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Dated the 25th February, 2022 ਕਾਜ਼ਾਰੇ, 2022 ਤੁਰਜ ਟੂਤਾ-୧૯

Dear Vice Chancellor,

You must be aware that Government of India is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav since March, 2021 starting a 75 week countdown to our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end post a year on 15th August, 2023. It is an initiative taken by the Government to commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Gandhi Peace Prize 2022 would complement the Mahotsav by reaffirming Mahatma Gandhi as an inspiration and inevitable symbol for all humanitarian efforts in favour of peace and non-violence across the world.

Gandhi Peace Prize is a prestigious award instituted by Government of India in 1995 on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as a tribute to the ideals espoused by Mahatma Gandhi which carries an amount of Rs.1.00 crore and a citation. The Awardee(s) for every year is selected by an eminent Jury under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

Dr. Julius like past awardees include **luminaries** The Former President of Tanzania, Dr. Gerhard Fischer, Federal Republic of Germany, Ramakrishna Mission, Baba Amte (Shri Murlidhar Devidas Amte), Late Dr. Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, Grameen Bank of Bangladesh, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Shri Chandi Prasad Bhatt & Indian Space Research Organisation, Vivekananda Kendra, Akshaya Patra Foundation & Sulabh International, Ekal Abhiyan Trust, Sh Yohei Sasakawa, Japan, Sultan Qaboos Bin Said Al Said, Oman (yet to be awarded) and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh

This Award is given to individual(s) and institution(s) for their outstanding contribution towards social, economic and political transformation through non-violence and other Gandhian methods, for amelioration of human sufferings, particularly of the less privileged sections of the society, contributing towards social justice and harmony. The award is open to all persons regardless of nationality, race, creed or sex.

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Nominations are invited from various eminent persons and institutions every year as mentioned in the Code of Procedure (copy enclosed). The same can also be viewed on this Ministry's website: <www.indiaculture.nic.in>. I request your active consideration and cooperation in the matter so that the choice is broad based and the most deserving person/institution is selected for the honour.

I shall be grateful for your consideration and sending us your recommendations for person(s)/ institution(s) which could be considered for the **Gandhi Peace Prize for the year, 2022** in the enclosed proforma by 30th April, 2022. If required, additional sheets of paper may be used to give details of work and achievements.

I would request that queries, if any, and nomination may be sent by e-mail to: Sh Manoj Dehury, Deputy Secretary, Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission, Ministry of Culture (mdehuri.rgi@gov.in), Telephone No. 011-23382402.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

Encl:- As Above

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