

# PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO PRESENT GANDHI PEACE PRIZE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TOMORROW

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Ministry of Culture

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President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind will present the Gandhi Peace Prize for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018 tomorrow, the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019 at Darbar Hall, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will also attend the award Ceremony to felicitate the awardees.

The awardees are as below

1. Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for the year 2015.
2. Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International for the year 2016 (Jointly).
3. Ekal Abhiyan Trust for the year 2017.
4. Sh Yohei Sasakawa for the year 2018.

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Gandhi Peace Prize for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence was instituted in the year 1995. The Award comprises an amount of Rs. One Crore and a Citation.

Ministry of Culture, Government of India, invites nominations of persons/organizations in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter IV of the Code of Procedure. 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. 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 the Code of Procedure, then a Posthumous Award may be made.

As per para 2 of Chapter VI of Code of Procedure of Gandhi Peace Prize, the Jury shall comprise of the following persons:-

1.	Prime Minister of India	Chairman (ex-officio)
2.	Chief Justice of India	Member (ex-officio)
3.	Leader of the Opposition recognized as such in the Lok	Member (ex-officio)

	Sabha or where there is no such Leader of Opposition then, the Leader of the single largest opposition party in that House	
4.	Eminent person	Nominated Member
5.	Eminent person	Nominated member

Smt Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Sh. L.K.Advani, Member of Parliament were nominated by Chairman of the Jury i.e Prime Minister of India as members on the Jury of Gandhi Peace Prize for a period of three years (3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020).

This annual award is given to individuals, associations, institutions or organizations who have 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. The Award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, language, caste, creed or gender. Normally, contributions made during ten years immediately preceding the nomination are considered. Older contributions may also be considered if their significance has not become apparent recently.

#### **Past Awardees**

The details of prize conferred to individuals and organizations from the year of its inception in 1995 to till date are given hereunder:-

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AWARDED TO</b>
1995	Dr.Julius K.Nyerere, former President of Tanzania
1996	Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder President of Sarvodaya Sharamadana Movement, Sri Lanka.
1997	Dr. Gerhard Fischer of Germany
1998	Rama Krishna Mission (India)
1999	Baba Amte (Murlidhar Devidas Amte) (India)
2000	Dr. Nelson Mandela and Grameen Bank of Bangladesh (jointly)
2001	Dr. John Hume, Ireland
2002	Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan
2003	Mr. Vaclav Havel, former President of Czechoslovakia
2005	Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa

2013 Sh.Chandi Prasad Bhatt

2014 Indian Space Research Organisation

This prize was not awarded for the years 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

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