

## **YUVA SAHYOG AWARDS 2015**

We are pleased to announce the details for YUVA SAHYOG AWARDS 2015

**What is YUVA:** YUVA is a voluntary development organization established in 1984. We have over the years questioned social structures along the side of the poor with the aim of empowering them to participate in a process of meaningful change. YUVA's engagements are derived from the paradigm of Human Rights. The foundation of engagement lies in defending, promoting, restoring and creating the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of the poor at the individual and collective level.

**What is YUVA Sahyog:** YUVA has a desire to support change beyond the scope of its work. Arising as an outcome of this belief, YUVA Sahyog was envisioned. As a part of this initiative, the staff contributes one percent of its monthly honorarium with the aim of helping those who deserve it. It is not an official contribution or a compulsion but a collective and personal contribution of those working in YUVA.

**What are YUVA Sahyog Awards:** YUVA Sahyog Awards are one-time financial assistance awards given to non funded or nonprofit organizations, social movements or activists who are working to bring socio-political and economic change. Through these awards we aim to appreciate the efforts of activists, people's movements, community based organizations and non funded organizations in India who are working at the grass root level to improve the conditions of those marginalized by various socio-political factors. These awards are a small contribution to larger struggles we wish to support. Under this category two awards are presented – The Phule Ambedkar Award and the Ramesh Bidlan Award.

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### **Phule Ambedkar Award**

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitrimai Phule devoted their lives for the socio economic betterment of castes marginalized by the society. Their contribution to education of women and the fight against oppressive caste structures has changed the world we live in. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Indian constitution, campaigned against social discrimination on the basis of caste his entire life. His struggle for the upliftment of Dalits is exemplary. India is walking the path of social reform and political & economic revolution guided by the ideology of such personalities.

This award is given to non funded, nonprofit organizations, social movements and activists who are fighting structures of discrimination in society. It is a cash award of Rs 50,000.

### **Ramesh Bidlan Award**

Ramesh Bidlan started his work at the grass root level by founding the Valmiki Samiti. Valmikis traditionally clean latrines, sweep roads and sometimes also handle dead bodies. They are one

of the most excluded group in India. The Valmiki Samiti has worked tirelessly for the upliftment of this extremely marginalized group.

In remembrance of Ramesh Bidlan's effort we would like to felicitate grass root community based organizations that engage and work with vulnerable and marginalized groups. This is a cash award of Rs 20,000.

***Important Dates:***

Last date to apply for all awards: **5<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Awardees will be facilitated on: **30<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

VENUE: **YUVA Centre, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai**

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