

SAROJINI NAIDU PRIZE

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF
RECOGNISING THE BEST REPORTING
ON WOMEN AND PANCHAYATI RAJ

2010

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published between 31 July 2009 and 15 July 2010
Deadline: 15 July 2010 | No word limit

Our country is going through a silent transformation at the grass roots. Panchayati Raj Institutions, born out of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act (CAA), have ensured 33.33 per cent of seats in the Panchayats to women and proportional representation for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Castes. Hailed as one of the best innovations of grass roots democracy, the CAA has given women a voice in local governance and decision-making and an opportunity to build their own development agenda.

Women in our villages are asserting themselves, surely and steadily, in the decision-making governance processes of their villages. Disproving the scepticism that the elected women in Panchayats would be proxies, the success stories that have arisen from the grassroots are impressive. Media reports and independent studies show that most elected women leaders actively engage in learning the ropes and exercising power. They are transforming local governance by sensitising the State on issues that had previously gone unattended like water, alcohol abuse, education, health, domestic violence, and inequality and gender injustice.

What is needed today is a voice for this 'silent revolution', a way to bring stories of their struggles and successes into the homes and minds of civil society groups, the urban elites and professionals, the academia and policymakers. It is time for the media to make an objective assessment of the contribution this new generation of women leaders have made to their villages.

The Hunger Project is committed to supporting and encouraging the press to prominently report the success stories of these women leaders.

This is the 10th year of the award and therefore the Sarojini Naidu Prize will not be theme based and is open to all positive reporting on Women and Panchayati Raj.

THE PRIZE

CASH PRIZE. Rupees Two Lakhs for each category. The prize honours three journalists from the print media for outstanding reportage on Women and Panchayati Raj in Hindi, English and Other Indian Language categories.

DEADLINE. The articles should reach The Hunger Project office in Delhi or any of our State offices latest by **15 July 2010**. Entries received after this date will not be considered. The Articles should have been published between **31 July 2009 and 15 July 2010** otherwise, entries will be disqualified.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Open to all print journalists. Regional language publications are encouraged to apply. Not open to employees of The Hunger Project and its partner organizations.
- All entries have to be accompanied with articles that have been published in a newspaper or magazine. They should also include the name, address, email and phone number of the applicant.
- There is no word limit
- There is no limit to the number of articles that can be sent as entries as long as they meet the above criteria

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