



Dr R K Pachauri Award on 'Climate Excellence'

Conferred by
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
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Mission

Recognizing exemplary performance/contribution in climate science, technology development and innovation, and climate action.

Background and Award Summary

Instituted in the 50th year of TERI's establishment as a research institute working in the domains of climate action and sustainable development, the Award is conferred annually on August 20, when we commemorate birth anniversary of TERI's visionary leader and Founder-Director General Dr R K Pachauri (1940–2020).

Through his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to addressing climate change and other environmental issues, Dr Pachauri emerged as a leading voice on energy and climate change not only in India but also across the Global South and the rest of the world. While he was recognized for his work and contributions in the spheres of energy and climate change by his colleagues and associates from organizations he was affiliated to, he soon gained international recognition in every country trying to negotiate and discuss the huge consequences of climate change and the need for immediate action. He became a household name when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. He took the IPCC to heights never scaled before giving it the prominence and outreach it deserved.

Conferred in his memory, the Award aims to acknowledge similar passion and devotion towards working for the planet and the myriad communities that it sustains. The intent is to recognize individual action in the diverse fields of research, technology development, and climate action aiming to ensure that the Earth we pass on to posterity is greener, healthier, and more resilient.

The **Dr R K Pachauri Award on Climate Excellence** is an award for any global citizen that recognizes exemplary inputs in R&D, imposition of any policy and regulation, and implementation of actions that support effective response to climate change.

Protocol for the Award

In response to the call for the Award Application, the potential applicant who has made notable contribution in climate science, technology development and innovation, and climate action would be expected to submit the requisite details through the *Application Form* (link provided).

Selection Committee

A selection committee would be formed, comprising experts from the related fields that would work towards streamlining the selection process and procedures.

The Jury may also consider nominated candidate, as an exceptional case, who has made exemplary contribution in the field of climate change.

The process will primarily be governed by the following parameters:

- Identifying candidates who have done noteworthy work in the recent past
- Conducting a preliminary evaluation of the potential candidates
- Determining whether the potential awardees meet the requisite requirements for being felicitated with the Award
- Evaluating award entries as per the award criteria along with review meeting(s)

Application-based Selection

This mode of selection will invite applications from shortlisted candidates for evaluation by the Selection Committee.

Application Form

Online submission using the prescribed application form, complete with all supporting papers as per the submission guidelines is required for the application to be considered. Justifications for each application must not exceed 1000 words in length and must address one or more of the stated criteria. Candidates should submit their applications at <https://bit.ly/DrRKPaward>

Timeline

Step	Details	Timeline
Announcement	The Award is announced along with guidelines	June 23
Call for Applications	Applicants working in the field of climate science, technology development and innovation, and climate action (nationally/internationally) must submit their applications outlining why they should receive the Award	June 24–July 24
Deadline	Applications must reach TERI by the stipulated date	July 24
Selection Committee	The application pool will be reviewed by the Selection Committee, based on the ingenuity/impact of the candidate's work following which a list of shortlisted candidates will be prepared for consideration	July 25–August 20
Announcement of the awardee	The winner of Dr R K Pachauri Award on Climate Excellence with a prize money of INR 100,000 would be announced	August 25
Felicitations of the awardee	The awardee would be felicitated, in person, at the World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS)	February 7–9, 2024

Submission Guidelines

Submission Process

1) Mode of submission

Online submission using the prescribed application form, complete with all supporting papers and formatted according to the rules is required for the application to be considered.

2) Date and time for submissions

Online portal for submission of the applications will become active on June 24, 2023.

Submission Criteria

The applicant can be an individual or an entity. In addition to fulfilling the prerequisites, they should have contributed to at least one or more of the following fields:

1) Climate Research and Development

- a. Focus on climate science and its advancement
- b. Technology and innovation with large-scale replicability potential
- c. Demonstrated impactful implementation

Applicant should have led conceptualization and execution of research idea (s) or solution(s), leading to an impressionable impact in the related field.

2) Policy and Governance

- a. Political or administrative leadership on climate action and justice
- b. Demonstrated decision-making on climate action, viz. policy reforms, programmes and schemes, and regulation on climate
- c. Demonstrated impactful implementation

Applicant should have shown exemplary initiative leading to dedicated action on climate mitigation and resilience building positively influencing the climate, environment and society at a mass scale.

3) Civil Society Actions

- a. Climate initiative clearly demonstrating tangible benefits to the society and environment
- b. Demonstrating inclusiveness in approaches and impactful implementation
- c. Innovative solutions with large-scale replicability and demonstrates progress on climate action

Applicant should have shown exemplary initiative leading to dedicated contribution to the field of climate and environment that has positively impacted the society.

4) Business Actions

- a. Climate initiative clearly demonstrating tangible benefits to the society and environment
- b. Demonstrating impactful implementation
- c. Innovative technologies and solutions with large-scale replicability and demonstrates progress on climate action

Applicant should have shown exemplary initiative leading to dedicated action on climate mitigation and resilience building positively influencing the climate, environment, and society.

Evaluation

The Selection Committee will screen and review the entries based on the evaluation criteria. The Committee will adequately meet to shortlist the eligible nominations and applications. The Committee members would accomplish the following responsibilities pertaining to evaluation:

- Conduct a preliminary evaluation of the submitted applications and immediately dismiss any incomplete submissions
- Determine whether the submission meets the requirements for being felicitated with the Award
- Shortlist candidate(s) with outstanding contributions through identified fields and criteria
- Shortlist top-five applications for:
 - Final review by the Committee to select the winner

Prerequisites for Evaluation

The candidate would be evaluated in the light of the following parameters against their candidacy for the Dr R K Pachauri Award on Climate Excellence:

- The candidate should possess at least 15 years of experience in the field of climate science, policy & governance, technology development and innovation, and climate action or any other related field
- Exceptional and distinguished service in the relevant field
- Quality and significance of the applicant's contributions in the field mentioned above
- Scientific rigour and methodology employed in the research
- Exhibiting innovation and originality in tackling research questions or challenges
- Impact of the work/contributions and its potential replicability/sustainability/ scalability
- Assessment of the influence of the research in the field and potential for future contributions
- Demonstrated thought leadership, collaboration, and mentorship in the community of practice (CoP) or partnership network

Confidentiality and Non-disclosure

Only those employees and Selection Committee members who are actively involved in the assessment and evaluation process, will have access to the names of nominees, nomination reports, commentary, and information on scoring and ranking. All deliberations, documents, findings, and recommendations will be held in strict confidence.