

## THE ZUBAAN-SASAKAWA PEACE FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR JOURNALISTS FROM THE NORTHEAST, 2020-21

Zubaan Publishers and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation are offering a limited number of grants for the year 2020 for journalists from the eight Northeastern states and eastern Himalayan region. The one-time grants will support the production of two articles or a photo essay comprising of ten to twelve photographs on the themes detailed below.

### Details of the Grant

This grant is a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown and its impact on the world of waged work, particularly freelance and independent media work. Focusing on the Northeast and adjoining areas, this grant works in conjunction with our other grant opportunities for young researchers and women's collectives in Northeast India.

The grant will focus on the gendered impact of the pandemic, lockdown and responses of the state. Indicative themes can be women's work, access to healthcare, migration, LGBTQI+ rights, housing and sanitation, fundamental rights, citizenship etc.

Grantee writers will be expected to publish at least two pieces on the chosen subject, and photojournalists will be expected to publish a photo essay comprising of ten to twelve photographs in any media outlet, in consultation with Zubaan Publishers. The pieces may be journalistic reports, long interviews, visual essays or other formats that are thematically aligned with the call. **Of these, one would be a 800-1000 word article and the other, an in-depth research article of at least 2000-2500 words.** Mentors will be assigned to all the grant recipients for research and writing support during the grant duration.

**All articles will have to be approved by Zubaan Publishers before publication and Zubaan Publishers and the grant shall be acknowledged during publication, in any media outlet or anywhere else.**

### Eligibility criteria

1. If you are an **early to mid-career journalist** from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura you are eligible to apply. The grant is also open for applicants from the hill regions of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and Kurseong.
2. You must be fluent in English and have **demonstrated an engagement with gender in your pursuit of a career in journalism.**
3. You must commit to publishing two articles (one of these would be a 800-1000 word article and the other should be 2000-2500 words) or a photo essay (of at least 10-12 photographs with explanatory captions) within the duration of the grant. The grant also allows you to develop hybrid forms within the specified timeline.



*[Note: If you feel that you fit into the eligibility criteria and have an interesting proposal to discuss, which may not be in English but has the scope of being translated/adapted, please write to us at [projects@zubaanbooks.com](mailto:projects@zubaanbooks.com) before submitting your proposal.*

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please submit proposals keeping in mind health and safety concerns (your own as well as people you may need to be in contact with) as well as travel restrictions.]*

To apply:

1. Send in a grant proposal (200 words) outlining the themes of your articles/photos.
2. Submit two articles published by you in any media portal with your by-line.
3. Submit your CV and any other relevant information about yourself that you think is necessary, including proof of age.
4. Include one name of a referee, ideally someone you have worked with, along with their contact information.

### **Shortlist and selection of grantees**

All grant proposals will be screened by a selection committee. The committee will prepare a shortlist and may wish to interview some candidates by Skype or phone. The committee's decision will be final.

### **Duration**

The grant will be for a duration of **four months**, extendable based on mutual agreement and prevailing circumstances. Two articles or a photo essay (with explanatory captions) will have to be published in this duration.

### **Grant**

The fellowship carries a grant of Rs 30,000, less applicable taxes.

Payments will be made in two instalments: 50 per cent on approval of the project and signature of contract, and the remainder on completion of the grant terms.

### **Methodology workshops/webinars**

All successful candidates will be required to attend a preliminary methodology workshop/webinar to discuss their areas and themes of work and to get feedback from their peers and resource people. Candidates will be required to incorporate overall feedback in their work before submission.

Interested people can send in their applications to [projects@zubaanbooks.com](mailto:projects@zubaanbooks.com). The last date of submission of application is 30 June 2020. Please put "Application for Journalist Grants" in the subject line.

Shortlisted candidates will be informed by second week of July 2020.



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