Sub.: Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award

Dear Sir/Madam,

Shri Rajiv Gandhi, in a short span of five years as Prime Minister, left an indelible imprint on the country. His vision of a strong India, youthful dynamism, and his commitment to promotion of goodwill amongst all, regardless of caste, creed, colour, language and religion endeared him, not only to his countrymen, but to the entire world.

His major initiatives included empowerment of women, promotion of quality education for children belonging to poorest of the poor families, strengthening of Panchayati Raj institutions and Urban Local Bodies.

To commemorate the lasting contribution made by Shri Rajiv Gandhi to promote peace and communal harmony and to the fight against violence and terrorism, the then President of Indian National Congress, in the Golden Jubile Year of "Quit India Movement" instituted the "Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award" to be given on his birthday. This Award carries a Citation and Cash Award of Rs. 10.00 Lakh to be given either to persons or institutions who have made outstanding contribution to promote communal harmony and to the fight against terrorism and violence.

25th Award for the year 2020 & 2021 would be in recognition of outstanding contribution to the cause of National Sadbvhavana either by distinguished individuals or associations etc. in that year and two years immediately preceding it. The Award will be announced on or before 31st July, 2022.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee for Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award, I request you to make a recommendation, if you deem fit and also to kindly inform all University Professors and Principals of your affiliated colleges about the Award. If they have a suitable proposal and wish to make a recommendation, they may send the same in the enclosed proposal form. Typed or photocopies of the form can also be used. An association, institution or organization having legal status and registered in India, or an individual can be recommended for the Award.

A copy of the criteria for eligibility of the Award and a list of the receipients of the Award so far are enclosed.

In order to receive consideration by the Advisory Committee, the recommendation should reach the undersigned latest by 14th July, 2022. We are confident that your recommendation would reflect the salutary cause for which the Award has been instituted.

Thanking you,

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ours faithfully,

The Vice Chancellor Panjab University Chandigarh 160014.

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