

वास्तुकला परिषद
Council of Architecture

(वास्तुविद अधिनियम, 1972 के अंतर्गत भारत सरकार का एक स्वायत्त सांविधिक निकाय)
(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Government of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

Ref No. CA/496/2025/Padma Awards
July 21, 2025

TO ALL THE ARCHITECTS REGISTERED WITH THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

Subject :- Invitation for making recommendations for grant of Padma Awards by the Central Government to the Architects – reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Council of Architecture has been requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide letter dated 14.07.2025 to recommend names of Architects for grant of Padma Awards 2026 from the field of Architecture. A brief on Padma Awards – 2026 received from the Ministry is enclosed herewith for you ready reference.

Accordingly, the Council invites resume/bio data along with the list of projects and other relevant information from the interested Architects having **at least 25 years' experience** in practice and/ or in service, in order to consider the same appropriately.

The Architects who have contributed in the following area/services only need to apply:

- The social projects that you were involved as an architect and how your services became useful to the society.
- Your contributions to develop/ educate the younger generation in Architecture profession.
- Any national or international awards in recognition of your services as an architect, if applicable.
- If any other aspect you would like to highlight that can justify your selection for the prestigious Award.

The concerned architect(s) are requested to send their resume/ biodata along with relevant documents latest by July 27, 2025 on email id: registrar-coa@gov.in with a copy on rkoeroi.coa@gmail.com.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



R.K. Oberoi
Registrar

Encl. : as above

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 **July 31st, 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.

Field/Sub-fields for sending recommendations for Padma Awards 2026

Institute	Field/ Sub-fields
Council of Architecture	Literature and Education-Education - Architecture