

INDIAN NATIONAL SCIENCE ACADEMY

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110 002

Regulations for Indira Gandhi Prize for Popularization of Science

1. The award was instituted by INSA in 1986 to encourage and recognize popularization of science in the country. The prize shall be awarded once in three years for outstanding work done by an individual for the **popularization of science in any Indian language**, including English. The nominee must have had a distinguished career as a writer, editor, journalist, lecturer, radio or television programme director, science photographer or as an illustrator, which has enabled him/her to interpret science (including medicine), research and technology to the public. He/She should have a knowledge of the role of science, technology and research in the enrichment of cultural heritage and in solution of problems of humanity. The first award was made in 1986.

The prize is open to any Indian national residing in the country and will carry honorarium of Rs. 25,000/-, citation and a bronze medal. Maximum of six prizes (two in each category) will be awarded to the following categories:

- a) Science popularization efforts in English language by a career media personnel
 - b) Science popularization efforts in English language by a career scientist
 - c) Science popularization efforts in any language other than English either by a career media personnel or a career scientist
2. Nominations for consideration for the prize shall be invited from INSA Fellows, Vice-Chancellors, Deans, Principals, Directors of leading scientific institutions and national laboratories and Editors of selected Indian science journals. Advertisements will also be inserted in the selected popular science journals for this purpose.

The nomination paper shall specify: (i) Name and address of nominee; (ii) Name, designation and address of nominator; (iii) Category of the award (Nominator should clearly indicate the language in which the nominee has predominantly worked and whether he/she belongs to media personnel or a career scientist category); (iv) Summary of the work done by the nominee which will form the basis for nomination (about 200 words); (v) a longer statement (not exceeding 1000 words) providing additional information regarding the career of the nominee as a popularizer of science; (vi) nominee's biodata (not more than three pages) and list of nominee's published works. Two sets of reprints or xerox copies of important works to be made available for viewing by the jury; (vii) whether the work (part or whole) presented has been recognized for any other prize or award; and (viii) names of three references (with addresses and telephone numbers) who may be contacted for further information. The last date for receipt of nominations in the Academy is *July 15*.

3. The President, INSA, will appoint a Committee which will consist of four members besides him to consider the nominations and make recommendations to the Council. The Committee will be empowered to consult experts in the field, if necessary. The material for judging would include writing in newspapers, magazines, popular books and scripts prepared for radio and television programmes and films. Initiative, originality, scientific accuracy, clarity of interpretation and impact of creating excitement, interest and understanding of science would be important criteria for judging the entries. Work already recognized for any other award will not be considered. The recommendations of the Committee shall be considered by the Council in December /January. The name of the person selected for the prize will be announced at the Anniversary General Meeting of the Academy.
4. The recipient will be expected to deliver a lecture under the aegis of INSA Local Chapter. A summary of the talk will be prepared by the awardee and will be supplied to the Academy in English and Hindi. The presentation of the prize money and medal will be made to the recipient at the meeting at which he delivers the lecture.
5. TA/DA will be paid to the Awardee for delivering the award lecture.