

CODE OF PROCEDURE

**YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN
NATIONAL AWARD**



**YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN PRATISHTHAN,
MUMBAI**

A WORD ABOUT SHRI YASHWANTRAO CHAVAN AND THE PRATISHTHAN, MUMBAI

Shri Yashwantrao Chavan (12th March, 1913 - 25th November, 1984) was the first Chief Minister of Maharashtra. By dint of his performance and political astuteness, he rose to the high positions of the Defence Minister, Home Minister, Finance Minister, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of India.

Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai, has been formed to perpetuate the memory of Shri Yashwantrao Chavan, who made an outstanding and invaluable contribution both, to the democratic socialist thought and process in India and to the enrichment of its socio-economic and political life, through measures which would result in improvement of the common man's plight.

For attainment of the aforesaid main objective, the Pratishthan organizes and undertakes the following activities :

1. Programmes to promote interests of common man.
2. Research seminars, Group Discussions, Training Programmes in all fields of socio-economic, politico-cultural life of society.
3. A National Library.
4. Promotion and propagation of Shri Yashwantrao Chavan's thoughts, ideas and values.
5. Publication of books, magazines, papers etc. to propagate the strong bias of Shri Yashwantrao Chavan for healthy democratic processes for a modern and strong India.
6. Setting up of Centres for social change and to implement ideas / programmes enunciated by Shri Yashwantrao Chavan.
7. Promoting and encouraging the cause of formal and non-formal education, music, literature, culture and communal harmony.

Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai, is an open platform for citizens from all walks of life, who are willing to contribute their mite to promote the values of social order based on freedom and social justice, which was Yashwantraoji's vision and for the establishment of which he had dedicated his life.

SECTION II - NATURE OF AWARD

1. Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai has decided to grant a National Award for outstanding contribution made by any individual or institution to strengthen :-
 - a. National Integration
 - b. Democratic Values, or
 - c. Social and Economic Development in India.
2. There shall be one Award each year. However, the Pratishthan has the discretion not to give Award for any year.
3. It shall carry an amount of Rs.5 Lakhs in cash and a Citation.
4. Joint Award: The Award may be granted jointly, the amount being divided among more than one awardee, if the Panel of Jury considers them to be equally deserving.
5. Posthumous Award may also be considered.
6. Award will not be given to the same awardee for the same subject, more than once. However, after five years he would be eligible for an Award in another subject.

SECTION III - ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

1. The Award is open to all Indian citizens, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or sex.
2. An association, institution or organization registered under any Indian Act, shall be eligible for the Award.
3. It would ordinarily be necessary that a person or an Institution

is recommended in writing by someone with the competence therefor in accordance with Section V of this code.

4. Self application by individuals or institutions for the Award shall not be considered.

SECTION IV - PANEL OF JURY

The Board of Trustees of the Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai shall constitute a Panel of Jury consisting of not more than 7 eminent persons, to make recommendations for the grant of Award.

SECTION V - COMPETENCE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

Eminent persons from various walks of public life and renowned institutions from whom the Panel of Jury may wish to invite proposals for the award will be competent to make such proposals.

SECTION VI - PROCEDURE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

1. Every year the Pratishthan shall invite nominations by letters to dignitaries, renowned institutions and former Awardees.
2. The last date for receiving proposals for the year by the Yashwantrao Chavan Pratishthan, Mumbai, shall be 30th September of that year.
3. Proposals to be considered should be accompanied by adequate supporting evidence.
4. The proposals should be in English, Marathi or Hindi.

SECTION VII - EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

1. No work shall merit an award unless it is, in the opinion of the Panel of Jury, outstanding.

2. In assessing the merits of the proposal for the Award, the overall impact and the spread effect of the nominee's work for strengthening the forces of National Integration, Democratic Values, or Social and Economic Development will be taken into account.

SECTION VIII. GUIDELINES FOR SENDING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The proposals should be submitted before the last date.
2. The proposal should include name of the individual / institution, with full address, bio-data and two copies of recent photograph, in card size (in the case of individuals).
3. Nature of activities carried out and a brief account of the work done, with special reference to the following :
 - a) Period over which the individual / institution has worked, and present situation.
 - b) Scope and coverage of the activities undertaken.
 - c) Impact made by the work in general and on the surrounding situation, giving specific and quantitative information.
 - d) Extent to which the work done can be regarded as a model which can be replicated by others.
 - e) Prospects of continuity and potential for future development.
4. Financial position of the institution with which the individual is most closely associated and details of grants (financial assistance) received by the institution during the last five years.
5. Details of any Awards or Recognition received earlier by the nominee, may be furnished.

SECTION IX - SELECTION

1. The requisite scrutiny and final recommendation for the Award shall be made by the Panel of Jury constituted by the Pratishtan, for this purpose.

2. Members of the Jury shall be appointed ordinarily for a period of three years. The retiring person shall however, be eligible for reappointment.
3. The Jury shall recommend by majority of votes, names in order of preference to the Board of Trustees of the Pratishthan, which shall select one name (names in case of joint award) from the list, for the Award.
4. Quorum for a meeting of the Panel of Jury will be, three. If there is no quorum, the meeting will be adjourned for half an hour, and thereafter members of the Panel who are present may proceed with the consideration of the proposals.
5. The recommendation shall be on the basis of majority of votes. In case of equality of votes, the Chairman of the Panel of Jury shall have a casting vote.
6. The discussions, deliberations, opinion and proceedings of the Jury in connection with the Award shall not be made public or otherwise revealed.
7. Decision of the Board of Trustees shall not be subject to confirmation by any other authority and no appeal or protest can be made against them or against the Jury.

SECTION X - PRESENTATION OF AWARD

The Awardee shall be invited to receive the Award in person. The travel and other expenses of the Awardee will be met by the Pratishthan.

SECTION XI - GENERAL

1. The Board of Trustees of the Pratishthan shall have the right to make changes in the Code of Procedure.
2. The Secretariat for the Panel of Jury shall be provided by the Pratishthan.

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