

**Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Human Resources Development**  
**Department of Higher Education**

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UNESCO Headquarters, Paris has invited nominations for the UNESCO – International Literacy Prizes – 2010. Relevant details are on the next page.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) latest by 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2010 (and should not be sent directly to UNESCO) at the following address for onward transmission to UNESCO, Paris:

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Subject: **Call for nominations: UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2010**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Government to submit two nominations for the 2010 edition of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes. These prestigious UNESCO Prizes are awarded to governments or governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and, in exceptional cases, also to individuals, in recognition of innovative and successful results in the field of literacy throughout the world.

UNESCO awards two UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prizes and two UNESCO Confucius Prizes for Literacy. The King Sejong Prizes give special consideration to the development and use of mother tongue languages, while the Confucius Prizes for Literacy give special consideration to literacy for people in rural areas and out-of-school youth. At the international ceremony organized by UNESCO on International Literacy Day (8 September) at UNESCO Headquarters, the four winners will receive a monetary award, a silver medal and a diploma each.

Literacy and empowerment is the 2009/2010 theme of the United Nations Literacy Decade. Thus the call for candidatures will particularly welcome innovative and successful literacy projects and programmes that specifically promote women's empowerment in the social, economic and political dimensions.

It is strongly recommended, therefore, that candidatures for the 2010 Prizes address both the designated theme (literacy and women's empowerment) and respond to the criteria pertaining to specific prizes. The enclosed Guide to the International Literacy Prizes sets out the rules and regulations that need to be followed for the submission of candidatures.

To Ministers responsible for relations with UNESCO

Nomination files (in English or French) should be forwarded in hard copy and, if possible, electronically, to the Section for Basic Education, Literacy and Non-Formal Education, Division for Basic Education (tel.: +33 1 45 68 13 12; fax: +33 1 45 68 56 26/27; e-mail: [literacyprizes@unesco.org](mailto:literacyprizes@unesco.org)) **no later than 15 June 2010**.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Director-General

Enclosure: UNESCO International Literacy Prizes – 2010 Guide

cc: National Commissions for UNESCO  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO  
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