

DR AMBEDKAR INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The Dr Ambedkar International Award was instituted in the year 1995. The award is given for the work done for social change. The award shall be conferred on individuals/organisations who have done outstanding work :

- For waging an exemplary fight against inequality and injustice,
- For resolutely espousing the cause of the exploited and under privileged,
- For contributing significantly to social change,
- For bringing about reconciliation among, conflicting social groups and

Serving the ideal of social harmony and human dignity.

One award is given every year, which carries an amount of Rs. 1.5 million and a citation.

The Jury constituted for selecting the awardees consists of the Hon'ble Vice President of India (Chairman), Hon'ble Speaker - Lok Sabha (Vice-Chairman), Chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Member), One eminent educationist (Member), one eminent social worker (Member) who has done outstanding work for the upliftment of weaker sections, two eminent persons (members) from public life in India including one with experience of international affairs.

Selection process begins with the submission of proposals by a large number of social workers, educationists, organisations, leaders etc. both from India and abroad. Scrutiny and final selection for the award is made by the Jury appointed by the Govt. of India, which consists of seven members who shall be Indian Nationals.

The Jury is not obliged to make its recommendations out of the list of nominees only. It is free to invite proposals from any other person as per Chapter V of the Code of Procedure.

The Jury makes a comparative evaluation of the nominations. The final selection is the result of a comprehensive and in depth deliberation of the Jury. The entire responsibility for selection is that of the Jury and Dr Ambedkar Foundation has no hand in it whatsoever.

The award symbolizes the vision of Babasaheb Dr.B.R Ambedkar for social change and national integrity.

The award for the year 1999 was given to Shri. Murlidhar Devdas Amte popularly known as Baba Amte and for the year 2000 to Mr.Remy Fernand Claude Satorre of Spain.