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The Hon'ble Minister
Ministry of Women and Child Development
Government of India
New Delhi

Subject: Recommendation of Master Moulik Jain for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 – Environment Category

Respected Madam,

It is my privilege to recommend Master Moulik Jain of Haridwar, Uttarakhand, for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 in the Environment Category, in recognition of his sustained commitment to environmental conservation, scientific inquiry and community-led action towards protecting the Ganga ecosystem.

Growing up in Haridwar, Moulik has witnessed closely the environmental pressures faced by the River Ganga. Rather than limiting his engagement to awareness activities, he has consistently sought to understand environmental problems through observation, scientific testing, research and practical intervention.

His environmental journey began with field-based initiatives around the Ganga, including water-quality monitoring and awareness campaigns. He regularly studied parameters such as pH, TDS, turbidity and bacterial contamination, while examining how human activity and footfall affected water quality. His interest subsequently developed into scientific research on the use of indigenous plant-based coagulants for improving water quality, culminating in a research paper published in the *Convergence* research journal.

This progression from observation to research and finally to solution-building led Moulik to establish Amrit Dhara – Faith to Future, a youth-led environmental initiative addressing the problem of discarded sacred floral offerings from temples and ghats.

Through Amrit Dhara, temple flowers that might otherwise enter drains, landfills or the river are systematically collected, segregated, processed and transformed into useful products such as incense cones and sambrani cups. Moulik has been personally involved in developing the process, experimenting with formulations, improving production methods, coordinating collection networks and building partnerships with temples, ghats, community volunteers and other stakeholders.

The initiative also integrates an important social dimension by creating opportunities for women-led livelihoods, linking environmental sustainability with community participation and economic empowerment.

The measurable impact of the initiative reflects the scale to which Moulik has been able to translate an environmental concern into sustained action. As recorded up to 30 July 2026, the initiative has:

- Recycled approximately 1,000 kg of sacred floral offerings

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- Diverted approximately **950 kg of floral waste from river disposal**
- Facilitated the production of approximately **45,000 eco-friendly dhoop products**
- Developed a network of **12 temple and ghat collection partners**
- Engaged approximately **180 community volunteers**
- Reached approximately **3,500 citizens through environmental awareness initiatives**
- Supported **women-led livelihood opportunities** through the processing and production ecosystem

What distinguishes Moulik's work is not merely the scale of these numbers, but the continuity and evolution of his engagement. His journey reflects a clear progression—from observing pollution along the Ganga, undertaking water-quality studies and environmental research, to designing and implementing a circular-economy solution addressing a locally significant waste stream.

At a young age, he has demonstrated the ability to connect science, engineering thinking, environmental responsibility and social impact. His work embodies the belief that meaningful environmental change can emerge when young people combine curiosity with disciplined experimentation and sustained community engagement.

Moulik's efforts are particularly relevant to India's broader goals of river conservation, waste reduction, circular economy, sustainable livelihoods and youth participation in environmental stewardship. His initiative also demonstrates how culturally sensitive environmental challenges can be addressed while respecting both tradition and ecology.

I therefore strongly recommend Master Moulik Jain for consideration for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 – Environment Category. I believe that recognising his work would not only honour his individual contribution but also encourage young people across the country to approach environmental challenges with scientific curiosity, innovation and a spirit of service.

I wish him continued success in his endeavour to contribute meaningfully towards a cleaner, more sustainable and environmentally responsible India.



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