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Nomination invited in Gujarati, Hindi or English.

Last date: December 19, 2026.

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Established in 1978, **The Gujarat Science Academy (GSA)** is a premier academy of leading educationalist and scientists in Gujarat for promoting education, research and outreach in all dimensions of science and technology that help the betterment of society. One of the many objectives of the Academy is to review and improve science and technical education of in the state at all levels and to reward where excellence is achieved.

Since 2018, **Buti Foundation** and the **GSA** have come forward to recognize exceptional contribution to communication of Science in all its dimension towards igniting minds, creating public awareness on science, technology and the future. **Buti Foundation – GSA Award for Science Communication** seeks to recognize and honour an individual/ group for excellence in the Science Communication work carried out by him/her in the form of publications, i.e., books, articles and/or video presentations including popular lectures / Talks etc.

The award has been instituted with a generous endowment by Prof. Bimla Buti, through the Buti Foundation (http://www.butifoundation.org). Late Prof. Bimla Buti, an internationally acclaimed expert in theoretical plasma physics, worked at the Physical Research Laboratory as Senior Professor and Dean. The Buti Foundation was established by her in 2003 with the objectives of a) Promotion of education / vocation by instituting Awards, Fellowships and Scholarships; b) Establishment and support of Libraries and reading rooms for advancement of knowledge; c) To spread and promote training and learning of computers; d) to organize conferences, seminars and lectures /talks by eminent scientists; and e) To render any kind of medical help to needy persons particularly the senior citizens. These objectives are being implemented through various awards for science excellence at the National Level, Health care centres and through Centres of Science and Society in many cities.

Scope of Award for Science Communication: One award will be conferred annually for the documented evidence of the publication of popular science books, articles, video presentations and/or popular lectures and interactive Science activities. Anything related to scientific communication which will create scientific temper in society will be considered. Nominations should not be made on the basis of Research Contributions of the nominees. Nominations made in the earlier years and who would like to be considered for this year should send their desired updated information.

Selection: The applicant has to fill in and submit a single pdf file (soft copy only) of his/her details of CV etc in the given proforma through email to **gujaratscienceacademy@gmail.com**. The single pdf file to be accompanied of, (a) first page of the 10 best of his/her articles/ publications and video (links), as the case may be, and (b) recommendation from the Nominator for the achievements of the Nominee/or a statement by the applicant highlighting his/her work that should be considered for the award. Nomination can be submitted in Gujarati, Hindi or English. In exceptional cases, self-nominations will also be accepted. After a preliminary review, selected Nominees will be invited to give a 20 min power point-presentation of the work (either in English/Gujarati/Hindi), if required, before a panel of judges followed by a discussion at Department of Physics, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, if required. Date and Time will be communicated later on.

The award will be given during the GSA's Annual Gujarat Science Congress. Venue, Date and Time will be communicated later on. The awardee will be presented a scroll of honour and a Medal.

The nomination shall be made in the prescribed Nomination Form. Nomination in a soft copy with signature of Nominee, along with necessary enclosures (all documents as a single pdf file) should reach to the **gujaratscienceacademy@gmail.com** with a Subject line: Buti Foundation – GSA Award for Science Communication – 2026. The last date for receipt of nomination is **December 19, 2026.** There is **No Registration Fee.** Incomplete and delayed Nominations will not be considered. Candidate who has received this award once is not eligible for second time.

The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the nomination, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of scroll/certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere.

For any query / help, feel free to contact:

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Proforma for Buti Foundation GSA Award for Science Communication - 2026

(Deadline for submission **December 19, 2026**)

Brief Resume of the Nominee

1. Name of the Nominee: Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. _____ _____ _____
   Surname First Name Middle Name

2. Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____ (dd / mm / yyyy)

3. (a) Educational qualification: -

   (b) Subject area in Science/Technology: -

4. Designation/last designation:

5. Institution/ last institution:

6. Address for Correspondence:

7. Contact details: Tel (O): Tel (R):

   Mobile:

   E-mail:

8. (a) Details of professional experience: -

Sr. No.	Institution and Years of experience yyyy to yyyy	Science Communication through Outreach activities

9. Please attach as Appendix – I, a table of brief details of 10 Invited Talks/ presentations/ Experiments-Demos and similar activities.

10. Please attach as Appendix – II, your write-up in 1000 words or less, on the nature of Science Communication work done by you, highlighting your specific contribution (books/articles/videos etc), publisher details, level of readership/viewers (i.e. students/ teachers/ common people), and relevance to the society. Please mention how you select the topics of book or article, and make your presentation attractive and appealing to readers.

11. Please attach in Appendix – III, a list of up to 10 significant books/articles etc, as per the following format.

Sr. No.	Title	Author/co-author	Publisher	Date/Year of publication, and ISBN number, if any
1				
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* Please attach scanned copies of only the title pages of your 10 best publications. Do not attach all pages.

12. Any recognition or honour received by you for Science Writing / communication activities.

13. Other relevant information, if any:

14. Name, affiliation and address of the nominator.

Signature of the Nominee

(Full name)

Nominator's Details

1. Name of the Nominator: Prof./Dr./Mr./Ms. _____ _____ _____
Surname First Name Middle Name

2. Designation/last designation:

3. Institution/ last institution:

4. Address for Correspondence:

Tel (O): Tel (R):

Mobile:

E-mail:

5. In what capacity and for how long have you known the Nominee?

6. Please give below in 500 words or less, your recommendation for the Nominee, mentioning the significance of his/her Science Communication work, together with feedbacks or responses received by the Nominee for his/her books/articles etc.

(A separate sheet may be attached.)

DECLARATION

Information provided in the above nomination is true to the best of my knowledge.

The Nomination is for Buti Foundation – GSA Award for Science Communication – 2026

I also agree that "The Gujarat Science Academy reserves the right to consider/reject the application, decide the date, criteria of selection, final selection of the awardee, specification of certificate and a medal for the aforesaid Award. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere."

I hereby also confirms that I will not contest or challenge the rules, regulations, or decisions made by the GSA.

Date: *Place:* *Signature with the name of the Nominator*

Being the nominee, I am aware of my nomination for **Buti Foundation – GSA for Science Communication Awards – 2026**.

The information provided in this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Date: *Place:* *Signature of the Nominee*

Important Note:

1. Please ensure that the nomination form as prescribed is duly completed.
2. A passport size photograph of the nominee may be affixed at the place indicated in the form.
3. Please ensure that the nominee is aware of his/her nomination.
4. Incomplete Nomination in any respects and not accompanied by the latest Bio-data of the Nominee or received after the due date are liable to be rejected.
5. The Academy reserves the right of final selection for the aforesaid Award.
6. Those who have received this award once are not eligible for the second time.
7. A nominee has to re-nominate for the Award in future years if the eligibility criteria are met.
8. Any false information submitted in the Application form will lead to immediate and permanent disqualification of the nominee for the Award.
9. The GSA reserves the right to consider or reject any submitted nomination without informing the nominee/associated institution.
10. The last date for nomination for the Award can be extended with prior notice and at the discretion of GSA, as deemed necessary.
11. The decision of GSA in choosing the Awardees is final and cannot be challenged in any court of law anywhere.
12. Nomination in **a soft copy as a single pdf with signature of Nominator and Nominee** should reach to the **gujaratscienceacademy@gmail.com** with a Subject line: Buti Foundation – GSA Award for Science Communication – 2026. The last date for receipt of nomination is **December 19, 2026**.

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