

CTARA Alumnus/ Alumna Exceptional Contribution Award

Nominations are invited from the CTARA family, nominating CTARA alumni for their commendable contribution to society, in line with CTARA's mandate.

The **R. Hanumantha Rao award** for alumnus/ alumna with a track record for exceptional contribution to CTARA and to the social sector has been instituted by Prof Bakul Rao and Mr Prasanna Rao, in the memory of their parents, to promote excellence in rural development and the social sector. This is one of the three awards instituted in 2023 to award meritorious students and exceptional alumni in CTARA. The alumni award will be given to the alumnus/ alumna with a track record in the development field, either by starting a social entrepreneurship, an NGO, or has contributed significantly to the field and has contributed to CTARA.

1. Nomination Criteria

The nomination criteria for the CTARA alumni exceptional contribution award are:

- a. **Who can nominate (Nominator):** CTARA alumni/ student/ professor/ staff/ project staff/ people closely associated with CTARA can nominate individually, based on their personal/ professional association with the person being nominated. Self-nominations are allowed.
- b. **Who can be nominated (Nominee):** CTARA alumni (PhD and MTech in Technology and Development degree holders from CTARA) who have graduated till one year before the call for nominations every year and have contributed significantly to the development sector through business, academics, research, government, public service, entrepreneurship, social work, etc. and have distinguished themselves.
- c. In addition to the current year's nominations, **the nominations received over the last three years will also be considered.** However, one person will receive this award only once. Fresh applications for a previously nominated person will also be considered, or their updated profile may be requested.

2. Application Process:

- a. Nominations are invited from interested nominators by filling out the Google form ([link-https://forms.gle/CnfGuyH8ntNNuzNq8](https://forms.gle/CnfGuyH8ntNNuzNq8))
- b. to submit details about themselves and the nominee. Basic identifiers of both, details of activities of the nominee since graduating from CTARA and the nominator's reason to nominate are requested to be filled in, and an up-to-date CV of the nominee is to be attached.
- c. The deadline to submit the nominations this year is **4th August 2026.**
- d. Selection will be done by a centre-level committee.

3. Declaration of awards

The CTARA alumni exceptional contribution award will be declared during the TDSAA function of the year, along with the other CTARA awards.

4. Presenting the award

If the winner is unable to attend the function to receive the award, it will be presented subsequently by inviting the awardee alumni at a future date to the campus.

5. Scheme for Assessment of Nominations for Alumni Prize

Sr. No.	Category Description	Category Weightage
1	Contributing PRIMARILY to the Welfare of the Bottom 80%	2
2	Contributing to the Welfare of the Entire Society as a Whole	1
3	Contributions pertain to the Interface of Technology and Society/ Development	2
4	Contributions pertain to Other Areas of Development/ Society	1
5	Contributions involve DIRECT CONTACT and/or DIRECT DELIVERY of benefits to Bottom 80%	4
6	Contributions involve indirect contact and/ or indirect delivery to the Bottom 80%	1
7	Contribution to CTARA	1
8	Contribution to other HR development in the social sector	1
9	Initiated Entrepreneurship in the Social Sector	2