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GAYATRI GAMARSH MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR LITERARY EXCELLENCE

The **Gayatri Memorial Awards** were established in 2010 by Jerry GaMarsh to honor his late wife, Gayatri GaMarsh. The program is administered through the Awards & Recognition Committee of **Ananda Mandir, Somerset, NJ**. Two cash awards are usually given each year to recognize outstanding works published in North America-based literary magazines. One award is given to an author of Bengali works, and another is given to an author in English. Each award consists of \$500 in cash and a commendation plaque. Under certain situations, co-winners may be selected for an award category.

An author may nominate himself/herself -- or may be nominated by third parties (using the Nomination Form shown below). Each nomination should be submitted in duplicate and supported by photocopies of one of the following:

- Two (and only two) works of prose (essays, short stories or plays) published in North America-based Bengali or English print or digital magazines within the last five years. The submitted articles should not be more than ten pages long. Longer articles may be disqualified.
- In case of poetry, submission may consist of up to four poems, each of reasonable length (2 pages or shorter).
- A combination of prose and poetry may be submitted as well. However, please submit no more than one short story, essay or play and two poems.

Please note that unpublished works of literature will not be accepted. Full publication references must be given for the articles submitted with each nomination. Articles published in magazines or websites outside of North America will not be considered.

Nominated authors must be 18 years or older and residents of North America. Whenever possible, nominations should be submitted electronically.

Each nomination should include short biography of the author. Judging, however, will be based primarily on the supporting publications. Judges' decisions will be final. Members of the Awards & Recognition Subcommittee and the judges cannot submit nominations for themselves nor can they be nominated by third parties.

Deadline for nominations (with supporting documents) for the 2017 awards is July 31, 2017. Awards will be announced and presented in the Fall of 2017.

Please send nominations (with supporting documents) to:

DEBAJYOTI CHATTERJI, 79 MACKENZIE LANE SOUTH, DENVILLE, NJ 07834

In case of questions, please email **Debajyoti Chatterji (debsmee572@gmail.com)** or **Guru Chakravarty (guruchakravarty@yahoo.com)**.

**NOMINATION FORM FOR
GAYATRI GAMARSH MEMORIAL AWARDS**

1. Full Name of Author Being Nominated: _____

2. Is the Nominated Author 18 Years of Age or Older? (If no, please do not submit the nomination) _____

3. Full Address of the Nominated Author: _____

4. Phone Number of the Nominated Author: _____

5. Email Address of the Nominated Author: _____

6. If the nomination is being submitted by a third party, please provide the full name and contact details of the third party. Also, please confirm that you have the author's approval to submit the nomination on his behalf. _____

7. Please attach a short (one page maximum) biography of the author, highlighting the author's literary interests and accomplishments.

8. Please attach PHOTOCOPIES of the REQUIRED NUMBER of the author's works of literature. For each work, PROVIDE FULL PUBLICATION DETAILS (name of magazine, publisher's name/address, and date/year of publication). DO NOT ATTACH MORE ARTICLES THAN REQUIRED!

9. Nominating Person's Statement: "I have read the terms and conditions of the Gayatri Award and agree to abide by them."

10. Signature of the Author/Nominating Party: _____

11. Date of Submission: _____