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The 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 Republic Day every year. The award seeks to recognize 'Work of any 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. Government servants including those working with PSUs, except Doctors and Scientists, are not eligible for **Padma Awards**.

2. The nominations for **PADMA** Awards, to be announced on the Republic Day 2027, in the prescribed Proforma with citation and supporting documents may be sent to the Director of Information and Publicity, No.18, Bellecombe Street, Pondicherry - 605 001 on or before **30.06.2026**. The applicant should be a resident of Union Territory of Puducherry comprising Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions. The proforma may also be downloaded from the websites <https://py.gov.in>. The eligible nominations will be recommended to the Government of India, through Online mode, after being scrutinized by the High Level Selection Committee, constituted by the Government of Puducherry.

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