

The Derozio Awards – For Education and Human Enrichment

Preface

Henry L.V. Derozio (1809 – 1830) arguably the first Indian Poet, freedom fighter and social reformer was fondly referred to as the “National Bard of Modern India”. He taught English at Hindu College (later Presidency College), Calcutta, and set up a youth movement to promote enlightened living and nationalism. Through his writings he fired the imagination of generation of ‘Derozians’, young people of conviction who were prepared to make any sacrifice for the cause of freedom. *The Harp of India*, *To India my Native Land* and *Fakir of Jungheera* are amongst his best known writings.

The ‘Derozio Awards’ are being instituted to celebrate and commemorate the life of this great revolutionary of Anglo-Indian descent, so that his life may inspire a new generation of people to emulate his life and work, in the service of the nation.

Objective

The Derozio Awards for exemplary service to school education and human enrichment have been instituted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi, to honour and motivate people to serve the nation in a manner that clearly defines leadership in an identified sphere.

The Awards seek to:

- (i) **identify** people who make a difference in their sphere of education;
- (ii) **promote** a sense of achievement, recognition and support for education;
- (iii) **recognise** the work of people for the greater good of humanity;
- (iv) **establish** a role for people to contribute to the nation through education;
- (v) **enable** professionals to use their skill for human enrichment;
- (vi) **generate** concern for the social, physical or cultural ecology of the nation through education;
- (vii) **enhance** global goodwill and understating through the medium of education.

Categories of Awards:

The Awards will be given annually to the following categories:

- (i) Contribution to the society as an Individual;
- (ii) Contribution to the society as an Institution.

Awards:

Each award will consist of the following:

- (i) An engraved gold medal – 24 gms (22 carats);
- (ii) A citation plaque engraved in silver;
- (iii) A certificate/scroll;
- (iv) An amount of Rs. 1 lac in the form of an account payee cheque.

The Jury

The Jury shall consist of the following:

- (i) **The Chairman of the Council** for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Jury.
- (ii) **An eminent public servant** or ex-judge of the Supreme Court.
- (iii) **Two eminent educationists** who have established record(s) of service in school education.
- (iv) **A person of eminence**, who has served in the armed forces.
- (v) **The Chief Executive & Secretary of the Council** for the Indian School Certificate Examinations shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Jury.

Note: Appointments of members in categories (ii), (iii) and (iv) will be made by the Executive Committee of the Council.

Procedure

The Jury shall establish procedures for selecting the awardees.

The Jury may make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Council as it considered best to promote the Awards.

The Jury shall meet once a year to consider the nominations received and make its selection which shall be final and binding.

The Secretary to the Jury shall convene the meeting of the Jury.