

Jeevan Raksha Padak Awards

Jeevan Raksha Padak awards, an offshoot of the Ashoka Chakra series of Gallantry awards, were instituted in the year 1961.

2. As the name of the award suggests, the award is given to a person for saving someone's life. The award is given for meritorious act of humane nature **in saving the life of a person** in cases like drowning in water, accidents, fire incidents, electrocution, natural calamities, rescue operation in mines etc. It is given in the following three categories:-

- i) **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for conspicuous courage in saving life under circumstances of very great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- ii) **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of great danger to the life of the rescuer.
- iii) **Jeevan Raksha Padak** is awarded for courage and promptitude in saving life under circumstances of grave bodily injury to the rescuer.

3. Persons of either sex in all walks of life are eligible for these awards. The award can also be conferred posthumously.

4. It is normal practice to invite nominations for these awards every year from all State/UT Governments and Ministry/Departments of the Government of India. The recommendations are placed before the JRP Awards Committee for its consideration.

5. The recommendations of the award are considered by the Awards Committee within a period of two calendar years from the date of performance of the act.

6. The Awards Committee makes its recommendations to the Prime Minister and the President.

7. The award is presented in the form of a medallion and a certificate signed by the Union Home Minister. The decoration is presented by the State/UT Government or the concerned Ministry/Deptt, to which the award winner belongs. A small-size replica of the main medal is also given to the awardees. No miniature medal is given if the award is given posthumously.

8. The recipients are given a lump-sum monetary allowance at the following rates:-

- a) **Sarvottam Jeevan Raksha Padak** ₹ 2,00,000/-
- b) **Uttam Jeevan Raksha Padak** ₹ 1,50,000/-
- c) **Jeevan Raksha Padak** ₹ 1,00,000/-

9. Other than the one-time monetary allowance, no other facility/benefit in terms of any concession in Railways, Airfare etc. is provided by the Government.

10. As per practice, cases once considered by the Awards Committee and not found suitable for an award are not placed before it for reconsideration.

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