Press Release No: 29 Date: 04.06.2023 <u>RAJ BHAVAN INVITES NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNOR'S</u> <u>AWARD FOR 2023 IN THE FIELDS OF 'SOCIAL SERVICE'</u> AND 'ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION'

Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, is announcing the Governor's Award for 2023. The awards will be given in two categories: **Social Service** and **Environment Protection** to recognise individuals and institutions for their exceptional and distinguished services to society. The awards are to duly acknowledge, encourage, and felicitate them and thereby help in building a capable, inclusive, and coherent society by harnessing its positive forces.

The awards will be given, and awardees will be felicitated in person on Republic Day (26th January 2024) by the Hon'ble Governor at Raj Bhavan.

Applications and nominations for the awards are invited from **05th June 2023** onwards. The last day for receiving the applications and nominations is **31st July 2023, before 5.00 p.m.**

Four winners (one institution and three individuals) will be selected in each category. The award to the institution will carry a purse of **₹ 5 lakh and a citation**; the award to the individual will carry a purse of **₹ 2 lakh and a citation**.

Individuals, Non-Governmental Organisations and institutions may apply for or be nominated for consideration for the award. The applicant and nominee should have been active in their respective fields for at least <u>10 continuous years</u> with measurable impacts in the state of Tamil Nadu. Each individual or organisation is <u>eligible to apply or be nominated only in one category</u>.

In case of Nominations, the nominating person may be:

- An official (currently serving or retired) of the Government of Tamil Nadu at the level of Secretary to the Government or above
- An official (currently serving or retired) of the Government of India at the level of Joint Secretary to the Government or above
- iii) Vice-Chancellors of State, Deemed, and Private Universities of Tamil Nadu
- iv) Padma Awardees, and
- v) District Collectors of Tamil Nadu

Applications and nominations will be scrutinised by a Screening Committee and then be recommended to the Selection Committee constituted for this purpose and comprising persons of repute. Applications or nominations to both categories by the same individual or organisation will be rejected. <u>The decision of the Selection Committee will be final and binding</u>.

Applications and nominations may be addressed to:

The Deputy Secretary to the Governorand Comptroller, Governor's Secretariat, Raj Bhavan, Chennai -600 022.

Applications and nominations may also be sent to the e-mail address <u>awardsrajbhavantamilnadu@gmail.com</u> in the prescribed format, which is available on the Raj Bhavan website (www.tnrajbhavan.gov.in).

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