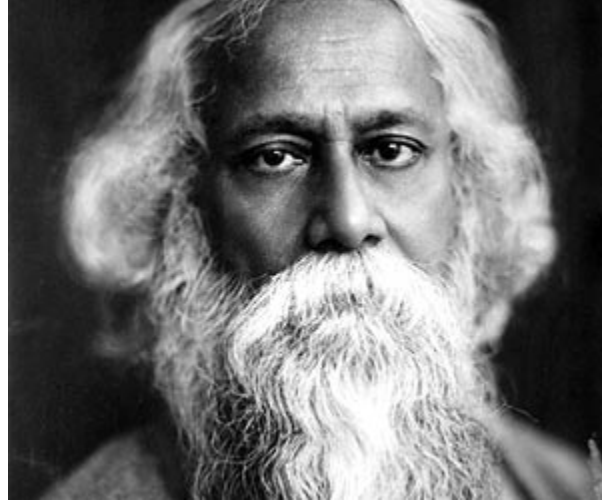


CODE OF PROCEDURE



Tagore Award for Promotion of Universal Brotherhood



**Government of India
Ministry of Culture**

FOREWORD

Rabindranath Tagore (7th May, 1861–7th August, 1941), popularly called as Gurudev, was an icon of Indian culture. Tagore though received worldwide acclaim for literary works, was also a multi-faceted genius who made important and pioneering contributions to different facets of Indian culture. He was a poet, an author, a philosopher, a composer, a superb visual artist and an educationist. Tagore became the first Asian to win the Nobel Prize for his collection of poems, Gitanjali, in 1913. He promoted spiritual values and the creation of a new world culture founded in multi-culturalism, diversity and tolerance. In 1921, Rabindranath Tagore established Viswabharati University. He gave all his money from Nobel Prize and royalty money from his books to this University.

Recognising the contributions and to rekindle interest in the life and works of Gurudev, the Government of India have decided to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore commencing from 7th May, 2011. As part of celebration, the Government of India has instituted “Tagore Award for Promotion of Universal Brotherhood” from 2012 for promoting values of Universal Brotherhood. There shall be one Award each year and it shall carry an amount of Rs.1.00 crore, a Citation in a Scroll, a Plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.

Description of the Award

1. The Award shall be given for promoting values of Universal Brotherhood.
2. There shall be one Award each year and it shall carry an amount of Rupees One Crore (convertible to foreign currency), a Citation in a Scroll, a Plaque as well as an exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item.
3. The Award may be divided between two persons/institutions who are considered by the Jury to be equally deserving of recognition in a given year.
4. 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.

Chapter II

Eligibility for Award

1. The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or sex.
2. An association, institution or organization 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.

Chapter III

Period of Award

1. The Award shall be made annually starting with the year *2012* 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

1. Competence to make proposals for the Award shall be enjoyed by;
 - i. Nobel Laureates for the last five years;
 - ii. Council of Ministers of Central Government;
 - iii. Member of Parliament of India except Council of Ministers ;
 - iv. The Secretary-General, United Nations/ Commonwealth/ Commonwealth Parliamentary Union/Inter-Parliamentary Union/ and other international organizations or institutions whose objectives are promotion of universal brotherhood;
 - v. Heads of Indian Missions abroad for bringing it to the notice of and for consulting major relevant institutions and experts of the country concerned;
 - vi. Presiding Officers of both Houses of Parliament/State Assemblies/ Councils;
 - vii. Governors/Chief Ministers of the States/ UTs Administration;
 - viii. Winners of Gandhi Peace Prize, Nehru Award and Indira Gandhi Prize for the last five years;
 - ix. Bharat Ratnas for the last five years;
 - x. Jnanpith Awardees for the last five years;
 - xi. Any other person whom the Jury may wish to invite to make proposals for the Award.

2. 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 I to IV. In all such cases, the decision of the Jury shall be final.

3. Proposals to be considered should be accompanied by a detailed write-up.

Chapter V

Invitation and Submission of proposals

1. Every year the Secretariat shall issue letters in the first week of April inviting nominations from competent persons in accordance with the provisions of Code of Procedure.
2. The invitation to foreign dignitaries/ Indian Missions abroad shall be sent through Ministry of External Affairs.
3. 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 31st August of the year for which the Award is to be given, unless the Chairperson is of the opinion that such time should be extended either in general or with reference to a particular proposal.
4. The Secretariat will check and examine the nominations received and seek clarifications, if any, and prepare the synopsis of each nominee in a booklet form and send it to the Chairperson of the Jury by 31st January of the following year for holding the meeting of the Jury.

Evaluation of Proposals

1. No work shall merit an Award unless it is, in the opinion of the Jury, is credited with outstanding achievement in fostering harmony and universalism and values of universal brotherhood especially in conflict or extreme situations through innovative systems/ strategies and which have an enduring and transformational impact.
2. The Award shall be made to a person who has worked selflessly for universal brotherhood 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 the Jury shall not be under obligation to give the proposal further consideration.

Jury & Selection

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 the Opposition in the Lok Sabha and two other eminent persons to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Jury.
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 remaining period of that term.
5. The Jury shall not be competent to take a final decision unless at least three of its members are present including the Prime Minister.
6. The decision of the Jury shall be by consensus.
7. The discussions, deliberations, opinions and proceedings to the Jury in connection with the Award shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
8. The Jury shall announce its decision, as far as possible, on birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore which is 7th May. Decisions of the Jury shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest can be made

against them. It will not be subject to an appeal in the Court of Law.

Chapter VIII

Presentation of Award

1. Presentation of the Award shall be made at New Delhi at a special ceremony by the President of India.
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 in a Scroll, a Plaque as well as an Exquisite traditional handicraft/handloom item will be presented to each Awardee.
4. The Ministry of Culture will make payment of the amount of the Award at the time and place requested by the Awardee.
5. 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.

Chapter IX

General

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.