

Guidelines for Pravasi Rajasthani Samman Awards

Rajasthan is renowned for its industrious and resilient people, who have excelled across diverse fields including business, art and culture, and other professions. Through 'Pravasi Rajasthani Samman Awards', Government of Rajasthan aims to honor such Non-resident Rajasthanis living in India and abroad who have done exceptional work in various fields and made a name for themselves, adding glory to Rajasthan's global image.

1. Introduction:

- (i) The award shall be known as 'Pravasi Rajasthani Samman Awards'
- (ii) The award shall be conferred on a Non-Resident Rajasthani, or an organization or institution established and run by Non-Resident Rajasthani, who/ which has made significant contributions and achieved excellence in any of the following fields:
 - A. For Achievements Abroad:
 - a) Better understanding of Rajasthan;
 - b) Support to Rajasthan's causes and concerns in a tangible way;
 - c) Building closer links between Rajasthan and overseas Rajasthani community;
 - d) Social and humanitarian causes in India and abroad;
 - e) Welfare of the local Rajasthani community;
 - f) Philanthropic and charitable work;
 - g) Eminence in one's field or outstanding work, which has enhanced Rajasthan's prestige in the country of residence; or
 - h) Eminence in skills which has enhanced Rajasthan'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 Rajasthan's development
 - c) Eminence in one's field or outstanding work, which has enhanced Rajasthan's prestige in the state of residence; or
 - d) Eminence in skills which has enhanced Rajasthan's prestige in that state (for non-professional workers)
- (iii) The award will be given in multiple categories including but not limited to science, art, business, professions, sports, films, social service, industry, literature, music etc.

- (iv) Number of awards to be given in each category will be decided by the State Government.
- (v) Under this award, a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and a citation will be given.
- (vi) The award may be shared between two equally deserving candidates or organizations, as recommended by the Selection Committee.
- (vii) The selection committee will grant this award to the eligible applicant after a thorough evaluation based on established guiding principles.
- (viii) If no suitable candidate is found among the applications received, the committee has the authority to nominate a candidate/ organisation independently, provided they have supporting documentation.

2. Eligibility:

- (i) Any individual of Rajasthani origin residing outside the State or any institution/ organization of Non-Resident Rajasthanis (NRRs) will be eligible to apply for the award.
- (ii) The minimum age for an individual applicant should be 21 years. For institutions/ organizations, they must have been registered and actively operational for at least 10 years.
- (iii) Applicants must have demonstrated active contributions in the designated award categories for at least last five years.
- (iv) Nominations for awards will be accepted as per these guidelines, only in the prescribed format and within the prescribed time limit.

3. Implementing Agency:

- (i) The Rajasthan Foundation under the Department of Industries & Commerce. Government of Rajasthan will be the nodal agency for completing the end-to-end process for the said award.
- (ii) All the necessary procedures related to the award, such as advertisement, scrutiny of applications and all other necessary work will be carried out by the Rajasthan Foundation.

4. Screening & Selection:

- (i) A Committee of officers constituted by the Rajasthan Foundation 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 Selection Committee.
- (ii) The recommendation of the Selection Committee shall be submitted to the Chairman of Governing Body of Rajasthan Foundation whose decision will be final.

- (iii) 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 award.
- (iv) No appeal of any kind can be made against the decision of the State Government.

5. Conferring of the Awards:

- (i) The Awards shall be presented in a formal ceremony organised for Pravasi Rajasthanis.
- (ii) The awardee may be given an opportunity to speak about his/ her achievements.
- (iii) The amount of the award will be transferred to the recipient of the award through cheque/ digital mode of transaction.
- (iv) Rajasthan Foundation will be the nodal office for organising the award ceremony.
- (v) If the recipient dies before receiving the Award, the Award will be received in the following order:
 - a) Spouse/ Daughter/ Mother
 - b) Son/ Father/ Brother
 - c) Granddaughter/ Grandson

6. General Consideration Points:

- (i) The State Government can make changes in the guidelines.
- (ii) Residential, travel and transport expenses of the awardee for attending the award ceremony will be borne by the nodal agency for awards as permissible by the State Government.
- (iii) The Chairman of the Governing Body of Rajasthan Foundation may cancel and annul an Award in the event of any adverse information on the awardees coming to light subsequently.