

MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE

COMMUNIQUÉ

The Mahatma Gandhi Institute Award for Creative Writing in Diaspora Hindi Literature – 6th Edition (2025)

The Mahatma Gandhi Institute is pleased to invite participation from emerging writers in Hindi, of any age, of Indian Diasporic country, who have a publication history of not more than 15 years and who wish to be considered for the above Award.

Procedures for application:

- (i) Interested candidates are invited to submit for this award, a literary work in any genre in Hindi published in book form, **not more than 5 years** prior to the date of advertisement.
- (ii) Candidates are requested to provide:
 - (a) Four (4) hard copies and one soft copy of the work,
 - (b) A track record of their creative writing, on a separate sheet, including title/s, genre/s, date/s of publication, publisher/s and place of publication.
- (iii) Candidates are requested to fill in the application form which may be downloaded from the MGI/RTI website www.mgirti.ac.mu, the website of World Hindi Secretariat www.vishwahindi.com, the website of High Commission of India, Mauritius <https://hcimauritius.gov.in/index> or may be collected from the reception desk of the MGI, Moka and RTI, Ilot.
- (iv) The completed application form along with copies of the work and documents requested at (ii) above should reach the Officer-in-Charge, Mahatma Gandhi Institute & Rabindranath Tagore Institute, Moka (80808), Mauritius, by **27th February 2026 at 16 hrs 00 at latest.**
- (v) Interested candidates are advised to visit either the Mahatma Gandhi Institute website or the World Hindi Secretariat website for the terms and conditions, criteria of eligibility and any other relevant information.

Note:

- (i) Applications received after the closing date and/or not supported by the relevant documents will not be considered.
- (ii) The Award applied for should be clearly marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.
- (iii) The MGI reserves the right not to proceed with any nomination as a result of this advertisement.

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Application Form

Personal Details:

Ms/Mr/Mrs/Dr/Assoc.Prof/ Prof :.....

Surname :

Other name(s) :

Date of Birth :

Gender :

Address :

Nationality :

Occupation :

Email Address :

Telephone/Mobile number :

	Title of Book	Genre	Date of publication	Name of publisher

I,..... acknowledge to have carefully read and approved the Terms and Conditions and Criteria of Eligibility*. I certify that all information provided by me are true and correct.

Signature :

Date :

***Terms and conditions for Participation**

- (i) Only one published work in Hindi in any genre will be accepted per candidate.
- (ii) The book submitted must be an original work and must not have won any previous literary award.
- (iii) The book submitted must not be
 - A translation, or an adaptation, or an anthology of several authors,
 - An abridgement of a research work prepared for a university degree,
 - A fresh publication of writings published earlier in book form or a revised edition of a book published earlier.
- (iv) Only the successful applicant will be notified of the outcome of his/her application.
- (v) Documents submitted will not be returned to applicants.
- (vi) The decision taken by the members of adjudicating panel will be final.
- (vii) The Jury reserves the right not to consider an entry if it is found that there has been an attempt to influence its deliberations.

Award

The winner will be awarded a cash prize of 2,000 USD and a certificate.

Criteria of Eligibility

- (i) Authors from both the old and new diasporic countries are eligible for the Award.
- (ii) Indian Nationals residing permanently outside India are eligible to participate upon providing evidence of residence permit.
- (iii) The Award is not open to employee and / or a close relative¹ of an employee of the MGI and RTI or a member of the MGI & RTI Council and winners of the previous editions of the award.

¹ A close relative in relation to a person would mean:

- A spouse of that person
- A brother or sister of that person
- A brother or sister of the spouse of that person or father, mother or son, daughter of that person.