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M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) has been identifying and honouring self motivated and committed individual rural women and men from all over India as “*Fellows of the Jamsetji Tata National Virtual Academy*” (NVA) for their social commitment to share their knowledge and skills thus impacting on the social and economic benefits of the rural community accelerating the process of development in rural areas. This year marks the **tenth anniversary** celebration of National Virtual Academy (NVA) Fellows programme, an occasion to recognize and honour them in the hands of the National Dignitaries thus showcasing the rural competency in knowledge revolution.

In the past ten years 1568 NVA Fellows have been inducted into the Academy from across 24 States and Union Territories in India. In continuation of the Rural Knowledge Movement (*Grameen Gyan Abhiyan*) of MSSRF initiated in the year 2004, we are announcing the call for nomination of rural women and men from India for selecting them as NVA Fellows for the year 2015.

The Fellowship is only a recognition to the self-motivated voluntarily work being done by the person and does not carry any honorarium or remuneration. However, the Fellows receive the Honorary Citation from the Dignitary and are introduced to them. The profile of the Fellows compiled in a book form will be shared with all the Government Departments, Public and Private Institutions and Non-governmental Organisations for utilizing their knowledge expertise for knowledge-transformational services in the region.

The criteria for the nomination of candidates are that the candidate:

1. Must be from the rural area
2. Must **not** be a staff of any organisation / Institution / Department
3. Should have demonstrated benefits / impacts in the lives of rural families through transfer of knowledge in her / his area of expertise by training and demonstration, having

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expertise / skill in a particular or multiple thematic areas (for example agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, health, education, women empowerment processes, social services)

4. Willingness to share their expertise to larger community in the neighborhood as well as in other places and should have spare time for sharing knowledge on a regular basis
5. Must be above 25 year of age and preferably not more than 55 years (exceptional cases of higher age are looked in to case-by-case)
6. Should **not** have affiliation to any Political party in India

The selection of the nominated candidate is through a peer process of document study and personal interview by a Regional Committee.

Kindly fill all relevant information of the candidate in the attached form for nominating along with the proofs for the expertise knowledge and social work done (Photos, News Paper Clips, Certificates, Honours, Recognitions etc.)

Kindly write in detail of all information to make good judgment by the selection committee. The nominating organisation / person have to justify with proofs for the candidature of the nominee.

Please send the filled nomination form along with your assessment of the candidate to the following e-mail. You may also contact the following person for any clarifications.

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Nomination Form for NVA Fellowship Award

Kindly ensure that all the fields of this nomination form are filled

Name:	
Sex (Male / Female):	
Age :	
Education:	
Nominees' Residential Address	
Pin code:	
District:	
State:	
E-mail id:	Phone (Landline / Mobile):
Brief description of the nominee's service area/region	
Field / Area of Expertise: (Example: livelihoods, agriculture, fisheries, health, education, animal husbandry, social welfare service, micro enterprises, women empowerment)	

Core competency of the Candidate in the area of expertise:

No. of Years of experience:

Type of service and its details: (for example: training, demonstration..)

Achievement / result / Impact realized due to the services to the community:

Training / workshops participated for capacity enhancement:

Any previous awards / recognitions received

How long since the nominator know the nominee?
Name of Nominating Organisation: Name of the Person: Designation: Contact Details: Phone: e-mail:

Upload Nominee Documents

Files must be less than 10 MB.

Allowed file types: .txt; .pdf .doc.

Upload Nominee Signature *

Files must be less than 10 MB.

Allowed file types: jpg jpeg.

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