

PRESS RELEASE

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India Rivers Forum, as part of its annual event for 2023 - India Rivers Week 2023, is inviting nominations for 2 awards - the **Bhagirath Prayaas Samman (BPS)** and **Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal (AMM)** that seek to recognise unsung heroes who have worked towards the protection and conservation of rivers in India. These are possibly the only awards in India that celebrate and honour river conservation work.

India Rivers Forum is now a consortium of ten organisations listed in the footer of this press release. Both BPS and AMM awards are decided by a jury currently headed by former secretary, Union Ministry of Water Resources, Shri Shashi Shekhar and based on clearly defined criteria.

The Bhagirath Prayaas Samman (BPS) was instituted in 2014 with Late Shri Ramaswamy Iyer as the Chair of Jury. BPS aims to recognise the unsung heroes, both individuals and groups (organisations, community groups, campaigns) for their outstanding and sustained efforts towards protection and conservation of rivers. This is illustrated by the list of 19 groups and individuals that have received these awards since 2014. See table below.

Bhagirath Prayaas Samman (BPS) winners over the years:

Event	Awardee 1	Awardee 2	Awardee 3	Awardee 4
India Rivers Week 2014	Koel Karo Jan Sangathan	Late Dr Latha Anantha	Akhil Gogoi	
India Rivers Day 2015	Sambhaav Trust	Save Mon Region Federation	Emmanuel Theophilus	Sachidanand Bharati
India Rivers Week 2016	Citizen's Concern for Dams & Development, Manipur	Himdhara Environment Research & Action Collective, Himachal Pradesh	Ritwick Dutta	Dr. Dinesh Kumar Mishra

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India Rivers Day 2017	Meenachil Nadee Samrakshana Samithi, Kerala	Shri Mahaveer Singh Sukarlai		
India Rivers Week 2018	Vishwanath Srikantaiah			
India Rivers Day 2019	Mustaqeem Mallah			
India Rivers Week 2020	Jeevitnadi, Pune	Sarang Yadwadkar		
India Rivers Week 2021	Affected Citizens of Teesta, Sikkim	Raj Kumar Sinha		
India Rivers Week 2022	Society for Creative Opportunities and Participatory Ecosystems (SCOPE), Kolkata	Prof. Venkatesh Dutta		

Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal, instituted in 2017 in memory of Late Shri Anupam Mishra ji, aims to celebrate and honour journalists and media professionals who have established an exceptional body of credible work on various aspects of rivers leading to changes in behaviour, public discourse, law and policy. See table below.

Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal (AMM) winners over the years

Event	Awardee 1	Awardee 2
India Rivers Day 2017	Arati Kumar Rao	
India Rivers Week 2018	Arun Tiwari	
India Rivers Week 2020	Makarand Purohit	
India Rivers Week 2021	Abhay Mishra	Athar Parvaiz
India Rivers Week 2021	Dheeraj Mishra	

If you know groups or individuals who deserve these awards, please nominate them and help us identify these unsung heroes. Please share this press release through your networks, platforms and connections to help us spread the word about the invitation to nominations for the 2023 awards.

Forms are available on our website at these links:

BPS: <https://bit.ly/BPS-2023>

AMM: <https://bit.ly/AMM-2023>

Posters and direct links to the forms are also given in the subsequent pages of this document.

Last date to send in the completed nomination forms is **30th September 2023**, and for any queries, folks can write to us at indiariversforum@gmail.com

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INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR
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as part of India Rivers Week 2023

INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR



Bhagirath Prayaas Samman Award

*for outstanding and sustained efforts towards
protection and conservation of rivers*



Link to form: bit.ly/BPS-2023 (or scan below)

Last date to apply: **30th September 2023**



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Shri Anupam Mishra Memorial Medal

*for journalists and media professionals with a credible
body of work around rivers of India*



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