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(An Autonomous Statutory Body of Government of India, under the Architects Act, 1972)

Ref No. CA/496/2025/Padma Awards
July 31, 2025

TO ALL THE ARCHITECTS REGISTERED WITH THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

Subject: Extension of Last Date for Submission of Entries by Architects for Padma Awards – 2026 reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is in continuation of the Council's earlier communication dated July 21, 2025 (Ref. No. CA/496/2025/Padma Awards) regarding the invitation of recommendations for the Padma Awards – 2026 in the field of Architecture. The Council of Architecture has been requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide letter dated July 14, 2025, to recommend names of architects for consideration for the Padma Awards – 2026. A brief note on the Padma Awards – 2026, as received from the Ministry, is enclosed herewith for your ready reference.

It is informed that the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has now extended the last date for submission of nominations to **15th August, 2025**. However, in order to enable the Council to evaluate and forward suitable nominations in a timely manner, interested architects are requested to submit their entries to the Council by email latest by **7th August, 2025**.

The Council, therefore, once again invites interested architects, **possessing a minimum of 25 years of professional experience in practice and/or service**, to submit their entries along with self-attested copies of the following documents:

- Detailed CV / Portfolio
- COA Registration Certificate
- 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.

Further, the Ministry has mandated that efforts may be made to identify talented individuals from amongst women, weaker sections of the society, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Divyang persons (persons with disabilities) etc. who deserve to be considered for the award. If you belong to any of these categories (SC/ST/ Divyang persons), kindly indicate the same in your entries/CV, and attach relevant documentary evidence in support.

Architects who have already submitted their entries/ requests need not resend their documents, as the documents already submitted to the Council shall be considered.





The concerned architect(s) are requested to send their respective entries along with relevant documents latest by **August 7, 2025 (11.59 pm)** on the designated email id: **registrar-coa@gov.in** with a copy on **rkoberoi.coa@gmail.com**. Please note that entries received after the deadline or sent to any other email address will not be considered. Furthermore, architects with less than 25 years of professional experience (calculated from the date of registration) shall not be eligible.

The Council looks forward to receiving deserving nominations from architects, reflecting the true spirit of inclusive national recognition.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

R.K. Oberoi
Registrar

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-eminent 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