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To
The Selection Committee
Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar-2026
Ministry of Women and Child Development
Government of India, New Delhi

Dear sir,

This is regarding the nomination of Sarthak Kamalkishor Dhole for the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar. He is a young man from my constituency who has used his own success to create opportunities for other students.

He raised funds to establish four robotics and STEM laboratories in government schools and wrote a curriculum guide for the teachers who run them, which has been approved at the state level in Rajasthan. Through workshops, mentorship and research tournaments he has supported over 2,500 young researchers, and he is at present developing a philosophy of science curriculum for schools, which is to be piloted at experimental schools in Pune and abroad.

As reported by applicant he won a Bronze Medal at the 34th International Philosophy Olympiad in Warsaw, India's first medal there in seven years, and in July he set a national record at the International Young Physicists' Tournament at ETH Zürich, with the highest individual score India has recorded at that competition. He has represented India in more than ten countries and won over 250 medals. His research on a device to distinguish alopecia areata from trichotillomania, and to assess the severity of the condition, has been recognised by the Indian Medical Association and was presented at the International Conference of Young Scientists.

It is also reported that he has done considerable work promoting Indian philosophy abroad, through symposia in Hungary, Croatia and Poland and through Philosium, the network he founded, which is now active in over 60 countries and has reached more than 4,500 students and teachers. His organisation BetterTGT uses art to teach peace to young people here in Akola and elsewhere.

He is an asset to this constituency and to Maharashtra, and I support his nomination without reservation.


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