



**The King Husein**



# **Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards**

## **2026**

**Sanjoy K. Roy**

**Recipient of the 2026 Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award**

To be conferred at the Palace of Westminster and Mansion House, City of London, during *Dare to Overcome: The Economics of Kindness*

- Black Tie Gala Dinner – 13 October 2026

The Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards honour organisations and leaders who demonstrate that enterprise, faith, and principled leadership can work together to advance interfaith understanding, freedom of religion or belief, and peaceful, inclusive societies.

Launched in partnership with the United Nations Global Compact and the former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Business for Peace initiative, the Awards recognise those who use business and institutional leadership as platforms for promoting tolerance, sustainability, and human dignity. The Awards are held under the Patronage of King Husein, 2021 recipient of the Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award and the Chairman and CEO of America's largest steel building company, whose leadership exemplifies the integration of commercial excellence and interfaith commitment.

This year, we are honoured to recognise Sanjoy K. Roy.

For more than three decades, Mr Roy has demonstrated that culture is not a luxury at the margins of society — it is the heartbeat of civilisation. Through his leadership of Teamwork Arts, producing more than twenty-five festivals annually in over forty cities worldwide, he has built platforms that celebrate the extraordinary richness of India's languages, cultures, faith traditions, philosophies, and artistic expressions.

In a nation of immense plurality — of thousands of dialects, multiple religions, and layered histories — he has created spaces where diversity is not merely tolerated, but celebrated.

The Jaipur Literature Festival, one of the world's largest literary gatherings, stands as a testament to this vision — a forum where writers, thinkers, and artists from every background meet in dialogue. Drawing hundreds of



thousands of attendees and millions of digital viewers from across the globe, it has become a defining platform for democratic discourse, intellectual exchange, and cross-cultural understanding in the twenty-first century.

Through the Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival, the Mahindra Kabira Festival, the Bodhi Festival, and many others, he has elevated folk and classical music, sacred poetry, theatre, and storytelling, illuminating the intersections of religion, history, and art that define India's civilisational tapestry. Through *The Sacred Amritsar*, now in its fourth edition, Mr Roy curates a festival of verse and music honouring the legacy of Bhakti and Sufi poets in one of India's most spiritually resonant cities — fostering reflection, shared humanity, and communal renewal.

These gatherings do more than entertain; they build bridges, invite encounter, and enable communities to see one another not as abstractions, but as neighbours.

In hosting Dare to Overcome: Unity in Diversity in New Delhi in 2023 and 2024, Mr Roy extended this cultural leadership into the realms of business and civic life, giving contemporary expression to India's ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — the world as one family.

Yet his contribution is not only moral or aesthetic — it is profoundly economic. Mr Roy has shown that the arts create both intangible and tangible wealth: revitalising cities, sustaining local enterprise, generating employment, stimulating tourism, and strengthening confidence in communities. Through disciplined production and sustainable models, he has proven that cultural celebration is not only principled, but profitable and enduring.

In a time when division too often dominates discourse, Sanjoy K. Roy has shown that culture can unite where politics divides; that dialogue can replace distrust; and that unity in diversity is not merely a slogan, but a workable model for society.

By presenting India's rich mosaic of identities to the world with excellence and integrity, he has demonstrated that enterprise guided by values can strengthen both economies and human relationships.

For his visionary leadership; for building enduring bridges across India's diverse cultural and religious landscape; and for proving that the celebration of pluralism can be both noble and economically transformative, we are honoured to present the 2026 Global Business & Interfaith Peace Award to Sanjoy K. Roy.