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TO ALL ARCHITECTS REGISTERED WITH THE COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE

Subject: Invitation of Applications for Recommendations for Grant of Padma Awards 2027 by the Government of India in the Field of Architecture – reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Council of Architecture has received a communication from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, vide letter dated 23.03.2026, inviting recommendations of the Council of Architecture for grant of Padma Awards 2027 in the field of Architecture under "Literature and Education" category.

Accordingly, the Council invites applications from interested architects possessing a minimum of 25 years of professional experience (in practice and/or service) to submit their resume/biodata, along with a list of significant projects and other relevant supporting documents, for due consideration.

Applications may be submitted by architects who have made notable contributions in the following areas:

- 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.

Interested architects are required to submit self-attested copies of the following documents:

- COA Registration Certificate
- Detailed CV / Portfolio
- The social projects that you were involved as an architect with relevant details and how your services became useful to the society.
- Your contributions to develop/ educate the younger generation in Architecture profession.
- Any State, 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 emphasized the need to identify talented persons from amongst women, weaker sections of society, Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Divyang persons (persons with disabilities) who deserve to be considered for Award. Applicants belonging to any of these categories are requested to indicate the same in their CV and attach relevant documentary proof.

The following guidelines issued by the Ministry may kindly be noted:

- i. 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 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, like 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.

Interested architects are requested to submit their requests/applications along with relevant documents/details latest by **May 31, 2026 (11:59 PM)** at the designated email ID: padmaawards.coa@gmail.com.

Applications received after the stipulated deadline or sent to any other email address will not be considered. Further, architects with less than 25 years of professional experience (from the date of registration) shall not be considered eligible.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

R.K. Oberoi
Registrar