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Dear *Suman*

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to acknowledge your letter dated 12 July 2010 conveying information on the Indira Gandhi Prize-2010 and requesting his nomination of candidates for this Prize. While thanking you, I would like to assure you that the matter will be given appropriate thought and attention. At this stage, however we are not in a position to nominate any individual or Organization. Should our efforts in identifying a deserving candidate yield a result, I shall certainly get in touch with you. I note that the last day for receipt of nominations is 30 September 2010.

Allow me to express my full confidence that that the Jury will, in time, select a worthy and deserving candidate for this very prestigious Prize.

*Warm regards*

*Vijay*

Yours sincerely,

*Vijay Nambiar*

Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Suman Dubey  
Secretary  
Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust  
New Delhi



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July 12, 2010

Dear Sir,

**SUBJECT : INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE – 2010**

I have the privilege to invite you to send your valued nomination for the Indira Gandhi Prize-2010.


The purpose of the Prize is to recognize and support outstanding contributions to Peace, Disarmament and Development, causes for which Prime Minister Indira Gandhi devoted her life.

The accompanying brochure gives details of the Prize and the Code of Procedure. The names of the present Jury Members and the previous awardees are included.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly send in your nomination to reach me before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010. It will be helpful if your letter sets out briefly the reasons for your recommendation. A short curriculum vitae of the individual nominated by you would be of assistance to the Jury. In case you wish to nominate an Organization, a brief factual account of the work done by the Organization may kindly be forwarded along with the nomination.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

  
(Suman Dubey)  
Secretary

**HE Mr. Ban Ki-Moon**  
Secretary General of the United Nations  
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30<sup>th</sup> July, 2010

Excellency,

Please find enclosed a closed envelope from the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust for His Excellency the Secretary General of the UN regarding his nomination for the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2010.

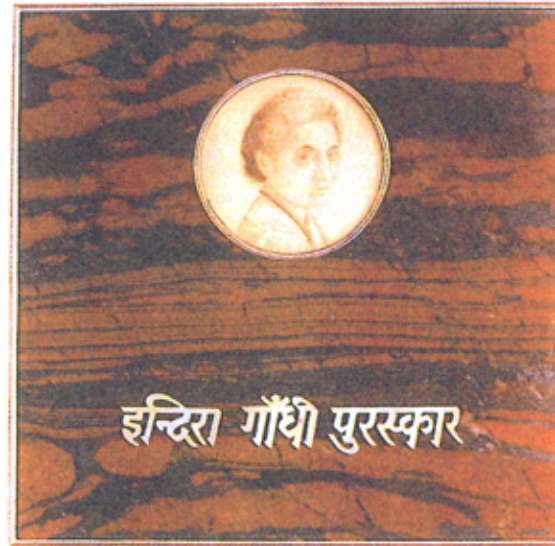
It is requested that this envelope may kindly be forwarded to its high destination.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
(M. S. Puri)

H. E. Ambassador Vijay K. Nambiar,  
Chef-de-Cabinet,  
Executive Office of the Secretary-General,  
United Nations,  
New York, NY 10017

INDIRA  
GANDHI  
PRIZE  
2010



The Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development consists of an award of Rs. 2.5 million and a trophy with a citation. The trophy is a square piece of banded haematite jasper, the same stone which is used at the samadhi of Indira Gandhi at Shakti Sthala, New Delhi. Haematite Jasper is one of the hardest and oldest varieties of stone found in India and is estimated to be 2000 million years old.

Inset into the stone is a portrait of Indira Gandhi painted in the tradition of Mughal miniatures by Zameer Ahmed. The miniature is rimmed in silver. The words Indira Gandhi Puraskar in Hindi in the Devnagri script are inset below. The trophy is encased in a traditional Kerala casket embellished with filigreed ebony by master craftsmen of the Old City of Delhi.

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# INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE

For Peace, Disarmament and Development

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## Preamble

**I**ndira Gandhi's dedicated work for India and the world has earned for her a shining place in history. She lived and laboured for enlarging freedom for humankind, freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom from various forms of prejudice and narrowness. She believed that nations could prosper only if they lived in harmony with one another. She had a unified view of humanity. She wanted men and women of all lands to live in a sense of togetherness, cherishing and enriching the universal heritage. As chairperson of the Non-Aligned

Movement she declared: "Born of the universe, we cannot narrow our loyalties. Belonging to humankind, nothing human can be alien to us."

Indira Gandhi was indefatigable in alerting the collective consciousness of humanity to the dangers of confrontation in a world bristling with nuclear weapons. She was a passionate champion of disarmament and peaceful resolution of disputes. She worked for harnessing the spiritual and material resources of humankind to fight against aggression and acquisitiveness, poverty and pollution. She wanted knowledge to lead to wisdom and to inner harmony. Like Jawaharlal Nehru, she was

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untiring in underscoring the indispensability of non-violence. She wanted human beings to live in peace within themselves, with fellow beings and with the rest of nature.

Clear and unshakeable in her objectives yet practical, strong yet full of compassion, committed yet detached, deeply spiritual yet secular and free from a narrow, constricted view of life, proud of her national heritage yet imbued with an international vision transcending regional and parochial considerations, Indira Gandhi carved out a niche for herself in history.

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To commemorate Indira Gandhi's outstanding contribution to national and global well-being and to promote the causes which she espoused, India in 1985 instituted the **INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE** for Peace, Disarmament and Development. It is administered by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

The previous awardees are featured on the last page.

# THE PRIZE

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## Code of Procedure

**T**he Prize shall be awarded annually to a person or organization without any distinction of nationality, race or religion, in recognition of creative efforts towards:

- Promoting international peace and disarmament, racial equality, and goodwill and harmony among nations;
- Securing economic co-operation and promoting a new international economic order;
- Accelerating the all-round advancement of developing

nations;

- Ensuring that the discoveries of science and modern knowledge are used for the larger good of the human race; and
- Enlarging the scope of freedom and enriching the human spirit.

The Prize shall be of the value of Rs. 2.5 million or its equivalent in foreign exchange.

Scrutiny of proposals and final selection for the Prize shall be made by a jury of eminent persons.

The jury shall consist of not fewer than five and not more than nine members named by the Chairperson

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of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust with one of them being designated as its Chairman.

Recommendations for the Prize may be submitted by :

- Past winners of the Prize;
- Former members of the jury;
- Members of either House of the Indian Parliament;
- Members of the national Parliaments of all member countries of the United Nations;
- National and international organizations of repute dedicated to the promotion of peace and international understanding; and
- Any person or organization invited or permitted by the jury to make proposals.

Each year, the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust shall invite

recommendations for the award in respect of the preceding year. The last date for receipt of recommendations shall be 30 September. The Prize shall be announced on or before 31 December.

The proposer, while nominating an individual or organization, shall give a brief statement outlining the reasons for the proposal.

Only persons nominated as candidates during their lifetime shall be considered for the Prize.

The decision of the jury shall be by consensus and shall be recorded by the Chairperson. It shall be final and binding and not subject to confirmation or revision for any reason whatsoever.

The proposals in connection with the award of the Prize and the deliberations of the jury shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.

The members of the jury shall hold office for three years. In the events of a

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vacancy occurring for any reason, the Chairperson of the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. Any vacancy in the jury shall not invalidate its proceedings.

The jury shall have the discretion to divide the Prize between two or more persons or institutions or to withhold the Prize for any year.

The Prize shall be presented, as far as possible, to the awardee in person at a special ceremony in New Delhi. If the Prize is awarded to an institution, it shall be received by persons designated by the institution.

The Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust

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shall be competent to make changes in the Code of Procedure on the advice of the jury or otherwise.

The Prize and all expenses incidental to its award shall be financed out of an endowment by the government of India to the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust.

The secretariat shall be provided by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust, 1 Akbar Road, New Delhi-110 011.

# THE TRUST

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**T**he Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust is established to carry forward the work which Indira Gandhi had started and to support the many causes which were dear to her. And to share some of the results of these endeavours with the rest of the world.

With Smt. Sonia Gandhi as the Trust's Chairperson and other eminent trustees on the Board, the activities of the Trust fall under four categories:

First, by seeking to improve the welfare of the people, achieve a quality of life which will promote a genuine sense of integration, harmony and international goodwill;

Second, to encourage the use of scientific and technological

advancement while conserving the balance of the natural environment for the good of the people.

Third, to support and promote cultural activities through the universally appreciated media of folk art, music, theatre, film, painting and literature;

And finally, as part of the national heritage to establish a permanent memorial to Indira Gandhi at her last residence in 1 Safdarjung Road and to preserve and propagate her speeches and writings, photographs, voice recordings and films for the benefit of the present generation as well as posterity.

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# THE TRUSTEES

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Smt. Sonia Gandhi  
Chairperson

Shri Suman Dubey  
Secretary

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Smt. Sheila Dikshit  
Shri Vasant Sathe  
Shri Murli S Deora  
Shri Romesh Chopra  
Shri R P Goenka  
Major H P S Ahluwalia  
Shri Om Kaul  
Smt. Vatsala Khurana  
Dr. Manmohan Singh  
Smt. Shobhana Bhartia  
Smt. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra  
Shri Rahul Gandhi  
Shri Manmohan Malhoutra

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# THE JURY

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The jury for the  
INDIRA GANDHI PRIZE for  
Peace, Disarmament and  
Development consists of the  
following eminent persons :

Dr. Manmohan Singh  
Prime Minister

Dr. M. S. Swaminathan  
Eminent International  
Agriculture Scientist

Dr. Karan Singh  
Renowned thinker & statesman

Justice Leila Seth  
Former Chief Justice  
of Himachal Pradesh

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Shri N. R. Narayana Murthy  
Chief Mentor,  
Infosys Technologies Ltd.

Shri Ronen Sen  
Former Ambassador to  
US, UK and Russia

# PREVIOUS AWARDEES

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**T**he **1986** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Parliamentarians Global Action** “in recognition of their dedicated, dynamic and tenacious espousal of nuclear disarmament, their imaginative efforts to mobilize parliamentary and popular opinion all over the world on behalf of peace, development and international co-operation and their role in sponsoring the Six-Nation Five-Continent Initiative for Disarmament”

The **1987** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **His Excellency Mikhail S. Gorbachev**, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union “in recognition of his bold and imaginative proposals to initiate a

positive and practical process of nuclear disarmament and his vision of a non-violent world free of nuclear weapons”

The **1988** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Her Excellency Gro Harlem Brundtland**, Prime Minister of Norway “for her dedicated endeavours to improve the living conditions of people on this planet, especially her work, as chairperson of the World Commission on Environment and Development, to focus international attention on the close interdependence between economic development and environmental conservation and the need to convert our one earth into one world”

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The **1989** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** "for its outstanding contribution in safeguarding and developing the health of the World's Children, through its expertise and activities extending direct and indirect assistance for the well-being of the future global community"

The **1990** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **His Excellency Sam Nujoma**, President of Namibia "in recognition of his outstanding contribution in leading the people of Namibia to freedom."

The **1991** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to the late **Shri Rajiv Gandhi** "for his outstanding and innovative contributions to the cause of nuclear disarmament, global peace and economic development."

The **1992** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Dr. Saburo Okita**, former Chairman of the Institute for Domestic

and International policy studies and former Foreign Minister, Japan "in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the fields of economics, technology and diplomacy."

The **1993** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **His Excellency Dr. Vaclav Havel**, President of Czech Republic, "for his outstanding contribution to the defence of human rights and liberties and victory of democracy in his country."

The **1994** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Archbishop Trevor Huddleston** "in recognition of his contribution in the field of race relations and in the struggle against apartheid."

The **1995** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **General Olusegun Obasanjo**, former Head of State of Nigeria "in recognition of his contribution towards African democracy and development and for international peace."

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The **1996** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Medicins Sans Frontiers** “for its outstanding work in alleviating human suffering by providing timely and much needed medical aid to people and communities in crisis.”

The **1997** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Mr. Jimmy Carter**, former President of USA for his outstanding work for peace, disarmament and human rights.

The **1998** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Prof. Muhammad Yunus**, Chairman, Grameen Bank, Dhaka, Bangladesh for his unique contribution to the fight against poverty and much more equitable distribution of food resources within families after women have been empowered to control their own destinies, with a Grameen Bank Loan.

The **1999** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan**, Chairman, M.S.S. Research

Foundation for his outstanding contribution, in the domain of plant genetics and ensuring food security to hundreds of millions of citizens in the developing world.

The **2000** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Mrs. Mary Robinson**, U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights and Former President, Ireland, in recognition of her signal contribution in the field of human rights, the world over.

The **2001** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Prof. Sadako Ogata**, former U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, for her outstanding devotion to the international refugee problems.

The **2002** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Sir Shridath Ramphal** former Secretary General of Commonwealth, for the great services rendered by him for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the last three decades.

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The **2003** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to the **United Nations and H. E. Mr. Kofi Annan**, Secretary-General jointly for the great services rendered to promote Peace, Disarmament and Development.

The **2004** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn** of Thailand for the great services rendered towards human kind.

The **2005** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai**, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for his efforts to restore peace in Afghanistan.

The **2006** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Prof. Wangari M. Maathai**, President of Economics, Social and Cultural Council of African Union for her spending decades in working for poor in slums and under-developed areas and for protection of environment.

The **2007** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for its pioneering and exemplary philanthropic work around the world and in India in health, especially in helping fight disease, illness and poor health conditions in the developing world.

The **2008** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Dr. Mohamed El Baradei** "for his impassioned opposition to the use of nuclear energy for military purpose and his steadfast espousal of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, sustained over many years".

The **2009** Indira Gandhi Prize was awarded to **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** for her outstanding contributions to the promotion of democracy and pluralism, her determined drive to alleviate poverty, secure social and economic justice for her people through inclusive and sustainable developments, and her consistent commitment to peace.

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