



Development has to mean the development of our Villages. It is the Villages that must be transformed. Indeed, once the Villages are developed the cities will be automatically benefited, for the pressure on the cities will be lifted, the unending migration from Villages to cities will be checked. People, instead of fleeing from Villages, will stay back and work in the Villages, and as a result the Villages will progress. We must, therefore, shed the mentality of depending on the Government for everything. This can best be achieved through Panchayati Raj.

- Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi

INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR THE BHARAT RATNA RAJIV GANDHI AWARDS-2011

The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati, has instituted the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership, Mahila Shakti, Yuva Shakti, Best District, Best Taluk and Best Gram Panchayat awards to honour the infinite genius of the leaders of contemporary India who have contributed and enriched their services to modern India, as visionaries.

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The Academy is conferring the **Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Awards** on the selected nominees, in 6 categories every year on 20 August, i.e., the birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, at a Special Function in Tirupati, by the **Chief Guest** (His Excellency, the Governor or Union Minister)

The Academy is inviting Nominations from the eligible persons and elected representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions for the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Awards in 6 categories for the year 2011. The Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Awards would be conferred on the selected nominees on **20 August, 2011** at a Special Function in Hotel Bliss, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.

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