**BHAGIRATH PRAYAAS SAMMAN**

**Introduction:** Bhagirath Prayaas Samman (BPS) instituted in 2014, with Late Shri Ramaswamy Iyer as the Chair of the Jury, aims to recognize **UNSUNG HEROES** for their inspiring, outstanding and sustained efforts towards protection and conservation of rivers in India. This award considers both individual and organisational nominations.  
  
A jury will go through all the nominations, prepare a short list and decide winners collectively, based on a set of criteria. The jury decision will be announced at the annual India Rivers Week meeting, generally held in the last week of November. The award is given away by the chief guest at the meeting. The award comes with a citation, a plaque & a financial award of

₹ 60,000.

The short listed, but non awarded candidates may be considered in next two years as roll over candidates. Please note that self nominations are not accepted, and the decision of the jury shall be final.

**CALL FOR NOMINATION**

**Category 1. Campaigns, advocacy and legal discourse:** Saving a river/river stretchfrom destruction, degradation or mitigating a potential threat to the river or initiating positive changes through innovative campaigns, advocacy and proactive legal steps or media discourse.

**Category 2. Collective Stakeholder action:** Addressing threats through bettermanagement, implementation of innovative approaches and grassroots action on a sustained basis for rejuvenation of rivers/river stretches

Last date for submission of nominations **September 30, 2023**

Send your filled forms to [indiariversforum@gmail.com](mailto:indiariversforum@gmail.com)

See [www.indiariversforum.org](http://www.indiariversforum.org) for reference to past awards

**NOMINATION FORM**

Kindly fill in the details requested below

1. Name and description of the nominated initiative:
2. Key contact information of the nominee:   
   1. Name:
   2. Address:
   3. Phone:
   4. Email:
   5. Social media links:
3. Nominator’s details  
   1. Name:
   2. Phone:
   3. Email:
4. Details of the Initiative:  
   1. Type of nominee (Please highlight one)  
        
      *A person can have more than one profile, so more than one could be ticked in case of an individual.*
      1. In case of an Individual nominee:  
         1. Activist
         2. Researcher / Academician
         3. Lawyer
         4. Government official
         5. Media person
         6. Others (Specify)
      2. In case of an Organisational nominee:  
         1. NGO
         2. Community Based Organisations
         3. Social / people’s movements
         4. Government body
         5. Media organisation
         6. Academic/ Research Organisation
         7. Others (Specify)
   2. Category/ Nature of Initiative (please highlight the one most suited)  
      1. Category 1: Campaigns, advocacy and legal discourseSaving a river/river stretch from degradation or mitigating a potential threat to the river or initiating positive changes through innovative campaigns, advocacy and proactive legal discourse
      2. Category 2: Collective Stakeholder actionAddressing threats through better management, implementation of innovative approaches and grassroots action on a sustained basis for rejuvenation of rivers/river stretches
   3. Geographical location of the initiative   
      1. Name of the river/basin
      2. District
      3. State
   4. Duration of the initiative  
      1. Year of initiation
      2. Number of years since initiation?
      3. Is this an ongoing initiative?
5. Why do you believe this initiative deserves the Bhagirath Prayaas Samman? (500-1000 words)*Use these guidelines to answer this question:*
   1. *Significance/ nature and scale of the issue being addressed by the nominee*
   2. *Overall approach of the nominee towards river conservation*
   3. *Inspirational value / hurdles overcome during the course of the nominee’s work*
   4. *On ground impact (including systemic / legal / policy changes / behaviour change / greater awareness / ecological impacts)*
6. Please list any honors and awards received in the past (by the nominee)
7. Kindly share published (and verifiable) documents / links / news / other material supporting the nomination (preferably from credible media sources).