

राकेश कुमार पांडेय
संयुक्त सचिव
Rakesh Kumar Pandey
Joint Secretary
Tel. No. : 011-24010041-42

D.O. No. 1/7/2026-Public

Dear Sir,

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4. It has been observed in the past that while nominations are received in respect of a large number of persons; there could, however, be several talented persons who are left out of consideration despite exceptional contribution in their field. Often many such persons may get overlooked primarily for the reason that they may not seek publicity or attention in the public domain. It is, therefore, requested to make concerted efforts in identifying such persons whose excellence and achievements deserve to be recognized and make suitable nominations in their favour. It goes without saying that recognition of such deserving persons will only add to the prestige of these Awards.

5. In the above background, I request you to kindly send suitable nominations for the Padma Awards to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2027. In this regard, it is suggested that you may constitute a Special Search Committee for identifying, considering and finalizing your recommendations/nominations. While finalizing recommendations, the following points may be kept in view:-

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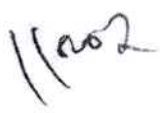
With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Rakesh Kumar Pandey)

Shri Rajeev Verma,
Chief Secretary
Government of NCT of Delhi,
Delhi



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HOME DEPARTMENT
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Dated: 27/3/26

No. F.1/32/2016/HG/ 5576
 L.No.276533

To.

1. Secretary to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Delhi
2. Additional Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Delhi
3. Secretaries to all the Hon'ble Ministers.
4. SO to Chief Secretary, Delhi, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
5. All Secretaries/HOD, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
6. Commissioner of Police, PHQ, L.P. Estate, New Delhi.
7. Commissioner, Municipal Corporations of Delhi.
8. Chairperson, NDMC, Palika Kendra, New Delhi.
9. Divisional Commissioner, 5 Sham Nath Marg, New Delhi.

Sub: Recommendation/Nomination for Padma Awards to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter No. 1/7/2026-Public, dated 12th March, 2026 received from the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for inviting nominations from the Government of N.C.T. of Delhi for the Padma Awards in the following three categories to be announced on the occasion of Republic Day, 2027 :

1. Padma Vibhushan
2. Padma Bhushan
3. Padma Shri

The nominations/recommendations should contain all relevant details specified in the format available on the website <https://awards.gov.in> 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.

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(L.K. Gautam)

Deputy Secretary (Home)

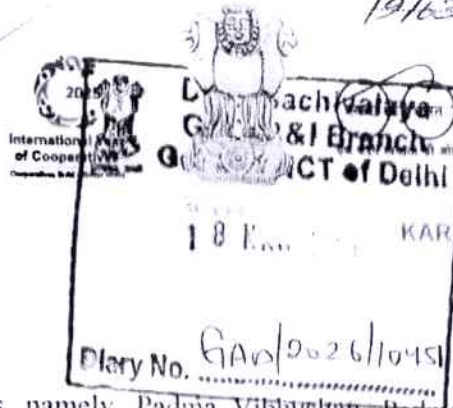
Copy to:

1. PS to Pr. Secretary (Home), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
2. PS to Additional Secretary-II (Home), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

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भारत सरकार 23/3/2026
गृह मंत्रालय
कर्तव्य भवन-3, नई दिल्ली - 110001
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
KARAVYA BHAVAN-3, NEW DELHI - 110001

March 12, 2026

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