की नीचे सूचीबद्ध अधिसूचनाओं का अधिक्रमण करते हुए, प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कार (एतस्मिन् पश्चात् पुरस्कार के रूप में संदर्भित) को प्रशासित करने वाले विनियमों को निम्नानुसार सहर्ष संशोधित करते हैं:-

अधिक्रमित पूर्ववर्ती अधिसूचनाओं की सूची

क्र. सं.	अधिसूचना की संख्या	तारीख
1.	1/5/2002-पब्लिक	15.11.2002
2.	ओआई-11014/5/2006-डीएस	26.05.2006
3.	सं. ओआई-11014/1/2007-डीएस	24.09.2007
4.	सं. ओआई-11014/1/2007-डीएस	16.07.2008
5.	सं. ओआई-11014/1/2010-डीएस	06.08.2010

6.	सं. ओआई-11014/1/2010-डीएस	22.02.2012
7.	सं. ओआई-11014/1/2010-डीएस	22.07.2014
8.	सं. ओआई-11014/37/2016-ओआईए II	14.07.2016

I सामान्य जानकारी:

- इस पुरस्कार को "प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कार" पुकारा जाएगा।
- यह पुरस्कार निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों में से किसी एक में महत्वपूर्ण योगदान करने वाले अनिवासी भारतीय, भारतीय मूल के व्यक्ति, या अनिवासी भारतीयों अथवा भारतीय मूल के व्यक्तियों द्वारा स्थापित और संचालित संगठन या संस्था को प्रदान किया जाएगा:
 - विदेशों में प्राप्त उपलब्धियों के लिए
 - विदेशों में भारत की बेहतर समझ;
 - भारत के हितों और सरोकारों का ठीक तरीके से समर्थन;
 - भारत, प्रवासी भारतीय समुदाय और उनके निवास के देश के बीच घनिष्ठ संबंध बगाना;
 - भारत या विदेशों में सामाजिक और मानवीय हितों के कार्य;
 - स्थानीय भारतीय समुदाय के कल्याण के कार्य;
 - लोकोपकारी और पुण्यार्थ कार्य;
 - स्वयं के क्षेत्र में उत्कृष्ट अथवा विशिष्ट कार्य जिससे निवास के देश में भारत की प्रतिष्ठा बढ़ी हो;
 - कौशल में उत्कृष्टता जिससे उस देश में भारत की प्रतिष्ठा बढ़ी हो (गैर-पेशेवर धर्मियों के लिए)।
 - भारत के भीतर प्राप्त उपलब्धियों के लिए
 - भारत में लोकोपकारी निवेश और पुण्यार्थ कार्य;
 - भारत के विकास के प्रति किए गए योगदान।
- प्रत्येक एकान्तर वर्ष में प्रदान किने जाने वाले पुरस्कारों की अधिकतम संख्या तीस (30) होगी।
- पुरस्कार के रूप में भारत के राष्ट्रपति के हस्ताक्षर और मोहर के साथ एक प्रशंसापत्र और उसके साथ एक प्रशस्ति, एक स्वर्ण पदक और एक लैपेल पिन जो पदक के लघु आकार के रूप में होगा प्रदान किया जाएगा।
- प्रशंसापत्र 24"×18" आकार के हस्तनिर्मित कागज़ पर मुद्रित होगा।
- पदक वृत्ताकार होगा, जिसकी मोटाई 2.9 मिमी., व्यास 50.8 मिमी. होगी और वह 22 कैरेट स्वर्ण से निर्मित 60 ग्राम बज़न का होगा। उसके 30 मिमी. के आंतरिक व्यास में प्रवासी भारतीय दिवस का प्रतीकचिह्न खुदा होगा। पदक के बाहरी पट पर सामने की ओर मीनाकारी की गई होगी। पदक के पीछे की तरफ बीच में राष्ट्रीय प्रतीकचिह्न पुरस्कार के नाम प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कार से घिरा हुआ खुदा होगा।
- पदक की एक इंच चौड़े तिरंगे फीते के साथ गले में पहनाया जाएगा।

8. लघु-पदक, जो बर्तार होगा, जिसके बीच में प्रवासी भारतीय विभक्त का प्रतीकचिह्न खुदा होगा, और जिसके दोनों तरफ मीनाकारी की गई होगी, जिसे पुरस्कार-विजेता द्वारा अवसरों पर पहन सकेंगे, एक 10 ग्राम के वजन वाले स्वर्ण-पट्टित रजत सेपेल-पिन पर प्रदान किया जाएगा।

II. पुरस्कार हेतु नामांकन भेजने के लिए पात्र प्राधिकृत व्यक्ति या संगठन

9. निम्नलिखित प्राधिकृत व्यक्ति या संगठन निर्धारित तारीख और समय के भीतर विहित प्रपत्र में पुरस्कार हेतु उत्कृष्ट व्यक्तियों, संगठनों या संस्थाओं के नामांकन भेजने के पात्र होंगे:

क) भारत में राज्यों के राज्यपाल और संघ शासित प्रदेशों के उप राज्यपाल;

ख) विदेश स्थित भारतीय राजनयिक मिशनों के प्रमुख/भारतीय राजनयिक केन्द्रों के प्रमुख। तथापि, विदेश स्थित मिशनों/केन्द्रों के प्रमुख अपने प्रत्यायन देश में भारतीय समुदाय की जनसंख्या के आकार को ध्यान में रखते हुए नामांकन की अधिकतम संख्या 3 से 5 तक के बीच सीमित कर सकते हैं।

ग) विदेश मंत्रालय से संबंधित संसदीय स्थायी समिति के अध्यक्ष और सदस्यगण।

घ) विदेश मंत्रालय द्वारा यथानिर्णीत राष्ट्रीय स्वरूप के प्रतिष्ठित प्रवासी भारतीय संघों के कार्यकारी प्रमुख। तथापि, ऐसे संघ अपने स्वयं के पदाधिकारियों को नामित नहीं कर सकते हैं।

ङ) प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कार के पूर्व विजेतावृंद।

च) स्वतः नामांकन: पुरस्कार के लिए पात्र कोई व्यक्ति या संगठन विदेश मंत्रालय को नामांकन प्रपत्र भेजकर सीधे स्वयं अपने-आपको नामांकित कर सकता है।

10. ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति भी अपनी ओर से इन विनियमों में वर्णित क्षेत्रों से व्यक्तियों का नामांकन कर सकती है। तथापि, ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति द्वारा अपनी ओर से नामांकित किये गये व्यक्तियों की संख्या छह से अधिक नहीं होगी। ऐसे सभी मामलों में ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति की सिफारिशें अंतिम होंगी।

III. जांच समिति

11. विदेश मंत्रालय द्वारा गठित अधिकारियों की एक समिति प्राप्त नामांकनों की उनकी पूर्णता सुनिश्चित करने की दृष्टि से जांच करेगी और ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति के कार्य को सहज बनाने के लिए प्रत्येक नामांकन के संबंध में एक लघु-विवरणी तैयार करेगी।

IV. ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति

12. नामांकन और लघु-विवरणी निम्नलिखित को मिलाकर बनी ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किये जाएंगे:

(क) भारत के उप राष्ट्रपति	- अध्यक्ष
(ख) विदेश मंत्री	- उपाध्यक्ष
(ग) प्रधान मंत्री के प्रधान सचिव	- सदस्य
(घ) गृह सचिव	- सदस्य
(ङ) विदेश सचिव	- सदस्य
(च) प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा नामित पाँच सदस्य	- सदस्य
(छ) विदेश मंत्रालय में प्रवासी भारतीय मामलों को देख रहे सचिव या अपर सचिव	- सदस्य सचिव

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13. ज्यूरी-सह-पुरस्कार समिति की सिफारिश प्रधान मंत्री और राष्ट्रपति के समक्ष अनुमोदन हेतु प्रस्तुत की जाएगी।
14. बहुत असाधारण स्थितियों में ही जब पुरस्कारों की घोषणा होने से एक वर्ष पहले व्यक्ति की मृत्यु हो गई हो पुरस्कार मरणोपरान्त प्रदान किया जाएगा अन्यथा नहीं।

V. पुरस्कारों को प्रदान किया जाना

15. पुरस्कार विदेश मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित किये जाने वाले औपचारिक समारोह में यथासंभव प्रत्येक एकांतर वर्ष के जनवरी माह में प्रवासी भारतीय विभव के दौरान प्रदान किये जाएंगे।
16. पुरस्कार राष्ट्रपति, उध राष्ट्रपति या प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा, इन गणमान्य व्यक्तियों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर, प्रदान किये जाएंगे।
17. पुरस्कार पाने वाले व्यक्तियों के नाम पुरस्कार प्रदान किये जाने वाले दिन से पहले भारत के राजपत्र में प्रकाशित किये जाएंगे।
18. प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कारों की संस्थापना के साथ ही अनिवासी भारतीय-और भारतीय-मूल के व्यक्ति पद्म पुरस्कारों के लिए पात्र बने रहेंगे और पद्म पुरस्कार-विजेता प्रवासी भारतीय सम्मान पुरस्कार के पात्र होंगे।
19. राष्ट्रपति किसी पुरस्कार-विजेता के संबंध में बाद में कोई प्रतिकूल जानकारी प्रकाश में आने पर उसके पुरस्कार को रद्द और अकृत कर सकते हैं।

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th March, 2018

F. No. OL-11014/10/2018-OIA-II.—In supersession of the notifications of the Government of India listed below, the President is pleased to revise the regulations governing the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards (hereafter referred to as the Award), as follows:—

List of previous notifications superseded		
Sl. No.	Number of Notification	Date
1.	1/5/2002-Public	15.11.2002
2.	QI-11014/5/2006-DS	26.05.2006
3.	No.OI-11014/1/2007-DS	24.09.2007
4.	No.OI-11014/1/2007-DS	16.07.2008
5.	No.OI-11014/1/2010-DS	06.08.2010
6.	No.OI-11014/1/2010-DS	22.02.2012
7.	No.OI-11014/1/2010-DS	22.07.2014
8.	No.OI-11014/37/2016-OIA II	14.7.2016

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I. General Information

1. The Award shall be known as "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award".
2. The Award shall be conferred on a Non-Resident Indian, Person of Indian Origin or an organisation or institution established and run by Non-Resident Indians or Persons of Indian Origin, who has made significant contribution in any one of the following fields:
 - A. For Achievements Abroad
 - (a) Better understanding of India;
 - (b) Support to India's causes and concerns in a tangible way;
 - (c) Building closer links between India, the overseas Indian community and their country of residence;
 - (d) Social and humanitarian causes in India or abroad;
 - (e) Welfare of the local Indian community;
 - (f) Philanthropic and charitable work;
 - (g) Eminence in one's field or outstanding work, which has enhanced India's prestige in the country of residence; or
 - (h) Eminence in skills which has enhanced India's prestige in that country (for non-professional workers).
 - B. For Achievements within India:
 - (a) Philanthropic investments and charitable work in India;
 - (b) For contributions made towards India's Development.
3. The maximum number of Awards to be conferred every alternate year shall be thirty (30).
4. The Award shall carry a bilingual Sanad under the hand and the seal of the President of India in addition to a citation, a gold medallion and a miniature of the medallion in the form of a lapel pin.
5. The Sanad shall be printed in handmade paper of size 24" x 18".
6. The medallion shall be circular in shape, 2.9 mm in thickness and of diameter 50.8 mm, made from 60 grams of 22 carat gold. The logo of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) would be etched into the inner circle of 30 mm diameter. The front side of the medallion would have minakari work etched in the outer circle. The backside of the medallion would have the National emblem in the middle, with the name of the award as Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, engraved around it.
7. The medal shall be worn around the neck by a tricolour ribbon of one inch in width.
8. A miniature of the medallion, in rectangular shape with the PBD logo engraved in the middle, and with minakari work on both sides, which may be worn on certain occasions by recipients, shall be mounted on a gold plated silver lapel-pin weighing 10 gms.

II. Authorized persons or Organisations eligible for making nominations to Award

9. The following authorised persons or organisations shall be eligible to nominate eminent persons, organisations or institutions for the Award within the stipulated date and time and in such format as may be prescribed:
 - a) Governors of States and Lt. Governors of Union Territories in India;
 - b) Heads of Indian Diplomatic Missions/Heads of Indian Diplomatic Posts abroad. However, Heads of Missions/Posts abroad may restrict the nominations to a maximum of 3 to 5 considering the size of Diaspora population in their country of accreditation.
 - c) Chairman and Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee dealing with the Ministry of External Affairs.
 - d) The Executive Head of Prominent Overseas Indian Associations with nation-wide character as may be decided by the Ministry of External Affairs. However, the associations shall not nominate their own office bearers.
 - e) Previous awardees of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award.
 - f) Self Nomination: An individual or organization eligible for the Award may directly nominate himself/herself by sending the nomination forms to the Ministry of External Affairs.
10. The Jury-cum-Awards Committee can also make suo-moto nominations for persons from the fields mentioned in these regulations. However, the number of persons suo-moto nominated by the Jury-cum-Awards Committee shall not exceed six. In all such cases the recommendations of the Jury-cum-Awards Committee shall be final.

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III. Screening Committee

11. A committee of officers constituted by the Ministry of External Affairs shall examine the nominations received with a view to ensure their completeness and draw up a short citation on each nominee to facilitate the work of the Jury-cum-Awards Committee.

IV. Jury-cum-Awards Committee

12. The nominations and citations shall be placed before the Jury-cum-Awards Committee comprising of:

- (a) Vice President of India - Chairman
- (b) Minister of External Affairs - Vice Chairperson
- (c) Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister - Member
- (d) Home Secretary - Member
- (e) Foreign Secretary - Member
- (f) Five members to be nominated by the Prime Minister - Member
- (g) Secretary or Additional Secretary dealing with Overseas Indian Affairs matters in The Ministry of External Affairs - Member Secretary

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13. The recommendation of the Jury-cum-Awards Committee shall be submitted to the Prime Minister and President for approval.

14. The Awards shall not be given posthumously except in very rare cases where the person had died within a year preceding the announcement of the Awards.

V. Conferring of the Awards

15. The Awards shall be presented at a formal ceremony to be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs, as far as possible, at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in January every alternate year.

16. The Awards shall be presented either by the President, Vice-President or Prime Minister, depending upon the availability of these dignitaries.

17. The names of the persons, upon whom the Award is conferred, shall be published in the Gazette of India prior to the day of presentation of the Awards.

18. With the institution of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards, Non-Resident Indians and Persons of Indian Origin shall continue to be considered for Padma Awards and Padma Awardees shall be eligible for Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award.

19. The President may cancel and annul an Award in the event of any adverse information on the awardees coming to light subsequently.

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