

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

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To
The Secretaries of all daughter Lodges

Dear Sir and R/VW Brother,

THE 7 STAR PROGRAMME FOR AWARD YEAR 2018-19

On the completion of 40 years of its existence in the year 2001, Grand Lodge of India adopted the 7 star programme for further development of masonry and also further activation of Lodges. This is a minimum programme which is to be adopted and acted upon by all Lodges in addition to their normal Masonic workings. All Lodges who successfully implement this programme will be recognized. An award year will start from October of a calendar year and end on last day of September of the next year.

The 7 star Programme is as under:

- i) **Minimum net addition of 2 initiate members**
A Lodge during an Award year must add to its membership roll at least 2 new members by initiation. If there are any losses during the year by death, cessation or resignation, these losses must also be similarly made up, during the award year.
- ii) **Masonic Education Programme**
A Lodge during an award year must conduct at least one programme designed to further educate its brethren masonically.
- iii) **Educational Aid Programme**
A Lodge during an award year must conduct at least one programme by which educational skills and/or aids are provided to the community. This can be done in any manner including scholarships, payment of fees, purchase of books, conduction of night classes, special tutorials, vocational guidance, imparting of vocational skills or through any other programme to achieve similar objects.
- iv) **Medical Aid Programme**
A Lodge during an award year must conduct at least one programme by which medical advise and/or aid is provided to the community. This can be done in any manner including, by providing treatment, surgery or by the organization of diagnostic camps, detection drives, eye camps, surgical camps and anything which provide medical services under proper medical supervision and necessary hygienic environment.

v) **Non-medical Community Aid Programme**

A Lodge during an award year must conduct at least one programme by which information, advise, education, training is provided to the community. This can be done in any manner including vocational assistance, village adoption, community centers, yoga health centers, traffic island, Rural village upliftment, child care, vermiculture, solar energy, old age homes, health awareness, community aid, environment awareness, legal aid, guidance cells, educational tours and in any other manner assisting to uplift the living standards of the community around us.

vi) **Programme interacting with Non-Masons resulting in image building**

A Lodge during an award year must conduct at least one exclusive programme for interaction with non-masons, making them aware of masonry and of its beneficial results, its efforts in improving manners and raising ethical standards by the appreciation of its principles and by the culture of rituals and also making them aware of the multifaceted services it provides to the needy.

vii) **Subscribe to The Grand Masters Rupee Club**

A Lodge during an award year must ensure that the new subscriptions to The Grand Master's Rupee Club exceeds 10% of the Lodge membership.

The trophy will be awarded at the Annual Grand Festival in November of every year. All Lodges who complete the programme will be recognized.

Please send all relevant details of the activities undertaken by the Lodge along with photographs so as to reach Grand Lodge office by 10th October 2019 positively.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,


VISHAL BAKSHI

Grand Secretary

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All Board Members