



NATIONAL LAND FINANCE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY
TAN SRI K.R.SOMA LANGUAGE & LITERARY FOUNDATION
6TH INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARD (2020 -2021)

This contest, organized by National Land Finance Co-operative Society's Tan Sri K.R.Soma Language & Literary Foundation is held once in two years. This is open to locals and international participants. Recent works from novels, history, research, compilations of stories and poems, published during 2020 & 2021 are eligible for the award .

Rules & regulations in the selection of the award

1. Name of award - Tan Sri K.R.Soma International book award

2.Objective

- (i) The published works ,must be a source of inspiration or encouraging to the immense growth, development and innovation to the Tamil Language and community.
- (ii) This contest will be held once in two years.
- (iii) To protect the interests of the print medium amidst the growing attention to the electronic media, and for international recognition to Tamil writers.

3. Prize

- International section - USD 10,000 (US ten Thousand Dollars)
- Malaysian selection - RM 10,000 (Ringgit Malaysia Ten Thousand)

4. Creations

- a . Category - Novel, History, Research ,Individual compilation of stories & Individual compilation of poems.
- b. Language – Tamil
- c . Command of language - Quality Tamil in Grammar, rhetoric and legacy
- d. Creativity – The sectors chosen must comply with the components of legacy, strategies and that are aligned along our culture and social etiquettes.
- e. Effectiveness – To bring about developments into an era of new paradigm of Tamil language & for the following fields.
 - (i) Language, Literature & Arts and Culture
 - ii) Education of Science and Sociology
 - (iii) Human Intimacy & to enhance relevant promotional components
 - (iv) Human Development Elements & norms

5. Participation eligibility

- (i) Must be author's own contribution / original work. Plagiarized works will not be accepted.
- (ii) Assignments & Researches for educational purposes will not be accepted.
- (iii) Self biographies are not eligible for participation
- (iv) Academic research papers & assignments for specific purposes will not be accepted
- (v) Books deemed critical against public interest will not be accepted.
- (vi) All books must be certified with ISBN registration numbers
- (vii) Books of reprinted versions specially for the contest will not be accepted.

6. Structure of book

- (i) Size - Not less than 14cm x 21cm
- (ii) Pages - Not less than 200 pages
- (iii) Font - Size 12 (legible)
- (iv) Quality of Edition - Acceptable quality

7. Creators

- (i) Members of the foundation, staffs and their family members are not eligible to participate
- (ii) The family members of the judges in the years of contest are not eligible to participate

8 . Participants

- (i) The author or the press that printed the book may send in for the contest
- (ii) One participant is only allowed to participate in one category
- (iii) Each participant is required to send in 5 sets of books .
- (iv) The books sent must be of first edition and within the stipulated time.
- (v) All entries must be accompanied with the completed official entry forms.
- (vi) Entry forms can be downloaded from the foundation's website.
([http :// website.....](http://website.....))
- (vii) Proof of sending will not be the proof of receipt. Books received before the closing date, will be considered for the contest.
- (viii) Acknowledgements on receipt of books and participation form will be sent.
- (ix) Only winners of the contest will be notified .
- (x) Results of the contest will be published in media and uploaded in the official website of the foundation.

9. Evaluation of books

- (i) Books received for the contest will be evaluated by a committee consisting of 3 judges
- (ii) The shortlisted books will be further scrutinized by board members to select the winner.
- (iii) The books will be evaluated on the following criteria

- a. Language - as per stated in 4 (b & c)
- b. Creativity - as per stated in 4 (d)
- c. Effectiveness - as per stated in 4 (e)

(iv) Marking Scheme

- a. Creativity - 50 %
- b. Command of Language - 25 %
- c. Effectiveness - 25 %

10. Duration of Publication

- (i) Evaluation and selection of winning book will be held once in 2 years.
- (ii) Announcement on books eligible for participation in the year of contest will be notified in December.
- (iii) The contest period is from **January 1st till 31st March 2022**
- (iv) Results will be announced by end of contest year including prize giving date, time and place.

11. JUDGES

- (i) Judges from other countries will be evaluated and appointed by the Foundation
- (ii) Judges' decision on the winning entries are final.

12. AWARDS PRESENTATION

- (i) Awards will be conferred by either the Chairman of NLFCS, or any of the executive members of the foundation.
- (ii) The winners of International section and Malaysian selection will receive similar mementos and medals.
- (iv) The foundation will facilitate flight, accommodation and airport transfer for the international winner and one of their family member or an assistant.
- (v) The winners will be allowed to speak about their winning piece for 10 minutes on

the prize giving ceremony.

- (vi) After the results are announced, prize can be received by the winners, or anyone authorized to represent the winners .
- (vii) After the results are notified, each winner will be required to send 30 copies of the winning books to the foundation.

13. Regulations & Implementation

(i) Regulations

If there arises any conflict on the issues that has not been addressed , final decision on the contest will be made by the foundation.

(ii) Implementation

- a. The foundation has the right to add, amend or delete new regulations for the contest, if deemed necessary
- b. All the regulations and implementation will be enforced on the advise and recommendation of at least 3 working committees appointed by the foundation.

14. All entries for the award are to be sent to:

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