



## BHARAT RATNA RAJIV GANDHI MAHILA SHAKTI NATIONAL AWARD

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### **NOMINATION FORM**

Form to be filled up by the Nominee  
(Attach additional Sheets for your Answers)

#### **Part-A**

#### ***(Socio-Economic Background)***

1. Name :
2. Postal Address :
- Phone :
- Fax :
- Mobile :
- E-mail :
3. Present Position :
4. Socio-economic Background :
- a) Date of Birth and Age :
- b) Occupation :
- c) Educational Qualifications :
5. Awards/Honour Received :

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#### **Part-B**

#### ***Indices of Successful Women Policy Makers/Leaders***

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

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

#### **6. Development Issues**

- a) How are the development projects planned and implemented in panchayats of your State?
- b) Whether development schemes / planning are effective and sustainable?
- c) Leadership role-played by you to remove malpractices
- d) Steps taken in developing a sense of self-reliance in the villages
- e) Action taken for poverty alleviation / employment generation in the villages
- i) By the use of government schemes
- ii) By the use of services of Civil Society Organisations/NGO's/Foundations

#### **7. Women's Issues**

- a) Have you improved the school attendance of the girl child? Yes/No. If Yes, How?
- b) Do you supervise the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) and other health-related programmes? How?
- c) Have you conducted special assistance programmes for women/girls? Describe.
- d) Have you encouraged Self-Help Groups & other income generating activities?

## 8. Community Participation

- a) Do you organise community for development work in your constituency/area? How?
- b) Describe your achievements through community participation?

## 9. Networking with other Parliamentary Constituencies/Institutions/Industries

- a) Have you done any developmental work in collaboration with other parliamentary constituencies/ industries? Yes / No.  
If Yes, please describe.
- b) Have you undertaken any activities relating to awareness creation and economic development in collaboration with Non-Governmental Organisations/Industries/? If Yes, please describe.

## 10. Innovative Work

### Have you done any innovative work in the following sectors?

- a) Social Sector (widow remarriage, preventing female feticide, dowry prohibition, etc.)
- b) Micro-planning at the panchayat and nagar palika institutions
- c) Resource mobilisation for public utility services
- d) Education and Health Sectors
- e) Infrastructure Development
- f) Environmental Issues
- g) Women issues
- h) Youth empowerment

## 11. Miscellaneous

- a) Do you think reservation is good for women and youth? Why?
- b) Who is your favourite leader? Elaborate.
- c) What difficulties do you face while working in your profession?

## 12. What is your Vision Plan for 21<sup>st</sup> Century India, as Women Leader/Policy Maker?

(Please do attach a Brief Note)

### (Signature of the Nominee, with Office Seal)

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- Chairman, Awards Jury: **Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap**, Former Secretary-General, Lok Sabha, New Delhi.
  - Convener, Awards Jury: **Dr. D. Sundar Ram**, Founder Director, AGRASRI & RRDF, Tirupati.

### Note:

1. The last date for submitting the Nomination Form is \_\_\_\_\_. The applications for Nomination will be screened and investigated by the Awards Jury, constituted by the Academy.
2. The National Awards would be conferred by the **Chief Guest** (*Hon'ble Governor/Union Minister/Judge*) on the selected nominees on **20 August every year** at a **Special Function** in **Tirupati/New Delhi**.

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The following eminent women scholars and policy makers were received the **Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Shakti National Award** since 2009 onwards:

1. **Dr (Mrs) Jaya Arunachalam**, President, Working Women's Forum, Chennai - 2009.
2. **Dr (Mrs) Manju Sharma**, Former Secretary to Govt. of India, New Delhi - 2010.
3. **Dr. V. Shanta**, Chairperson, Cancer Institute, Chennai - 2011.
4. **Smt. Nomita Chandu**, Secretary, ASHRAYA, Bangalore - 2012.
5. **Prof (Mrs) Paramjit Khurana**, Prof. J.C. Bose National Fellow, University of Delhi - 2013.
6. **Dr (Mrs) Swati A. Piramal**, Vice-Chairperson, Piramal Enterprises Ltd., Mumbai-2014.

## **A Brief Note on the Host Organisation- AGRASRI**

The 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 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 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 Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 organizations, 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, is the *Chairman* of the Academy Board of Governors, while *Dr (Mrs) V. Mohini Giri*, Former Chairperson, National Commission for Women, New Delhi, is the *Chairperson* of the Hon. Board of Advisors 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, 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 decade, 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 the Capacity Building and Training Programmes for the elected representatives of PRI's, in the Year 2010.

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

1. **Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar**, the then Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), 20 August, 2002.
2. **Shri Shivraj V. Patil**, Speaker of Tenth Lok Sabha, 25 August, 2003.
3. **Dr. T. Kutumba Rao**, Eminent Journalist and Author, 20 August, 2004.
4. **Prof. U.R. Rao**, Former Chairman, ISRO, 23 September, 2005.
5. **Prof. M.S. Swaminathan**, the then Chairman, National Commission on Farmers, 20 August, 2006.
6. **Dr. R.A. Mashelkar**, Former Director-General of CSIR, 20 August, 2007.
7. **Dr.C.Rangarajan**, the then Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister, 20 August, 2008.
8. **Dr. G. Madhavan Nair**, the then Chairman, ISRO, 20 August, 2009.
9. **(Mrs) V. Mohini Giri**, Chairperson, Guild of Service, 8 March, 2011.
10. **Dr. R. Chidambaram**, Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India, 29 February, 2012.
11. **Dr. Bal Ram Jakhar**, Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Former Governor, 20 August, 2012.
12. **Prof. Sukhadeo K. Thorat**, Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, 20 August, 2014.
13. **Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak**, Founder, Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, 20 August, 2015.



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### **ABOUT THE BHARAT RATNA RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL AWARDS**

The *Bharat Ratna 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. Aply, these awards carry the name of the youngest Prime Minister of India *Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi* - a great visionary of modern India who was a pivot of Indian politics and unforgettable reformer in the history of our times.

The *Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati* has instituted 7 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.

The Academy presents the following National Awards on the birth day of Shri Rajiv Gandhi on 20 August annually:

- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Shakti National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Shakti National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Best District Panchayat National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Bes Taluk Panchayat National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Best Gram Panchayat National Award.
- ❖ Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Gram Swaraj National Award.

#### **Eligibility**

- 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 National Building.
- The nominee for the Yuva Shakti category should be a person around 45 years of age, who has shown exemplary performance, recognised in the country, with the potential to reach the pinnacle in the years to come.
- The Award does not carry any Cash Prize. On conferment of the award, the recipient receives a Trophy and Citation.
- 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.
- Enroll as Member of Academy (Patron/Donor/Life/Sponsor).

## **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. Subhash C. Kashyap*, eminent Constitutional expert and Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, after deliberations finally picks one Leader in each category for the Award. The Nominations will be received every year in the month of 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 field for the larger goal of society and Nation building.

The nominees must have shown excellence despite challenges, have high personal values and human ethics, be innovative and supportive in his/her 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 country.

The Jury decision will be final, and no body questions its decision and authority.

## **Key Policy Makers of AGRASRI**

*Hon. Visitor:* **Dr. C. Rangarajan**

Former Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.

*Hon. Chief Patron:* **Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar**

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Former Chairperson, National Commission for Women, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

*Founder & Director, AGRASRI:* **Dr. D. Sundar Ram**

Formerly Reader in Public Administration, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

*Co-founder & Joint Director, AGRASRI:* **Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar**

Social Activist, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.