

## Three Intel ISEF Finalists Awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019



Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 22nd January 2019 to 26 shortlisted awardees including one joint award for National Child Award (now renamed as Bal Shakti Puraskar) under the category of innovation, scholastic, sports, arts & culture, social service and bravery. The names of awardees were finalized by the National Selection Committee under the Chairpersonship of WCD Minister, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi.

The award for an individual consists of a cash prize of Rs. 1, 00,000/- (one lakh), a medal, a citation and a certificate to each awardee. The award for institution consists of a prize of Rs. 5, 00,000/- each and a medal, a citation, and a certificate.

Of these, four students are winners of the Intel & DST led Initiative for Research and Innovation in Science (IRIS) National Fair and were part of Team India to Intel IRIS 2018

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with winners of Rashtriya Bal Puruskar and has personally tweeted about their achievements as below:



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India is phenomenally proud of these young achievers, who have been distinguishing themselves in a wide range of areas. Wishing them the very best for their endeavours ahead.

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My young friend Mohammed Suhail China Salimpasha hails from Karnataka. He has been awarded the Bal Shakti Puraskar for his work in using technology to diagnose Pre-symptomatic Protein Energy Malnutrition non-invasively using paper. Congratulations to him! [pic.twitter.com/bIFUMliYKp](https://pic.twitter.com/bIFUMliYKp)

Naisargik Lenka is 16 and at such a young age, he worked on innovative solutions for remediation of contaminated soil and water, a method of treating municipal waste water and a smart toilet model which has been named 'Swachh APT.' A fitting recipient of the Bal Shakti Puraskar! [pic.twitter.com/JxkDGzY54](https://pic.twitter.com/JxkDGzY54)

Saluting the innovative zeal of young India.

Nishant Dhankhar is an ace mathematician, who has won many accolades internationally. His project on Szemerédi's theorem has been internationally acknowledged and appreciated.

