



Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
(1913-1996)
6th President of India
First Chief Minister of
United Andhra Pradesh

NEELAM SANJIVA REDDY STATE AWARDS

[Visishta Ratna, Nyaya, Vidya, Vaidya and Panchayati Raj Shiromani]

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Academic, Training and
Research Services
in Panchayati Raj,
Rural Development,
Women Empowerment,
Youth Development
and Good Governance

NOMINATION FORM

Form to be filled up by the Nominee

(Attach additional Sheets for your Answers)

Part-A

(Socio-Economic Background)

1. Name (in Block Letters in English) :
2. Gender (Male/Female) :
3. Parent's (Father and Mother) Names :
4. Place of Birth and Native Place :
5. Date of Birth and Age as on 1 January, 2023 :
6. Address for Correspondence :
 - Contact Address, with Mobile and Email :
 - Permanent Address, with Mobile and Email :
7. Present Occupation/Position :
8. Educational Qualifications :
9. Name of Award Applied for (*Pease Tick mark*) :

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Visishta Ratna State Award

Nyaya Shiromani State Award

Vidya Shiromani State Award

Vaidya Shiromani State Award

Pancayati Raj Shiromani State Award

10. Outstanding Work done during the last 3 to 5 years for which award is to be given
(Please add a brief note on a separate sheet in about **1 Page** indicating the concrete work done as also its impact on the development of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states) :
11. Has he/she been conferred any award by the State Govts/Government of India in recognition of his services? :
12. His/Her reputation among the people of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states :
13. Whether he/she has been convicted by any court of law or any case is pending against him/her in any court? :

14. Opinion on nationally accepted objectives :
like National Integration, Democracy,
Secularism, Nation Building etc.
15. His/Her future plans for making further :
improvement in the relevant area of work
to the Nation and AP and Telangana states

Part-B

Indices of Successful Outstanding Personalities/Leaders/Policy Makers

(Specific instances of achievement in each of the development areas are to be mentioned)

Give details and examples wherever possible, with Photos, CD's and Reports

16. List of Notable Services and Contributions made in your chosen field for growth and development of Telugu Speaking States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in particular and the nation in general (*Attach 1Page Note on your signal achievements and services rendered in your chosen field*).
17. Name of the Category in which you are working under the following fields:

✓ (Pleas Tick mark):

- ☐ Outstanding Leadership and Role Model Administrator
- ☐ Industrial Growth and Development
- ☐ Education and Scientific Research
- ☐ Judiciary and Legal Services
- ☐ Medical, Health & Family Welfare
- ☐ Women Empowerment and Youth Development
- ☐ Decentralised Governance and Public Policy
- ☐ Agriculture and Sustainable Development
- ☐ Environment and Climate Change

18. What is your Vision Plan for 21st Century India in general and Telugu Speaking States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in particular, as Policy Maker/Role Model Administrator/ Outstanding Leader/Panchayati Raj Reformer?

(Please attach a Brief Note).

(Signature of the Nominee, with Office Seal)

Note :

1. The filled-in **Nomination Form** along with required documents and photos would be submitted by the Nominees on or before the last date, prescribed by the Awards Jury every year. The applications for Nomination will be screened and finalised by the Awards Jury, constituted by the Academy.
2. **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Visishta Ratna** and **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Shiromani State Awards** would be conferred by the **Chief Guest**, on the selected nominees on **19th May** every Year on the eve of the **Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy or suitable date** at a **Special Ceremony** in Tirupati/Hyderabad.

Jury of the Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards

Chairman:

- **Dr. Justice G. Yethirajulu**, Former Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.

Convener:

- **Dr. D. Sundar Ram**, Founder and Director, AGRASRI, Tirupati.

Members:

- **Shri Justice D. Subrahmanyam**, Former Chairman, AP Backward Classes Commission, Hyderabad.
- **Shri Justice P.S. Narayana**, Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
- **Shri Venkatrao Y. Ghorpade**, Working President, Karnataka State Panchayati Raj Parishad, Bengaluru.

ABOUT THE NEELAM SANJIVA REDDY VISISHTA RATNA AND SHIROMANI AWARDS

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Award (Visishta Ratna and Shiromani) is an effort to acknowledge and honour extraordinary men and women who are impacting and transforming for the better our Telugu speaking states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana through their tireless endeavors and services.

The true mark of a visionary leader lies in creating new paths for others to follow and the ability to see possibilities where none seem to exist. Aptly, these awards carry the name of the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy**, who contributed worthy services and role model administration with ethics and morals as the First Chief Minister of United Andhra Pradesh, Speaker of Lok Sabha, Union Minister and 6th President of Indian Republic, for growth and development of United State of Andhra Pradesh in particular and India in general in many respects.

Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati has instituted the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Visishta Ratna State Awards (Visishta Ratna and Shiromani Awards in 5 Categories)** on the eve of the **110th Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy** and **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** in the Year-2023 to honour the infinite genius of contemporary leaders of Telugu Speaking States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, who have contributed and enriched their services to modern Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States, as Visionaries.

The selected nominee of the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Visishta Ratna State Award** will deliver the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Memorial Lecture** on **19 May**, i.e., **Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy** or suitable date at Tirupati/Hyderabad.

Academy presents the following **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards** on the eve of Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy every year on 19 May or suitable date at Tirupati/Hyderabad:

- ❖ **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy VISISHTA RATNA State Award**
- ❖ **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy NYAYA SHIROMANI State Award**
- ❖ **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy VIDYA SHIROMANI State Award**
- ❖ **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy VAIDYA SHIROMANI State Award**
- ❖ **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy PANCHAYATI RAJ SHIROMANI State Award**

Eligibility

- Nominee should be born in and native of Telugu Speaking States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (NRI's of AP and Telangana are also eligible).
- **Enroll as Member of the Academy as Patron Member/Donor Member**
- Have high moral values and ethics.
- Self-nominations will not be entertained.
- Have differentiating factor deemed appropriate by the Academy/Jury.
- Have shown exemplary performance, despite challenges and contributed in his/her field for the larger goal of Indian Society in general and Andhra Pradesh and Telangana in particular.
- The Award does not carry any Cash Prize. On conferment of the award, the recipient receives a Trophy and Citation. **Special Souvenir** is also being published in **Honour of the Recipients of the Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards**.
- The Academy may defer or withhold conferring of one or more Award/Awards in any year if, in the opinion of the Jury of the Awards, no nominee/s is/are found suitable for receiving such Award/Awards.

Process and Selection

The Awards honour role model policy makers, administrators, exemplary leaders in respective fields, who have exhibited exceptional leadership through pursuit of excellence.

The award process is initiated with the call for Nominations through print & electronic media, besides Academy invitations through its official channels, along with Nomination Forms.

Once the Nominations are received, primary scrutiny is done by a team at the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India and a List of qualified nominees is drawn out in each category, with support and assistance of Convener of Awards Jury.

A list of qualifiers in each category is submitted to the Awards Jury, along with complete details and credentials of each nominee. The Awards Jury, comprising Peers and Luminaries drawn from different segments of society, under the Chairmanship of **Dr. Justice G. Yethirajulu**, eminent Jurist and Former Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Administrative Tribunal, Govt. of AP, after deliberations finally picks one Leader in each category for the Award. The Nominations will be received and finalised every year in the month of February/March/April, by the Jury of the Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards.

The Criterion for Selection of the Awardees is well thought out and detailed. It has been designed with the view that only deserving and noble candidates are short-listed for the screening process. The Nominee should be a resident of Telugu Speaking states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and born in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He/She should have fundamental leadership values, must have shown exemplary performance and contributed towards development of his/her chosen field for the larger goal of Indian Society in general and Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states in particular.

Due to limited financial resources, the selected Nominees of the Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards are requested to meet their own travel and accommodation expenses for attending the awards ceremony at Tirupati/Hyderabad. However, the organisers will provide a modest hospitality during the awards function.

The nominees must have shown excellence despite challenges, have high personal values and human ethics, be innovative and supportive in his/her chosen field, should have contributed towards positive evolution of public policies and have the ability to establish balance of forces operating in his/her connected field in the state/nation.

Jury decision will be final, and nobody questions or challenges its decision and authority.

KEY-POLICY MAKERS OF AGRASRI

Hon. Visitor:

Dr. C. Rangarajan

Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.

Hon. Chief Patron:

Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar

Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

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Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

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Former Chairman, AP State Administrative Tribunal, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Chairman, Hon. Board of Advisers

Dr. T. Hanuman Chowdhary

Chairman, Prajna Bharati and Former IT Adviser to Govt. of AP, Hyderabad.

Co-founder & President, AGRASRI

Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar

Social Activist, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

Founder and Director

Dr. D. Sundar Ram

Formerly ICSSR Senior Fellow, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.



A Brief Note on the Host Organisation- AGRASRI

Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati, was founded by social activist couple **Dr. D. Sundar Ram** and **Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar**. It came into existence on 12th November, 2001, which was registered under the Societies Registration Act, xxi of 1860, as autonomous, independent, non-political, non-profit and Professional NGO, being headquartered at Tirupati, in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. Academy was Inaugurated by **Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar**, Champion of decentralisation movement in contemporary India and Former Union Cabinet Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, on 20th August, 2002 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

This is a unique Academy in the field of Grassroots Studies and Governance in the country. It provides a bridge between the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj and Nagar Palika Institutions, academicians, researchers, administrators, civil society organisations, grassroots level policy makers and others working in the respective fields.

Dr. C. Rangarajan, Former Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister of India, New Delhi, is the *Hon. Visitor* and **Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar**, Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, is the *Hon. Chief Patron* of the Academy.

Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap, Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, New Delhi, was the *Founder Chairman* of the Academy (2001-2026). **Dr. Justice G. Yethirajulu**, Former Chairman, Andhra Pradesh State Administrative Tribunal and Former Judge, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is the *Hon. Chairman* of the Board of Governors of the Academy.

Many distinguished group of policy makers, scholars, administrators and researchers have been associated with the Academy, as Members of its Board of Governors, Board of Advisers, Executive Council, Distinguished Fellows, Visiting Senior Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guest Faculty. In considering academic and research contributions to the Panchayati Raj and related issues over a period of 2 decades, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India and AMR- AP Academy of Rural Development, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, recognised the AGRASRI, as **Nodal Agency** for imparting Capacity Building and Training Programmes for the elected representatives of PRI's. AGRASRI is receiving Grant-in-aid for Maintenance and Development from the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi, since 2016-2017 onwards.

The following eminent policy makers and scholars were delivered the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Memorial Lecture** since 2023 onwards, with the conferment of the **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Visishta Ratna State Award**:

- ❖ **Dr. Mandali Buddha Prasad**, Former Deputy Speaker, AP Legislative Assembly, 19 May, 2023.
- ❖ **Shri Justice C. Praveen Kumar**, Former Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, 19 May, 2024.
- ❖ **Prof. Y. Venkata Rami Reddy**, Former Chairman, AP Public Service Commission, 25 July, 2025.

Note: For the complete List of the Recipients of Neelam Sanjiva Reddy State Awards in 5 Categories and distinguished Chief Guests and Guests of Honour, please visit us: <http://www.agrasri.org.in>