



## NOMINATION STARTS FOR RTI AWARD 2010

Once again for the second time Public Cause Research Foundation of India



invites nomination for RTI Award 2010.

This is one of the most prestigious awards in the field of RTI i.e Right To Information which is given to the persons who keep the jargon of RTI high. This award is given to six people

under four different categories: i.e. the Best Information Commissioner who has enforced RTI Act strictly, two best Public Information Officers, who have provided correct and complete information according to law, and two citizens, who has used RTI and created substantial public impact.

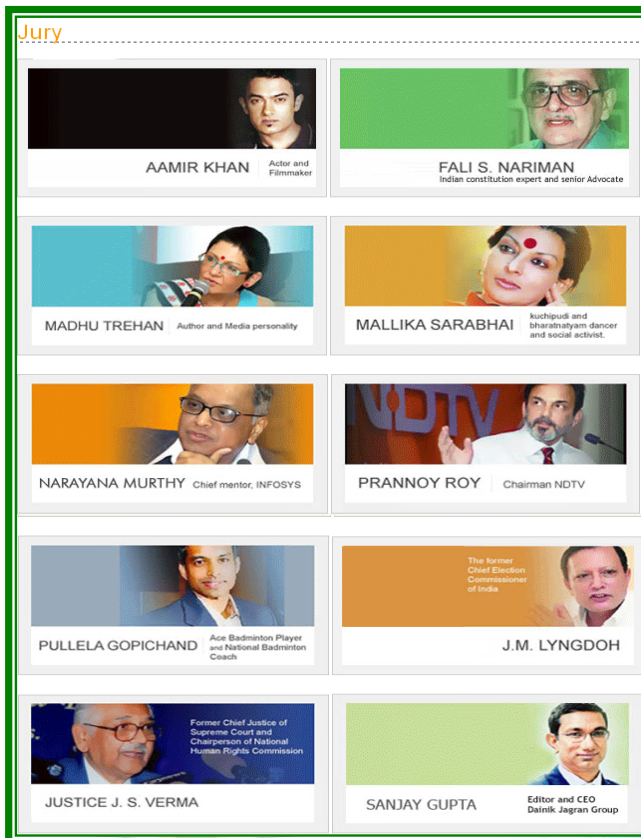
Apart from this, a new category of award has been added this year to honour one journalist who has used RTI extensively in his/her reporting for highlighting public issues. As far the participation to the award is concerned a person either can apply himself or can be recommended by someone else.



All the nominated participants will be judged by numbers of eminent dignitaries such as actor Aamir Khan, Chief Mentor of Infosys NR Narayana Murthy, Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Justice JS Verma, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India JM Lyngdoh, Constitutional Expert and Senior Advocate Fali S Nariman, Padma Bhushan Awardee Mallika Sarabhai, Padma Shri and Dronacharya Award Awardee Pallela

Gopichand, Author Madhu Trehan, Chairman of NDTV Dr. Pronnoy Roy,

Editor and CEO of Dainik Jagran Sanjay Gupta.



This year, an RTI Awards Committee (RAC) consists of sixty-five eminent RTI Activists from almost all states has been set up to monitor the RTI Awards process as well as all important decision related to the award will be taken by the committee.

All the nomination details are as follows:

Nomination forms can be downloaded online from [www.rtiawards.org](http://www.rtiawards.org).

**Dead line for filing nominations:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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**Note:** Each award in Citizen, PIO and Journalist Categories consists of Rs. two lakh, a citation and a plaque.

### Jury Profile:

#### Amir Khan (Actor & Film Maker)

The veteran actor Amir Khan began his film career as a child actor at the age of eight in yadon Ki Barat (1973). Khan's first notable leading role came in 1988

in the film Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak. In his lifetime he starred in many



popular, super hit films which have brought maximum revenue for the Hindi Film industry. His film, Taare Zameen Par (Like Stars on Earth), was also produced by him and marked his directorial debut. It opened to excellent responses from critics and audiences alike. He also owns a Production Company in the name of Amir Khan Productions and has already produced three films like Lagaan, Taare Zameen par and Jane Tu Ya Janena till date. He has sung for six of his films. He is also famous as a Short Story Writer and Screen Writer.

Fali S. Nariman (Indian Constitutional Expert and Senior Advocate)

Fali Sam Nariman, a distinguished Indian Constitutional jurist, and the most popular senior advocate to the Supreme Court of India since 1971 has remained the President of the Bar Association of India since 1991. Being India's most distinguished constitutional lawyers he has argued several leading cases like Bhopal gas Tragedy. Holding many important positions



of India's Legal scenario like; the Additional Solicitor General of India, President-appointee member of the Rajya Sabha (the upper house of the Parliament of India), Vice-Chairman of the

Internal Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists, he has been awarded the Padma Bhushan (1991), Padma Vibhushan (2007) and Gruber Prize for Justice (2002).

Madhu Trehan, (Author and Media Personality)

Madhu Trehan, a veteran Indian Journalist and sister of Aron Purie, the founder of leading Indian news magazine India Today is famous for her recently authored bestselling book, Tehelka as Metaphor, on the famous



Tehelka expose. A product of Columbia University, New York, she has been worked with the press section of the United Nations in New York and was the editor of India Abroad, New York. With her own produced and anchored television news magazine Newstrack she became the pioneer in Investigative Journalism.

Mallika Sarabhai (Kuchipudi and Bharatnatyam Dancer and Social Activist)

Mallika Sarabhai, one of the India's leading choreographers and classical dancers own a dance company, 'Darpana'. Holding a PhD in Organisational Behaviour, he is also regarded as one of the famous social activists of India. During her career in India as a film actress very soon she was recognised as an exceptional young dancer in the classical forms of Bharata Natyam and



Kuchipudi and has won many prestigious awards in the field of Classical dance. She was also playing the role of Draupadi in Peter Brook's The Mahabharata

for 5 years, first in French and then English, performing in France, North America, Australia, Japan and Scotland. Being a Social Activist she has always raised her voice for women empowerment. Her name is also included in the list of famous columnists and script writers of India.

Narayana Murthy (Chief Mentor, INFOSYS)

Nagavara Ramarao Narayana Murthy better known as N. R. Narayana Murthy, an Indian businessman, software engineer and the founder of Infosys Technologies is currently the non-executive Chairman of Infosys. After stepping down as CEO in 2002, he has broadened his scope of activities to social services as well as promoting



India globally. His lectures delivered around the world have been published as a book 'A Better India: A Better World'. He served as the president of the National Association of Software and Service Companies, India from 1992 to 1994. He has been holding many high positions under various sectors like IT, Education, Finance of India and abroad also. Murthy has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors like Padma Bibhusan, Padmashree etc. Murthy also holds over 26 honorary doctorates from universities across the world.

### Prannoy Roy (Chairman, NDTV)

Prannoy Roy, the Founder and Executive Chairperson of famous news channel NDTV (New Delhi Television) is the legendary figure of India's Media Industry. Holding a Ph.D. (in agricultural economics) from the Delhi



School of Economics he worked as a Chartered Accountant Price Waterhouse, India. Later he worked as Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of

India before his career in media. He started his career in media as an anchor for the popular current affairs programme "The World This Week" on DD National. At present he acts as the Director on the Board of NDTV Media Limited, NDTV News Limited, NDTV Imagine Limited, NDTV Lifestyle Limited, NDTV Convergence Limited, NDTV Labs Limited, NDTV Investments Private Limited, RRPR Holding Private Limited, Metronation Chennai Television Private Limited, Alliance Lumiere Limited and NGEN Media Services Private Limited. Dr. Prannoy Roy is a Member of the Shareholder's Investors Grievance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

### Pullela Gopichand (Ace Badminton Player and National Badminton Coach)

The famous badminton player of India Pullela Gopichand has won the All England Open Badminton Championships in 2001. He has won the national

Badminton Championship title from 1996-2000 in a row. Gopichand made his debut into International Badminton in the year 1991. For his excellent performance in the field of Badminton at both National and International level, Government of India has conferred him with many honourable awards like Arjuna Award, Rajeev Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, Dronacharya Award, Padmashri Award given for excellent performance in sports activities. Currently, he runs the Gopichand Badminton Academy and has been working as the National Badminton Coach.



J.M. Lyngdoh (The former Chief Election Commissioner of India)

James Michael Lyngdoh is an Indian civil servant and was Chief Election Commissioner of India from June 14, 2001 to February 7, 2004. He was awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service in 2003. During his tenure he heightened election security by mobilizing the local



police and paramilitary forces from outside the state in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. For his commendable contribution for promoting social responsibility he

has received Karmaveer Puraskar, Noble Laureates in the year 2007. He has written many articles and books on law, crime etc. During his entire administrative service career he was holding important positions of Govt. of India under various ministries.

Justice J. S. Verma (Former Chief Justice of Supreme Court and Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission)

Justice Jagdish Sharan Verma man of creativity, humanism and courage of conviction with commitment as a jurist for the cause of Justice and human

rights, acted as the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India for two years i.e. 1997 to 1998. He was also the Acting Governor of Rajasthan, twice between 1987 and 1989. He was the Chairperson of the National Human Rights commission from 1999 to 2003. His judicial creativity in the field of gender and social justice, probity in public life, judicial accountability, sustainable development and human rights are highly appreciable. Some of his pronouncements in Vishaka, Nilabati Behra, Srilekha



Vidyarathi, Ayodhya, Hawala and the matter relating to entry of dalits in the Nathdwara Temple are landmarks in innovative interpretation of the Constitution. As Chairperson of the NHRC, Justice Verma widened the horizon of human rights, giving special thrust to economic, social and cultural rights along with group rights of the marginalized and minorities.

Sanjay Gupta (Editor and CEO, Dainik Jagaran Group)

Mr. Sanjay Gupta is a whole-time Director and also holds the position of Editor of Dainik Jagran and CEO of Dainik Jagaran Group. Having a bachelor's degree in science, Mr. Gupta has more than 25 years of



experience in the field of print media. Besides being the Editor cum CEO of Dainik Jagran and he is also responsible for its operations in the northern region

comprising of New Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Mr. Gupta is also Director of Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow and Motilal Nehru Institute of Technology, Allahabad.