

Charkha Development Communication Network announces “Sanjoy Ghose Media Awards -2019”

With the aim of providing a platform to writers who have the zeal to go beyond the usual and highlight invisible development issues of the women living in the rural areas, Charkha Development Communication Network, a Delhi-based nonprofit organization, has announced the ‘Sanjoy Ghose Media Awards 2019’. A total of five awards of Rs 50,000 each will support the five month term requiring in-depth research, rural travel and sharply-focused writings that are expected to highlight little-known strengths and travails of the women in remote but significant parts of India with a view to bringing them into the mainstream development fold.

The Awards, inspired by Charkha’s founder, Sanjoy Ghose who worked towards the social and economic inclusion of rural marginalized communities through the creative use of media, offer an opportunity for writers to delve into the challenges faced by the women of rural disadvantaged communities and reflect the status of development as perceived by these women.

Five awards will be given, two each under themes one and two and one under theme three:

1. Gender disparity in education
2. Violence against women
3. Maternal Health Care in Rural India

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Journalists from small and regional language publications and non-metro areas are encouraged to apply.

Women journalists are particularly welcome.

Applicants must have demonstrated commitment to the development concerns of the less privileged in society through their previous work.

These awards are open to all Charkha trained writers

The candidates should have a demonstrated commitment to a career in journalism and should have covered the issue in the past.

Previous Charkha Fellows and writers currently availing benefits of any other fellowship or a similar scheme of financial assistance are not eligible to apply.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications for the Award Programme can be submitted in English or Hindi.

Applicants must include the following in their submissions:

- Brief curriculum vitae with details of work experience, educational qualifications and awards and fellowships held in the past three years.
- A proposal of approximately 800 words, which will outline the particular thematic area in which the applicant would like to work. This should include details regarding the specific geographical location of the study, methodology, the relevance of the theme selected as well as the contribution it can make to the larger development debate in the country. Please also specify the language of communication. Articles will be acceptable in English, Hindi or Urdu.
- Clippings of 2 articles must be sent along with the application. One recent, (published during the last two month's) and one other article of the applicant's choice.
- Two references with contact details. Letter from editor / head of organization, approving the candidate's application
- Freelance journalists should include two letters of recommendation from editors or media personalities familiar with their work.
- All applications must be typed. Handwritten and in complete applications will not be considered.

Further details are available at www.charkha.org. Applications may be sent by email to mario@charkha.org with the Subject: '**Application for Sanjoy Ghose Media Award 2019**'; contact Mario Noronha at 07042293792.

Last date for receiving applications will be 31st December 2019.