

AWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

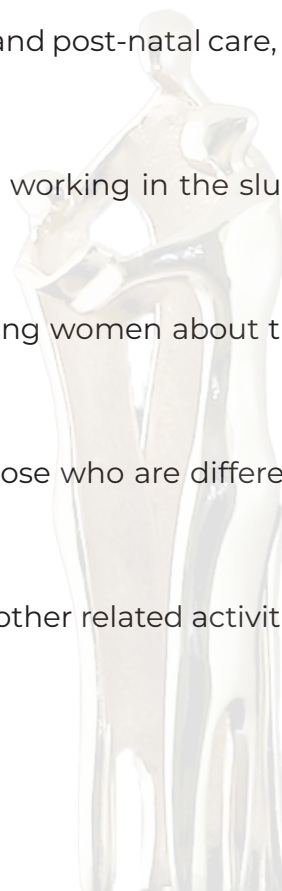
For contribution of a woman towards education, skills training, healthcare, literacy, livelihood activities, holistic development, advocacy etc. of women and children

The Award was instituted in 1980 in the memory of Padma Vibhushan Smt. Jankidevi Bajaj, wife of Shri Jamnalal Bajaj.

A Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of ₹20,00,000/- is given annually and ONLY to a woman for outstanding contribution in the field of development and welfare of women and children following Gandhian ideology.

For the purpose of this Award, the activities may cover any or more of the following areas:

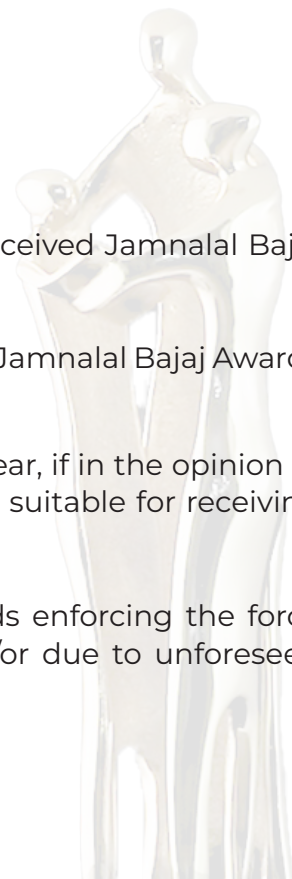
- ▶ Eradication of illiteracy, initiating education and literacy programmes, vocational training, life skills, employment and rehabilitation of women, uplift and welfare of children
- ▶ Free or low cost medical care facilities for women and children, pre-natal and post-natal care, education for better health and hygiene, better nutrition for women and children
- ▶ Rehabilitation of vulnerable children and women, who are living and/or working in the slums and/or infamous streets of the society.
- ▶ Free or low cost legal aid to women in distress, creating awareness among women about their rights and the laws, reforms for enhancing the social status of women
- ▶ Care, education and rehabilitation of the children with special needs, those who are differently abled (viz. mentally and/or physically challenged)
- ▶ Application of innovation and creativity in the fields stated above and/or other related activities



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Rules for submission of Nomination

- 01 ➤ This Award is ONLY for a woman.
- 02 ➤ Woman of a foreign origin, who is residing in India with an Indian citizenship and worked for a minimum period of 15 years in India, can apply for this award.
- 03 ➤ Nominations can be recommended by individuals and/or institutions. Institutions such as Universities, Research Organisations, Social Welfare Institutions, Khadi and Village Industries, Chambers of Commerce, Central & State Government Departments, Rural and Urban Local Bodies, Corporates, International Institutions and any such representative bodies are not considered for the awards, but it can send nominations of individuals.
- 04 ➤ Self-nomination is not recommended.
- 05 ➤ Nomination of the deceased will not be considered.
- 06 ➤ Submit factual information on the basis of the stated criteria.
- 07 ➤ Nomination/s of family member/s whose one member has already received Jamnalal Bajaj Award will not be considered.
- 08 ➤ Nomination of any individual, who has been the recipient of any of the Jamnalal Bajaj Awards in the past, will not be considered.
- 09 ➤ The Foundation may defer or withhold conferring the Award in any year, if in the opinion of the Council of Advisers of the Foundation, no nominee/s is/are found suitable for receiving the Award.
- 10 ➤ The Foundation reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Awards enforcing the force majeure in the occurrence of any natural or manmade events and/or due to unforeseen conditions that are beyond the control of the Foundation.



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Criteria for evaluation

In assessing the merits of the individuals for this Award, the overall impact and the spread effect of their work on Gandhian lines and the specific benefits accruing therefrom to the people, will be taken into account. In particular, the following will be considered:

- 01 ➤ Whether the work is initiated singly by the nominee or by a group of people?
- 02 ➤ How the work has benefitted the mentally, physically and sexually abused, neglected, deserted, exploited, ailing women and widows, especially from rural and tribal areas ?
- 03 ➤ Rehabilitation and uplift of the uncared, destitute and exploited children, including orphans and juvenile children in conflict with law, especially from rural and tribal areas
- 04 ➤ Innovation and creativity in carrying out the work
- 05 ➤ Increase in productivity of people without displacing labour
- 06 ➤ Has the work led to:
 - employment generation across the community
 - equitable distribution and social equality
 - motivating people towards self-help and self-reliance
 - skill development through training provided
 - removal of drudgery and improvement in the living standards of the people
- 07 ➤ Participation level of NGOs/Government/Social Welfare Organizations/Local Administration/Legal and Judiciary system etc.
- 08 ➤ Is the level of people's/community participation increased because of the work?
- 09 ➤ Mode of raising fund/s in case of deficit faced year after year
- 10 ➤ Scope of long term sustainability and replication of the work
- 11 ➤ Does the work foster the spirit of the workforce/team?
- 12 ➤ Has the second line of leadership been established?
- 13 ➤ What is the vision and possibility of the work being continued in future?

Funding Verification process

If one of the sources of income is foreign funding, the Foundation may carry out Government verification process (with the concerned Central/State department).



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Nomination Format

- 01** Name of the Nominee:
02 Designation:
03 Name of the Organisation:
04 Present Address, email, telephone, mobile, website:
05 Gender: Male / Female / Other:
06 Date of Birth & Age (dd/mm/yyyy):
07 Nationality:
08 Education:
09 States/Districts/Villages where the work is being carried out by the nominee:
10 Working since (year):
11 Area/profile of development work - Rural, Tribal, Village, Other (specify):
12 Brief account on the nature of the work carried out based on the award criteria:
13 Is the work carried out in the individual capacity or through an institutional set up?
14 How has the work impacted the surrounding areas/communities (qualitative and quantitative information)?
15 Organisation structure:
16 Strength of your organisation:
17 Details of grants/donations/CSR funding etc. to be submitted in the following format along with Income-Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet copies of the last 3 years :

Income Source	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		Expenditure	If Deficit (How was it met?)
	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose		
Personal Funding								
CSR Funding								
Government Grant								
NGO Funding								
Individual Donation								
Foreign Contribution								

- 18** Was this nomination submitted to the Foundation in the past? If Yes, mention the year/s and category of the Award:
19 List of Awards/Prize/Recognitions received in the past:
20 Any other relevant information about your work:
21 What was your source of information for this Award? If through media, name the newspaper/publication/online portal:
22 Name and contact details of the Recommender:

Submission of Nomination

The last date for submission of nomination is **31st January, 2026** and should be sent to:
 The Secretary, Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation, Bajaj Bhawan, 2nd Floor, Jamnalal Bajaj Marg,
 226 Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021, India

For online submission of Nomination visit:

<http://www.jamnalalbajajwards.org/nomination-forms> | Email: nominations@jamnalalbajajfoundation.org

Recipients

- 1980** Jayashri Raiji & Kamalabai Hospet, Maharashtra
- 1981** Ramadevi Chaudhuri, Orissa
- 1982** Taraben Mashruwala, Maharashtra
- 1983** Pushpaben Mehta, Gujarat
- 1984** Gaura Devi, Himachal Pradesh
- 1985** Anutai Vagh, Maharashtra
- 1986** Vasanti Roy, Bihar
- 1987** Annapragada Krishna Rao, Tamil Nadu
- 1988** Malati Devi Chaudhuri, Orissa
- 1989** Indirabai Halbe, Maharashtra
- 1990** Ratan Shastri, Rajasthan



- 1991** Radha Bhatt, Uttar Pradesh
- 1992** Shalini Moghe, Madhya Pradesh
- 1993** Kantabahan & Harvilasbahan Shah, Gujarat
- 1994** Shantidevi, Orissa
- 1995** Vimla Bahuguna, Uttar Pradesh
- 1996** Dr. Indumati Parikh, Maharashtra
- 1997** Vinobaniketan, Kerala
- 1998** Dr. Rajammal Devadas, Tamil Nadu
- 1999** Saraswathi Gora, Andhra Pradesh
- 2000** Vidyadevi, Bihar
- 2001** Rehmat Fazalbhoy, Maharashtra
- 2002** Dr. Chitra Naik, Maharashtra

JAMNALAL BAJAJ AWARDS

Development and Welfare of Women and Children

- 2003** Alice Garg, Rajasthan
- 2004** Dr. Sarojini Varadappan, Tamil Nadu
- 2005** Arunaben Desai, Gujarat
- 2006** Dr. Rani Bang, Maharashtra
- 2007** Ashoka Gupta, West Bengal
- 2008** Phoolbasan Yadav, Chhattisgarh
- 2009** Dr. Jaya Arunachalam, Tamil Nadu
- 2010** Shakuntala Choudhary, Assam
- 2011** Shobhana Ranade, Maharashtra
- 2012** Nighat Shafi, Jammu & Kashmir
- 2013** Vidhya Das, Odisha
- 2014** Chennupati Vidya, Andhra Pradesh

- 2015** Anne Ferrer, Andhra Pradesh
- 2016** Dr. N. Manga Devi, Andhra Pradesh
- 2017** Praveen Nair, New Delhi
- 2018** Prasanna Bhandari, Rajasthan
- 2019** Shaheen Mistri, Maharashtra
- 2020** Awards cancelled due to Coronavirus Pandemic
- 2021** Sr. Lucy Kurien, Maharashtra
- 2022** Sophia Shaik, Odisha
- 2023** Sudha Varghese, Bihar
- 2024** Dr. Tulasi Munda, Odisha
- 2025** Triveni Acharya, Maharashtra