

August, 2026

**Office of the Director,
City Palace Museum,
Jaipur**

Dear Shri Chauhan,

Recommendation Letter in Support of the Nomination of Mr Pradeep Singh Mehta for the Sawai Jaipur Awards 2026 under the category "Maharaja Sawai Madho Singh I Award (For Excellence in Public Service and Philanthropy)."

For over four decades, I have witnessed his commitment for public good. Few have combined integrity, intellect and compassion with such lasting public purpose.

From Rajasthan, Mr Mehta built CUTS International into a globally respected institution advancing consumer rights, fair markets and economic governance. Yet his greatest achievement lies beyond policy. He has consistently ensured that research informs reforms benefiting citizens, particularly those whose voices are seldom heard.

His influence extends from grassroots advocacy to the highest levels of policymaking. Governments, the WTO, World Bank and OECD have repeatedly sought his counsel, while his 3,000 publications and policy studies have shaped informed public debate. Recognition through various awards reflects a lifetime of principled public service.

The accompanying curriculum vitae documents an exceptional record of institution building, public appointments, international engagements and scholarship.

Mr Mehta embodies the ideals of service, humility and philanthropy that this distinguished award celebrates. I recommend him with complete confidence and without reservation. His lifelong contribution makes him a truly deserving recipient of this prestigious honour.

Thank you

With kind regards



**D R Mehta, IAS (Retd)
Padma Bhushan,
Founder & Chief Patron of Jaipur Foot**