

Honouring River Warriors

# Bhagirath Prayaas Samman



## Call for Nominations

Last date for submission: September 25, 2017

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## About Bhagirath Prayaas Samman

Bhagirath Prayaas Samman (BPS) constituted in 2014, is an attempt to recognize inspiring, outstanding, sustained efforts/contributions (Prayaas/tapasya) of river warriors/champions towards protection and conservation of India's rivers.

Emphasis of Bhagirath Prayaas Samman is on the efforts/Prayaas/initiatives to conserve rivers and not solely on the end results/impacts. **Our attempt is to highlight unsung, lesser known but inspirational initiatives.** BPS nominees can include persons/ organisations from government, academic, media, grass roots or civil society in India.

Maximum number of awards: 3

Categories: 2

- **Category 1. Campaigns, advocacy and legal discourse:** Saving a river/river stretch from degradation or to mitigate a potential threat to the river or to initiate positive action through innovative campaigns, advocacy and proactive legal discourse
- **Category 2. Collective Stakeholder action:** Addressing threats through better management leading to rejuvenation of rivers/river stretches. This will recognize grassroots action related to implementing innovative approaches to rejuvenation of rivers

## Criteria for selection

- Significance of the issue addressed, nature and scale of the problem
- Over all approach and persistent nature of efforts
- Inspirational value (for eg; working with limited resources, motivating stakeholders and so on)
- Advocacy/field action leading to results on the ground, systemic/policy changes, behaviour change
- Initiatives on rivers will only be considered. Initiatives on water conservation, sanitation,

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watershed management alone will not be considered.

- Initiatives need to be at least three years old
- Already well recognized individuals and organizations and posthumous nominations, will not be considered.
- Members of Organising Committee groups and of the BPS Jury will not be considered for awards.

## Nominations

- Any individual or organisation working towards conservation, rejuvenation of rivers is welcome to send their nominations/or self nominate. If you are nominating any initiative, Nominator is expected to have a sound understanding/knowledge about the initiative/individual nominated.
- Self nominations will be considered. In case of self nominations, please provide two independent references who are aware of the work done by the individual or organisation nominated.

## Selection process

Date of announcement: August 24, 2017

Last date for nominations: September 25, 2017

Short-listing by India Rivers Week Organising Committee (comprising INTACH, PEACE Institute Charitable Trust, People's Science Institute, Toxics Link, SANDRP and WWF-India): October 2017

Jury meeting: October 2017

Award function: November 25, 2017

## Jury

- Mr Samar Singh
- Dr. Amita Baviskar, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi
- Mr. Ravi Singh, WWF- India
- Dr Latha Anantha, River Research Centre
- Dr S Janakrajan, Professor, Madras Institute of Development Studies
- Mr Abhilash Khandekar, Senior Journalist
- Mr. Himanshu Thakkar , SANDRP, Member, Organising Committee

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## NOMINATION FORM

Please fill in the following details

1. Name and description of the nominated initiative:

2. Key contact on behalf of the nominated initiative:

- a. Name
- b. Address
- c. Phone
- d. Email

3. State whether this is a self nomination: Yes/No

4. If self nomination please provide two independent referees

	Referee 1	Referee 2
Name		
Address		
Phone		
Email		

5. Details of the initiative

a. Type of nominee: (pl tick one)

- Individual
  1. Activists
  2. Researchers/Academicians
  3. Lawyers
  4. Government officials
  5. Media
  6. Academic/ researcher
  7. Others (Specify)
- Organisation
  1. NGOs
  2. Community Based Organisations
  3. Government
  4. Media
  5. Academic/ research organisation
  6. Others (Specify)

**Category (pl tick one)**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Category 1. Campaigns, advocacy and legal discourse:</b> Saving a river/river stretch from degradation or to mitigate a potential threat to the river or to initiate positive action through innovative campaigns, advocacy and proactive legal discourse</li><li>• <b>Category 2. Collective Stakeholder action:</b> Addressing threats through better management leading to rejuvenation of rivers/river stretches. This will recognize grassroots action related to implementing innovative approaches to rejuvenation of rivers</li></ul>
<b>Geographical area of the initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Name of the river/basin</li><li>b. District</li><li>c. State</li></ul>
<b>Duration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year of initiation</li><li>• Total number of years</li><li>• Is this an ongoing initiative?</li></ul>
<b>Alignment with nomination criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Significance of the issue addressed, nature and scale of the problem</li> <li>• Over all approach towards river conservation of the initiative</li> <li>• Inspirational value (for e.g.; working with limited resources, motivating stakeholders, sacrifices, facing difficult opposition/ repression and so on)</li> <li>• Results on the ground (systemic/legal/policy changes/ behaviour change/ecological impacts)</li> <li>• Honours and awards received in the past</li></ul>
Why do you think this initiative deserves Bhagirath Prayaas Samman?
Pl share documents/materials/URLs supporting the nomination (notable and verifiable outreach material / publications and credible media coverage actions / results from this initiative)

**6. Tell us about yourself (Name, phone, email) (if you are nominating someone else)**

**For more details contact:**

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On behalf of Organising Committee India Rivers Week

## Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal

In memory of Shri Anupam Mishraji, a true Gandhian and a gifted writer, speaker and a journalist whose in-depth research into little-known community conservation initiatives inspired many in India and abroad to follow suit, the India Rivers Week Organising Committee is constituting a medal to recognise media professionals for their work on rivers. The objective is to celebrate professionals who have established an exceptional body of credible work on various aspects of rivers leading to changes in behaviour, public discourse, law and policy.

We invite nominations for Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal for 2017.

Number of medals – 1

### Eligibility

- Full-time or freelance journalists working in print, broadcast, or online media in the country (any state; includes vernacular media), with atleast 5 years of work on river related issues
- Have contributed to significant changes in public discourse, law and policy
- Self nominations accepted

### Criteria of Selection

- Extent of coverage
- Significance of the issue covered and the influence on diverse stakeholders
- Impacts
- Inspirational value of the work

### How to apply

All the nominations need to be accompanied by a nomination statement of not more than 1000 words on why the nominee merits consideration for the Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal for Journalists. Additionally, the candidates are requested to submit the following:

1. **For print journalists** (including online media):5 articles/publications by the candidate on the subject showing the impact on the society
2. **For TV or radio reporters or producers/documentary filmmakers:** audio or video clip and evidence regarding impacts

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## Referees

Please provide at least TWO independent referees who are familiar with nominee's work;  
Please include referees name, email address & phone number.

\*Please Note:

- The decision made by the BPS Jury will be final
- An entry will be accepted only when all the supporting documents are submitted
- No exceptions will be made

All nominations must be submitted by September 25, 12:00 PM to Mr. Suresh Babu at [suresh@wwfindia.net](mailto:suresh@wwfindia.net) with CC to Mr Manu Bhatnagar [indiariversweek2014@gmail.com](mailto:indiariversweek2014@gmail.com)