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RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL AWARDS

[Outstanding Leadership, Best District, Best Taluk, Best Gram
Panchayat, Gram Swaraj and Mahila Shakti National Awards]

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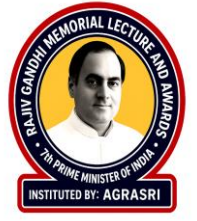
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RAJIV GANDHI

[1944-1991]

7th Prime Minister of
India and Visionary of
21st Century India

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 date :
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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Outstanding Leadership National Award ☐

Best District Panchayat National Award ☐

Best Taluk Panchayat National Award ☐

Best Gram Panchayat National Award ☐

Gram Swaraj National Award ☐

Mahila Shakti National Award ☐

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

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

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 India in particular and your own state in general ***(Attach 1 Page Note on your signal achievements and services rendered in your chosen fields).***
17. Name of the Category in which you are working under the following fields:
✓ (Pleas Tick mark):
 - ☐ Outstanding Leadership and Role Model Policy-maker in your chosen fields
 - ☐ Women Empowerment and Sustainable Development
 - ☐ Good Governance and Public Policy in District Panchayat
 - ☐ Good Governance and Sustainable Development in Taluk Panchayat
 - ☐ Good Governance and People's Participation in Gram Panchayat
 - ☐ Gram Swaraj and Rural Reconstruction in Villages
18. What is your **Vision Plan for 21st Century India in general and your own State 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. **Rajiv Gandhi National Awards in 6 Categories** would be conferred by the **Chief Guest**, on the selected nominees on **20th August or suitable and significant date** every Year at a **Special Ceremony** in Tirupati/ New Delhi/Hyderabad.

Jury of the Rajiv Gandhi National 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 Commission for Backward Classes, Hyderabad.
- **Shri Justice P.S. Narayana**, Former Judge, Andhra Pradesh High Court, Hyderabad.
- **Shri Venkatrao Y. Ghorpade**, Working President, Karnataka State Panchayati Raj Parishad, Bengaluru.

ABOUT THE RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL AWARDS

The **Rajiv Gandhi National Award** is an effort to acknowledge and honour extraordinary men and women who are impacting and transforming for the better our great nation 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 youngest Prime Minister of India **Rajiv Gandhi** - a great visionary of modern India who was a pivot of Indian politics and unforgettable reformer in the history of our times.

Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati has instituted **6 National Awards** to honour the infinite genius of the leaders of contemporary India who have contributed and enriched their services to modern India, as visionaries.

Academy presents the following National Awards on the birth day of Shri Rajiv Gandhi on **20 August or suitable date** annually:

- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership National Award.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Best District Panchayat National Award.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Best Taluk Panchayat National Award.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Best Gram Panchayat National Award.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Shakti National Award.**
- ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Gram Swaraj National Award.**

Eligibility

- **Enroll as Member of Academy (Patron/Donor/Life/Sponsor).**
- Nominee should be a resident of India.
- Have high personal 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 Society and Nation Building.
- 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 Rajiv Gandhi National 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.

The 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 and electronic media, besides social networks and media. Nominations are also called from various Govt., Semi-Govt., Private Institutions and NGO's through mailers, 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, headed by **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 every year in the month of April/May by the Academy.

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 India. He/She should have fundamental leadership values, must have shown exemplary performance and contributed towards development of his/her chosen fields for the larger goal of society and Nation building in particular and his/her own state in general.

The selected nominee for the **Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership National Award** will deliver the **Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture** on **20th August**, i.e., the Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Shri Rajiv Gandhi or suitable date at Tirupati/New Delhi/Hyderabad

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

Due to lack of financial resources, the selected Nominees of the Rajiv Gandhi National Awards are requested to meet their own travel and accommodation expenses for attending the awards ceremony at Tirupati/New Delhi/Hyderabad. However, the organisers will provide a modest hospitality during the awards ceremony.

The Jury decision will be final, and nobody questions 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.

Founder Chairman

Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap (Late)

Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Chairman, Hon. Board of Governors

Dr. Justice G. Yethirajulu

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. The 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, 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)**, Govt. of India, New Delhi, since 2016-2017 onwards.

The following eminent policy-makers and scholars were delivered the **Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture** since 2002 onwards, with the conferment of the **Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership National Award**:

- ❖ **Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar**, the then Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), 20 August, 2002.
- ❖ **Shri Shivraj V. Patil**, Speaker of Tenth Lok Sabha, 25 August, 2003.
- ❖ **Dr. T. Kutumba Rao**, Eminent Journalist and Author, 20 August, 2004.
- ❖ **Prof. U.R. Rao**, Former Chairman, ISRO, 23 September, 2005.
- ❖ **Prof. M.S. Swaminathan**, the then Chairman, National Commission on Farmers, 20 August, 2006.
- ❖ **Dr. R.A. Mashelkar**, the then Director-General of CSIR, 20 August, 2007.
- ❖ **Dr. C. Rangarajan**, the then Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister, 20 August, 2008.
- ❖ **Dr. G. Madhavan Nair**, the then Chairman, ISRO, 20 August, 2009.
- ❖ **(Mrs) V. Mohini Giri**, Former Chairperson, National Commission for Women, 8 March, 2011.
- ❖ **Dr. R. Chidambaram**, the then Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India, 29 February, 2012.
- ❖ **Dr. Bal Ram Jakhar**, Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Former Governor, 20 August, 2012.
- ❖ **Prof. Sukhadeo K. Thorat**, the then Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, 20 August, 2014.
- ❖ **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak**, Founder, Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, 20 August, 2015.
- ❖ **Dr. V.K. Saraswat**, Member, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, 20 August, 2016.
- ❖ **Prof. V. R. Panchamukhi**, Former Chairman, ICSSR, Govt. of India, 20 August, 2017.
- ❖ **Prof. N. Radhakrishnan**, Chairman, Indian Council for Gandhian Studies, 20 August, 2019.
- ❖ **Dr. W.R. Reddy, IAS (Retd.)**, Former Director-General, NIRDPR, Govt. of India, 19 August, 2022.
- ❖ **Prof. B.K. Chandrasekhar**, Former Chairman, Karnataka State Legislative Council, 20 August, 2023.
- ❖ **Dr. P. Rethinam**, President, International Society for Noni Science, Chennai.

Note: For the complete List of Recipients of the Rajiv Gandhi National Awards in 6 Categories and distinguished Chief Guests, please visit us: <http://www.agrasri.org.in>