

Anil Radhakrishnan Book Fellowship

About Anil Radhakrishnan

S Anil Radhakrishnan, renowned journalist passed away recently after a three decade long career in journalism. A bright student academically, he acquired his master's degree in journalism from the Department of Journalism, University of Kerala, in 1990 standing first in his class. He joined *The Hindu* in 1996 after a five-year stint in the Press Trust of India (PTI) in Mumbai. While at The Hindu, he covered a variety of stories, spanning tourism, public transport, airline industry, ports, road, railways and allied infrastructure. He also branched into financial journalism in his later years. Anil was known in *The Hindu* for his passion and dedication for work. Scarcely a newsday passed without one of Anil's reports on *The Hindu's* Kerala pages. He relentlessly tracked his beat and was abreast of the latest developments. His vast and deep sources in the areas he covered, high domain knowledge and an infallible work ethic kept Anil on the top of his expansive beat. He had authored several breaking and nuanced articles on public finance and Centre-State fiscal relationship and human interest and nature stories. His contribution to landmark infrastructural projects in Kerala like the Kochi Metro, Trivandrum airport and Vizhinjam port will forever be remembered. During his time as head of the city bureau, Anil had proved his leadership skills as well. He also served as the district secretary of the Kerala Union of Working Journalists and the head of the Kesari Memorial Trust. He had attended a fortnight-long programme for journalists in Washington in mid-2000. He also won several awards in his career, including the State Tourism awards twice and VK Madhavan Kutty award. Outside work, Anil was a devoted son, husband and father. He had a vast circle of friends who remember him fondly for his insightful comments and the ability to keep the relationship going regardless of minor differences of opinion. Many prominent personalities, including the Governor of Kerala Mr.Arif Muhammad Khan, Chief Minister Mr.Pinarayi Vijayan and opposition leader V D Satheesan described him as a value based journalist whose untimely parting was a great loss to the society and journalism.

The fellowship.

Anil is survived by his mother Sathi Devi, wife S.S. Sindhu and son S.A. Narayanan. As a memorial, the family intends to institute a fellowship in his name in collaboration with Kesari Trust, Thiruvananthapuram, since he had been actively associated with the organisation for a long time. As per the request of the family, the Kesari Trust has decided to associate with it to jointly manage the fellowship program. The details of the fellowship are below.

1. Each year one person will be awarded the Anil Radhakrishnan Book Publishing Fellowship comprising an amount of Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) for publishing a book of high academic quality in the field of tourism and infrastructural development of Kerala. The scope includes, but is not limited to public transport, airline industry, ports, road, and railways sectors.
2. The book can be published either in Malayalam or in English or both.
3. The book should have minimum 120 pages in print form in Demy 1/8th size or crown 1/4th size with pictures, graphs and tables if any and the letter font size having 10 point.
4. The fellowship program will be continued for a period of 5 consecutive years.
5. The fellow should have a proven track record in his field and a genuine proven interest in the topic of fellowship and should be a well-known expert, or a Research Student and should preferably have authored peer-reviewed work previously.
6. Maximum age limit will be 50 years.
7. A 5 member committee that includes the representatives of the family and Kesari Trust as well as two academic experts will be constituted each year to decide the eligible person for awarding the fellowship.
8. The proposal as well as the subsequent book will have to undergo rigorous peer review and plagiarism check.

9. Each year the above committee will be constituted and proposals for books will be invited for by Kesari Trust from eligible and interested candidates during the month of August and the committee will examine the proposal positively within 15 days of the last date of submitting the proposals. One month should be given for applying for fellowship from the date of notification.
10. The awarded candidates will be given an amount of Rs 15000 initially, and Rs 15000 in the fourth month and the remaining amount will be given at the time of release of the book.
11. The authoring should be completed by 1st May of next year and should be submitted to Kesari Trust for vetting on or before that day. After vetting, with the permission of the trust the book can be published. If any modification is suggested to meet the required standard of the book, it should be done within the next three weeks. It should be released at a function to be conducted on June 23rd, the death anniversary of Anil Radhakrishnan.
12. The proposal should contain details of subjects, research work to be conducted, relevance of the theme, its possible impact in the sector as well as a definite time schedule.
13. The time schedule should be strictly adhered to and the monthly progress report of the work should be submitted to the Expert member/s of the Committee for the purpose.
14. 25 Copies of the book should be given to the Kesari Trust. The book should be published under the name of Kesari Trust and the distribution can be entrusted to any firm to be selected by the author.
15. An agreement would be signed between the fellowship awardee and the Kesari Trust that the book would be completed in the stipulated time and non-committal would fetch a return of fellowship amount given with an interest of 12 per cent annum.
16. The decision of the committee will be final on the selection of fellowship awardee and also on giving the permission of publishing the book. Any

disputes on these matters will not be entertained.

17. For any disputes on any other matter, the jurisdiction will be Thiruvananthapuram.

18. This year the initial selection process will be completed by October 15. A grace period of 15 days will be given for submission dates also will be given this year.

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Secretary

Kesary Memorial Trust.