



BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION

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TWENTY SECOND MAHAVEER AWARDS

Dear Sir / Madam

Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation was established in 1994 to identify, encourage and honour the individuals and institutions who are doing selfless service for the welfare of the underprivileged and the weak in our society. With a view to focus public attention on the activities of these altruistic persons and encourage others to emulate them and take up community and social services, the Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation has instituted the Mahaveer Awards which is given every year.

The awards are given for excellence in human endeavour in the fields of Non-Violence & Vegetarianism, Education, Medicine and Community & Social Service. From this year onwards, that is, from 22nd Mahaveer Awards, a new category of Award, called Women Social Entrepreneur/Achiever with Indian values is introduced.

Nominations are received every year from almost all the States in the country. The awardees are decided by an eminent Selection Jury headed by Justice Shri M. N. Venkatachaliah, Former Chief Justice of India.

There are a number of altruists ceaselessly serving the weak and the voiceless in our society without seeking recognition and unmindful of any rewards. The Foundation has identified such entities and honoured them in formal functions. Eminent personalities of our country like the President of India, the Vice President of India, Governors, Chief Minister and Ministers have given away the awards.

Till the 21st Mahaveer Awards, 67 awardees from 19 States and 1 Union Territory have been honoured in recognition of their very high standard of selfless service for the welfare of the underprivileged.

The Foundation invites nominations for the Twenty Second Mahaveer Awards for Excellence in Human Endeavour in the following spheres of activities: -

- * Non-Violence & Vegetarianism
- * Education
- * Medicine
- * Community & Social Service
- * Women Social Entrepreneur/Achiever with Indian values

Each award consists of a cash component of Rs. 10 Lakhs (Rupees Ten Lakhs), a Citation and a Memento.

Only individuals who are Indian Nationals and institutions based in India and doing work of very high standard in India are eligible for these awards. Work carried out during recent times would merit consideration. One major criterion for the award would relate to the benefits reaching the economically and the socially backward sections of the community e.g. SC/STs, women and children.

The format for the nomination is enclosed, which can also be downloaded from our website. For more information, kindly visit our website : www.bmfawards.org

Kindly send the duly completed nominations at an early date to avoid rush of nominations towards the last date prescribed.

The last date for receipt of the nominations is 31st July 2018. Since the selection process is time bound, we regret that nominations received after the last date will not be considered for the TWENTY SECOND MAHAVEER AWARDS.

Yours truly,

for **BHAGWAN MAHAVEER FOUNDATION,**

N Sugalchand Jain

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Trustee

GUIDELINES FOR FILLING THE FORM

1. Self-nominations are accepted.
2. The nominees and the sponsors should send factual information about the overall work done on the basis of the stated criteria.
3. A brief note on the nature of activities and the area of services provided by the nominee over the years should be furnished along with your recommendation.
4. Please specify the period since when the nominee has been rendering service, the geographical area and the number of persons benefitted. The nominee must have been rendering service for a minimum of 10 years.
5. If the individual has contributed through an institution, kindly indicate the extent of contribution of the individual and the impact of the work done. Please give qualitative and quantitative details wherever possible.
6. Please avoid expensive enclosures. Only one Photo copy of the enclosure should be sent. "Originals should not be sent". Please note that it will not be possible for us to return the material sent to us in support of the nomination.
7. Please specify the sphere of activity for which the nominee is sponsored.
8. Please affix a copy of the recent passport size photograph of the nominee in the space provided for, in the nomination form.
9. In case of institutions, specify whether it is a registered society or trust.
10. Please indicate the sources of finance supporting the activities of the nominee (e.g. grants from Government, donations from Indian / Foreign sources).
11. The overall impact and the spread effect of their work in Community and Social Service and the specific benefits accruing therefrom to the people, will be taken into account. In particular, the following will be considered: In what way and to what extent :
 - The work done has helped the weaker sections of society
 - It has encouraged participation of people/NGOs/other Government and Non-Government organizations.
12. Any other relevant information could be furnished.
13. Please do not leave any column blank.
14. Please use additional sheets wherever necessary
15. Please go through the desired scope of activities of the nominees
16. All disputes relating to the awards are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts at Chennai only.
17. The last date to fill in and send the Nomination Form is 31st July 2018. The Form should be sent to

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NOTES :

- (i) No awards would be given under any category if in the opinion of the Selection Jury, none of the nominations in the category come upto the standards followed by the Jury.
- (ii) An award, once given may be withdrawn if in the opinion of the Foundation, the data furnished in support of the nominations is found incorrect or misleading or any other information received thereafter satisfy the trustees to withdraw the award even after declaration.



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NOMINATION FORM

Passport Size Photo
of the Nominee

- 1 Name of the Nominee :
Individual / Institution (In case of
institution please write the Name
of the Institution only)
 - a The name of the person who
founded the Institution :
 - b The name of the person currently
heading the institution :
- 2 **Contact details :**
Address :
Door No. & Street Name :
Area :
City ,..... District :
State ,..... Pin Code :
Telephone No.,..... Mobile No. :
Email id : ,..... Website :
- 3 Date of Birth of the Nominee / Date
of Establishment of the Institution :
- 4 Members of the Governing Body /
Managing Committee Members :
(in case of institution) – Separate
sheet can be attached
- 5 Sphere of Activity :
(Tick the appropriate category)
 - Non- Violence & Vegetarianism
 - Education
 - Medicine
 - Community & Social Service
 - Women Social Entrepreneur/
Achiever with Indian Values
- 6 Geographical area of work done
(indicate Taluk/Tehsil/District/States) :
- 7 How has the work impacted the
surrounding areas/community
(give specific and quantitative /
qualitative information). :
- 8 No. of persons/ animals benefitted :
- 9 Is any cost being collected for the
service provided? :
If so, how much per beneficiary? :
- 10 How the work has fulfilled
the stated criteria :

11. Sources of Finance
- Central Govt
 - State Govt
 - NGOs / Trusts
 - Public Sector Institutions
 - Private Sector Institutions
 - Indian Philanthropists
 - Foreign Donations
 - Own funds generated
 - Others

12. Previously Received Awards
(Separate Sheet may be attached)

Name of the Award/ Prize / Recognition	Name of the institution which has given the Award	Year

13. Sponsored by :

- a. Name :
- b. Occupation: :
- c. Address: :
- Door No. & Street Name: :
- Area :
- City : District :
- State : Pin Code :
- Telephone No. : Mobile No. :
- Email Id : Website :

d. Relationship, if any, to the Nominee:

14. Brief Note on the activities of the nominee (in not more than 400 words) with your recommendations as to why the Mahaveer Awards should be given to the Nominee : (Separate Sheet may be attached)

15. Any other information which may be relevant:

16. Your source of information about this award(Newspaper/Media/ word of mouth etc)

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Sponsor

DESIRED SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

AWARD FOR NON-VIOLENCE AND VEGETARIANISM

The award is given to inspire people to follow the principles of Bhagwan Mahaveer who preached Ahimsa and Non violence 2600 years ago. The award is for excellence in human endeavour in the field of Non-Violence and Vegetarianism. The activities of the nominee may include the following:

- a. Propagation of vegetarianism
- b. Practice of vegetarianism
- c. Protection and care of animals, birds and reptiles.
- d. Possess a sense of selflessness and compassion in service to others
- e. Creative work in promoting Non-violence

AWARD FOR EDUCATION

The award is given to inspire people to do selfless service in the field of Education for the needy and poor and provide opportunity and facilitate for their education. The award is for excellence in human endeavour in the field of Education. The activities of the nominee may include the following:

- a. Potential ideas that bring about improvement in educational practice
- b. Efforts to educate the people living in remote rural areas.
- c. Improvement in communication systems, Computer technology, Literacy campaigns, improvement in attendance in rural schools, reduction of school dropouts etc.
- d. Achievements through Innovative educational practices.
- e. Contribution to the furtherance of Education Movement.
- f. Education may include vocational training or any alternative system of education, education for the differently abled children, promoting indigenous education, application of technology in education, etc.
- g. Care, education and rehabilitation of the mentally retarded and the physically challenged (including spastics, slow learners) and dyslexic children and so on.

AWARD FOR MEDICINE

The award is given to inspire people to do selfless service in the field of Medicine and Health Care for the welfare of the needy and poor in the society. The award is for excellence in human endeavour in the field of Medicine. The activities of the nominee may include the following:

- a. Dedication to the care of underserved populations.
- b. Demonstrated altruism, compassion and personal sacrifice while providing quality health care to destitute, distressed or marginalized population in an impoverished community.
- c. Demonstrates productive improvement towards medicine.
- d. Contributing and working to ensure better healthcare for India's rural population.
- e. An Indian citizen who is not a qualified medical professional but is contributing towards better health for rural India. He/she could be contributing to spreading awareness or be actively involved in creating better healthcare infrastructure.
- f. Focusing on providing health & hygiene betterment services.
- g. Free or low cost medical care facilities for women and children, pre-natal and post-natal care, education for better health and hygiene, better nutrition for children.
- h. Non-profit medical institutions serving the society
- i. Persons involved in setting up of the institutions

AWARD FOR COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE

The award is given to inspire people to do selfless service to the society for the needy and poor. The award is for excellence in human endeavour in the field of Community and Social Service. The activities of the nominee may include the following:

- a. Supply of pure drinking water, initiation and improvement in sanitary facilities, low cost balanced diet.
- b. Improvement in village roads, transport and communication systems
- c. Rehabilitation of vulnerable children, work in slums.
- d. Free or low cost legal aid to women in distress, creating general awareness among women about their rights and the laws pertaining thereto, reforms for enhancing the social status of women.
- e. Care, education and rehabilitation of the mentally retarded and the physically challenged (including spastics, slow learners) and dyslexic children and so on.
- f. Adult Education
- g. Rehabilitation of persons afflicted by leprosy
- h. Dalit and Tribal Welfare
- i. Health, Hygiene and Sanitation
- j. Removal of Untouchability
- k. Rural Development
- l. Any other activity done for the general welfare of masses.

AWARD FOR WOMEN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR / ACHIEVER WITH INDIAN VALUES

The award is given to inspire women who demonstrate vision, resilience and role model leadership, setting an example for others, and who participate in all spheres and issues related to women to do selfless service to the needy and poor and to follow Indian values. This category would be for a woman

- a) Who promotes Indian values and traditions like care for the society and family, respect for the elders and other similar values.
- b) Who has helped to uplift the society
- c) Who improves the quality of life of the many
- d) Who has excelled in any non commercial field
- e) Who has been a role model in public life in the society as well as to the family.

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NOMINEE MAY INCLUDE:

- a. Working at the grassroots and contributing significantly by taking measures to eradicate illiteracy, provide vocational training, rehabilitation of women and children etc.
- b. Free or low cost medical care facilities for women and children, pre-natal and post-natal care, education for improved health and hygiene, better nutrition for children.
- c. Rehabilitation of children working in slums.
- d. Free or low cost legal aid to women, creating general awareness among women about their rights and the laws pertaining thereto.
- e. Bringing reforms for enhancing the social status of women.
- f. Care, education and rehabilitation of the mentally and physically challenged children.
- g. Working for the upliftment of mentally and physically abused, neglected, deserted, exploited women and widows, especially from rural and tribal areas.
- h. Working for the uncared, discarded, destitute and exploited children, including orphans, especially from rural areas.
- i. Contributing in establishment of Micro Enterprise, women self help groups, etc in rural and tribal areas.
- j. Adopts unique approach/idea to address a critical problem