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Subject: Recommendation for Mr Pradeep S Mehta for Padma Award

Dear Amitji,

I hereby strongly recommend Mr Pradeep Singh Mehta's name for Padma Award, 2026. He has already submitted his nomination successfully and his Nomination ID is: 412759.

Mr Mehta (age 77) is social worker and founder of an NGO - Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), a global economic policy research, advocacy and networking NGO, established in 1983 in India, with centres in Nairobi, Lusaka, Hanoi, Accra, Geneva and Washington DC. It is probably the only Indian NGO with overseas centres which is carrying the Indian flag proudly. It also works at the grassroot in Southern Rajasthan with nearly 40 FPOs and 1000 SHGs under its coverage.

He has a very high sense of responsibility, dedication and professionalism, with a passion for excellence and achieving goals. He is a good analyst, and a highly skilled communicator, both oral and written. Further, he is a prolific writer, educator, human capital builder and trainer, with a track record of creating many institutions, leaders and networks. He has edited and written many books and articles, which can be seen on www.pradeepsmehta.com.

Noted economist, Prof Jagdish Bhagwati calls him a living treasure and God's gift to India.

Currently he is a Member of the WTO DG's NGO Advisory Board, for the third time. He also serves on the G20/B20's Council on Africa's Economic Integration. He has served on the GOI's Board of Trade; Better Regulatory Advisory Group; Steering Committee on Ecomark etc., and chaired the Planning Commission's Task Force on Competition Policy and Ministry of Surface Transport's Working Group on Education in Road Safety.

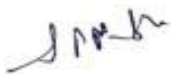
Recipient of the M R Pai Award in 2007 and the SKOCH Excellence Award in 2021 for his dedication to promoting competition and consumer protection, and the Scindia School's Madhav Award for Old Boy of Eminence in 2018. In September 2023, conferred the

prestigious Business World Social Impact Award.

A prolific writer, gifted speaker, skilled trainer and organizer in the social science field, Mehta has been named as one of the 30 most famous columnists in India by a leading newspaper in India.

Looking forward to your valued support.

Yours sincerely,



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