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Janpath, New Delhi-1
Dated the 06th August, 2025

To,
Vice Chancellor
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Mehrauli Road, Munirka,
New Delhi-110067

Subject: Recommendations for Padma Awards-2026 reg.

Dear Madam/ Sir,

The online nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards-2026 has started from 15th March, 2025 at the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal <https://awards.gov.in>. The last date for nominations/recommendations is **15th August, 2025. Nominations/recommendations received through online mode only will be considered.** The details about the Padma Awards and the nomination process are enclosed (**Annexure-I**).

2. The following Login ID and Password have been generated for sending online nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards-2026 on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal:

Login ID	Password
A2224104425	Au23#157

Encl. as above

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Brief on Padma Awards-2026

Padma Awards, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, are amongst the highest civilian awards of the country. Instituted in 1954, these Awards are announced on the occasion of the Republic Day every year. The award seeks to recognize 'work of distinction' and is given for distinguished and exceptional achievements/service in all fields/disciplines, such as, Art, Literature and Education, Sports, Medicine, Social Work, Science and Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Service, Trade and Industry etc. All persons without distinction of race, occupation, position or sex are eligible for these Awards.

2. The nominations/recommendations for the Padma Awards are being received on the online Rashtriya Puraskar portal <https://awards.gov.in> designed for this purpose. The last date for nominations is **15th August, 2025**. The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the above portal, including a citation in narrative form (maximum 800 words), clearly bringing out the distinguished and exceptional achievements/service of the person recommended in his/her respective field/discipline. The steps to be taken for making online recommendations are available on above said portal <https://awards.gov.in> . A copy of the statutes and rules governing these Awards is also available on website: <https://padmaawards.gov.in> .
3. While finalizing the recommendations, following points may be kept in view:-
 - (i) It may be ensured that the persons recommended are pre-eminently worthy of the Awards, looking at their life-time achievement. The criteria for selection should invariably be 'excellence plus' and the highest standards should be applied while recommending persons for these awards. The existence of an element of public service in the achievements of the person recommended for the award would be a desirable factor.
 - (ii) As the Padma Award is the second highest civilian award of the country, it should also be considered whether the recommended person has earlier been given any National award or a State award in his/her respective field.
 - (iii) Efforts may be made to identify talented persons from amongst women, weaker sections of the society, SCs & STs, divyang persons, etc., who deserve to be considered for the award.
 - (iv) The decoration is normally not conferred posthumously. However, in highly deserving cases, Government could consider giving an award posthumously if the demise of the person proposed to be honoured has been recent, say within a period of one year preceding the Republic Day on which it is proposed to announce the award.
 - (v) A higher category of Padma Award can be considered in respect of a person who has earlier been conferred an award provided a period of at least five years has elapsed. However, in exceptionally deserving cases, a relaxation can also be considered.
 - (vi) Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for Padma Awards.