

Opening of nominations for Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2025

Government of India has opened nominations for the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2025. PBSA is the highest honour recognising the contribution and achievements of Indian diaspora and is conferred by the President of India during the valedictory session of the Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas (PBD) Convention held biennially. The next PBD Convention will be held in January 2025.

PBSA is awarded to a Non-Resident Indian (NRI), Person of Indian Origin (PIO), or an Organization established and run by a PIO/NRI who has made significant contribution either overseas or in India, in one of the following fields:

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 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).

For achievements within India

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

There is also a system of self-nomination by Diaspora members / organisations. Such individuals/organisations who wish to self nominate can send their completed nomination form directly by email to pbsaward@mea.gov.in.

This information is being publicized to invite suitable nominations for PBSA 2025 among Indian Diaspora in Estonia. Duly filled in nomination form (**attached herewith**) along with enclosures can be sent **latest by 26 February, 2024** to Mr. Balbir Raj Saini, First Secretary at pol.tallinn@mea.gov.in.

Summary of PBSA Nominee 2024-25

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):	

Ministry of External Affairs
Overseas Indian Affairs-II Division

NOMINATION FORM FOR PRAVASI BHARATIYA SAMMAN AWARD-2023
(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	

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	
	(d) Mobile Number	
(iii)	In the case of Non-Resident Indian, please provide the following information for the past five years:	
	S.N.	Country of stay
		Period of stay (From mm/yyyy to mm/yyyy)
(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.
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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