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Dated the 25th Jan, 2017

Respected Sir/Madam,

Government of India had instituted the Gandhi Peace Prize in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as a tribute to the ideals espoused by Mahatma Gandhi. It is a prestigious Award carrying an amount of Rs.1.00 crore and a citation. The Awardee(s) for every year is selected by an eminent Jury under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

2. The past awardees include luminaries like Dr. Julius Nyerere, Former President of Tanzania, Dr. Gerhard Fischer, Federal Republic of Germany, Ramakrishna Mission, Baba Amte (Shri Murlidhar Devidas Amte), Late Dr. Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt & Indian Space Research Organisation.
3. This Award is given to individual(s) and institution(s) for their outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods, for amelioration of human sufferings, particularly of the less privileged sections of the society, contributing towards social justice and harmony. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex.
4. A written work in order to be eligible for consideration should have been published during the last ten years. Normally recent works during the 10 years immediately preceding the nomination are considered. Older works may also be considered if their significance has become apparent only recently.
5. Nominations are invited from various eminent persons and institutions every year as mentioned in the Code of Procedure (copy enclosed). The same can also be viewed on this Ministry's website: <www.indiaculture.nic.in>. I request your active consideration and cooperation in the matter so that the choice is broad based and the most deserving person/institution is selected for the honour.

6. I shall be grateful for your consideration and sending us your recommendations by 30th April, 2017 for person(s)/ institution(s) which could be considered for the Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2017 in the enclosed proforma. If required, additional sheets of paper may be used to give details of work and achievements.

7. I would request that queries, if any, and nomination may be sent by e-mail to : Sh. Sarwesh Kumar Arya, Director, Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission, Ministry of Culture (sarweshk.arya@nic.in)

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Yours sincerely



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**PROFORMA FOR NOMINATION OF  
ORGANISATIONS / INSTITUTIONS FOR  
"GANDHI PEACE PRIZE"**

1. Name of organisation/institution :
2. Year of Establishment :
3. Headquarters :
4. Contact Details :  
Address :  
Phone No :  
Email address :
5. Work & Achievements :  
detailed citation describing the achievements which justifies the grant  
of Award. (attach additional sheets if required).

Nominated by

Name :

Contact Details :

Postal Address :

Phone numbers :

e-mail address :

## Description of the Award

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1. The Award shall be given for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence and other Gandhian methods.
2. There shall be one Award each year and it shall carry an amount of Rupees One Crore and a Citation.
3. **Joint Award:** The Award may be divided between two persons who are considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.
4. **Posthumous Award:** Work by a person since deceased cannot be the subject of an Award. If, however, his death occurred subsequent to a proposal having been submitted to the Jury in the manner stipulated in this Code, then a Posthumous Award may be made.

## Eligibility for Award

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1. The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex.
2. An association, institution or organisation shall also be eligible for the Award.
3. To come under consideration for the Award, it would ordinarily be necessary that a person shall be recommended in writing by someone with the competence thereof in accordance with Chapter IV of this Code.
4. Personal applications for the Award shall not be considered.

## Period of Award

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1. The Award shall be made annually starting with the year 1995 and every year thereafter.
2. If, however, it is considered that none of the proposals that have been made merit recognition, the Jury will be free to withhold the Award for that year.
3. Only recent work achieved within ten years immediately preceding the nomination shall be considered for the Award.
4. The preceding section notwithstanding, older work may be considered if its significance has not become apparent until recently.

## Competence to make Proposals

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1. Competence to make proposals for the Award shall be enjoyed by;
  - (a) Former members of the Jury;
  - (b) Persons who have received the Award;
  - (c) Members of Parliament of India;
  - (d) Nobel Laureates for the last five years;
  - (e) The Secretary-General of the United Nations and other leaders in international organisations or institutions whose objectives are promotion of peace, non-violence and emancipation of less privileged sections of society, tolerance, social harmony and social justice;
  - (f) Chancellors and Vice Chancellors of the Universities;
  - (g) Heads of Indian Missions abroad for bringing it to the notice of and for consulting major relevant institutions and experts of the country concerned;

- (h) Heads of Institutions relating to studies and research in non-violence and Gandhian principles;
  - (i) Presiding Officers of Lok Sabha / State Assemblies/Councils;
  - (j) Governors/Chief Ministers of the States/ UTs Administration;
  - (k) Secretary-General, Commonwealth;
  - (l) Commonwealth Parliamentary Union;
  - (m) Inter-Parliamentary Union; and
  - (n) Any other person whom the Jury may wish to invite to make proposals for the Award.
2. Every year the Secretariat shall issue letters in the first week of January inviting nominations from competent persons in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.
3. **Date for submission of Proposals:** The Jury shall consider such proposals as have been received in the office of the Government of India, Ministry of Culture up to and including 30th April of the year for which the Award is to be given, unless the

Chairman is of the opinion that such time should be extended either in general or with reference to a particular proposal.

4. Ordinarily, only proposals emanating from competent persons invited to nominate shall be considered. However, a proposal shall not be invalid for consideration by the Jury merely on the ground of not having emanated from competent persons mentioned in Section 1 of Chapter IV. In all such cases, the decision of the Jury shall be final. The Jury can also make a suo-moto nomination.
5. Proposals to be considered should be accompanied by a detailed write-up.

## Evaluation of Proposals

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1. No work shall merit an Award unless it is, in the opinion of the Jury, outstanding in promoting the ideals of Peace and Non-violence to which Mahatma Gandhi was devoted throughout his life.
2. The Award may be made to a person who has worked selflessly for peace, non-violence and amelioration of human sufferings particularly of the less-privileged section of Society contributing towards social justice and harmony irrespective of whether he holds a high public office or not.
3. A written work, in order to be eligible for consideration of the Award, shall have been published.
4. If for the full assessment of a written and published work, the Jury considers it necessary to make itself acquainted with its contents and if the Jury is satisfied that the contents cannot be translated into English or Hindi without very considerable trouble and

expense, then Jury shall not be under obligation to give the proposals further consideration.

## Selection

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1. The requisite scrutiny and final selection for the Award shall be made by a Jury to be appointed by the Government of India for this purpose.
2. The Jury shall comprise five members, i.e. the Prime Minister of India, who would chair the Jury; the Chief Justice of India; the Leader of Opposition recognized as such in the Lok Sabha or where there is no such Leader of Opposition then, the Leader of the single largest opposition party in that House; and two other eminent persons.
3. Members of the Jury shall be appointed for a period of three years. After three years those chosen, other than the three permanent ex-officio members, shall retire. The retiring persons shall, however, be eligible for reappointment.
4. If a member of the Jury retires or dies before the expiry of his term in office, another shall be appointed in his place for the unexpired part of that term.



5. The Prime Minister of India shall be the Chairman of the Jury. If for some reason it is not possible for him to be present in a meeting, the members present in the meeting may elect one member amongst them to preside over the meeting.
6. The Jury shall not be competent to take a final decision unless at least three of its members are present.
7. The decision of the Jury shall be by consensus.
8. The discussions, deliberations, opinions and proceedings of the Jury in connection with the Award shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
9. The Jury shall announce its decision, as far as possible, on birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi which is 2nd October.
10. Decisions of the Jury shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest can be made against them.

## Presentation of Award

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1. Presentation of the Award shall be made at New Delhi at a special ceremony.
2. The awardee shall be invited to receive the Award in person and, if possible, to give a public lecture connected with the work for which the Award has been made.
3. In addition to the amount of the Award, a Citation will be presented to each awardee.
4. **Payment of Award:** The Ministry of Culture will make payment of the amount of the Award at the time and place requested by the Awardee.
5. **Non-acceptance of Award:** Should an awardee decline an Award, then the amount will immediately revert to the Government of India. But if an awardee accepts the Award yet fails to draw the amount within the period of 36 months, then the amount shall revert to the Government of India.
6. In the event of death of an Awardee without receiving the Award, his next of kin shall be entitled for receiving the Award.

**General**

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1. It will be competent for any member of the Jury to propose an amendment in the Code. The members of the Jury for the time being shall decide whether such a change should be made or not but a change so proposed will not be incorporated in the Code until the consent of the Government of India is obtained.
2. The Government of India shall also have the right to make changes in the Code with prior consultation of the Jury.
3. The necessary finance for the Award and for all expenses incidental thereto shall be provided by the Government of India.
4. The Secretariat for the Award shall be provided by the Ministry of Culture.