

**CITATION OF AWARDEES OF NATIONAL AWARDS FOR THE  
EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN) 2019**

**1. BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH DISABILITIES**

- i) Locomotor Disability (Locomotor Disability, Muscular Disability, Dwarfism Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy)
  - a) Ms. J.P. Akila
  - b) Ms. Celine Lawai
  - c) Dr. I.V. Shrinivasa Reddy
  - d) Shri Mangal Singh Bhandal
  
- ii) Visual Impairment (Blindness Low Vision)
  - a) Ms. Baby Girija
  - b) Ms. Madhani Sonalben Girdharbhai
  - c) Shri Balan Pootheri
  - d) Shri Aadhar Singh
  
- iii) Hearing Impairment (Deaf, Hard of Hearing)
  - a) Ms. Priyanka Devi
  - b) Ms. Iyer Vanitha M
  - c) Mr. T.J. Mathew
  
- iv) Developmental Disorder
  - a) Ms. S. Sravanthi
  
- v) Intellectual Disability (Earlier Known as Mental Retardation)
  - a) Ms. Madhuparna Roy
  - b) Shri Kallol Dutta
  
- vi) Disability caused due to Blood Disorder (Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle Cell Disease)
  - a) Ms. Alka Chaudhary
  - b) Shri Rahul Bharatbhai Malsatar
  - c) Shri Arvind Kumar Magarde
  
- vii) Multiple Disabilities (involving any two or more of the above broad categories of disabilities)
  - a) Shri G. Ganesh Kumar
  - b) Shri Rajat Soni

**II. AWARD FOR BEST EMPLOYERS AND PLACEMENT OFFICER/ AGENCY**

**Best Employer**

- a) M/s Infosys BPM Ltd.,

### **III. (A) BEST INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTION**

#### **Best Individual**

- (i) Professional
  - a) Dr. Kusuma Bhatta
  - b) Smt. Chandra Prasad
- (ii) Non-Professional
  - a) Shri Niranjana Behera,
  - b) Shri Ravi Kalra,

#### **Best Institution**

- (i) Holistic Comprehensive services
  - (a) Special Need Education Home-SNEH
- (ii) Inclusive Education
  - (b) Uma Educational & Technical Society

### **IV. ROLE MODEL**

- i) Locomotor Disability (Locomotor Disability, Muscular Disability, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Cured, Cerebral Palsy)
  - a) Kumari Seema Tiwari
  - b) Ms. Nishtha Thaker
  - c) Shri Nara Nageshwar Rao
  - d) Shri Ganesh Ishwar Bhat
- ii) Visual Impairment (Blindness Low Vision)
  - a) Dr. Smt. Prem Singh
  - b) Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal
  - c) Ms. Nisha Mehta
  - d) Shri Rajive Raturi
  - e) Shri Bhavesh Chandubhai Bhatia
- iii) Hearing Impairment (Deaf, Hard of Hearing)
  - a) Ms. Vidisha
  - b) Shri Yashveer Goyal
  - c) Shri Ayush N. Chandra
- iv) Intellectual Disability (Earlier Known as Mental Retardation)
  - a) Ms. Kajal Sharma

- b) Shri Niloy Banerjee
  - c) Shri Apurba Kumar Ghosh
- v) Multiple Disabilities (Multiple Disabilities involving any two or more of the above 8 broad categories)
- a) Kumari Shabina Saifi
  - b) Shri Prashanth C

**V. BEST APPLIED RESEARCH/ INNOVATION/ PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIFE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- i) Best Applied Research
  - a) 'Virtual Intelligent Techniques for Rehabilitation – Veera' by Dr. Neelesh Kumar
- iii) Development of new cost effective product
  - a) 'Touch Vision Multisensory Kit' by Ms. Ankita Gulati

**VI. OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE CREATION OF BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- a) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., New Delhi
- b) Badnagar Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh

**VII. BEST DISTRICT IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICE**

- a) Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu
- b) Ujjain District, Madhya Pradesh
- c) Varanasi District, Uttar Pradesh

**VIII. BEST STATE CHANNELIZING AGENCY OF NATIONAL HANDICAPPED FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

- a) The Tamil Nadu State Apex Coop. Bank

**IX. OUTSTANDING CREATIVE ADULT PERSON WITH DISABILITIES**

- a) Ms. Kanmony S.
- b) Sh. Rakesh Kumar R.

**X. BEST CREATIVE CHILD WITH DISABILITIES**

- a) Ms Rini Bhattacharjee
- b) Shri Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati

**XI. BEST BRAILLE PRESS**

- a) Devnar Printing House for the Blind, Hyderabad

## **XII. BEST ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE**

- a) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
- b) Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of Haryana
- c) Rising Flame, Mumbai

## **XIII. (i) BEST STATE IN PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

- a) State of Kerala

## **ii) BEST STATE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN**

- a) State Uttar Pradesh

## **XIV. BEST SPORTS PERSON WITH DISABILITY**

- a) Ms Manasi Joshi
- b) Ms Malika Handa
- c) Shri Ankur Dhama
- d) Shri Satendra Singh

## **BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. J.P. Akila,  
C3/129, BHEL Township,  
Kailasapuram,  
Trichy-620014  
Tamil Nadu.

32 years old Ms J.P. Akila is a post polio residual palsy in both lower limbs having 80% locomotor disability. Despite her disability she did B.E. (Computer Science Engineering) and she is presently working as Deputy Manager BHEL, Trichy. Besides excellence in academics, she has a passion for playing tabla, singing Devine hymns in Temples, writing poetries, stories etc. She also started a humble initiative called 'Tulsi' and planted 2000 Tulsi plants in the campus. She is the recipient of departmental award from BHEL on Republic Day 2019.

Ms. J.P. Akila is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category of Locomotor Disabilities.

### **BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Celine Lawai,  
Nongrimban Road, Laitumkhran,  
Shillong,  
Meghalaya-793003.

30 year old Ms. Celine Lawai is having para-paresis in both lower limbs since birth constituting 90% locomotor disability. She is a Graduate. She has conducted awareness programmes and trainings for persons with disabilities. She is working as a data entry operator in the Block Development Office of Govt. of Meghalaya.

Ms. Celine Lawai is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the Category Locomotor Disabilities.

### **BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (MALE), 2019**

Dr. I.V. Srinivasa Reddy,  
B 2 Quarters, Agricultural College, Aswaraopet Village, Bhadradri, Kothagudem District,  
Telangana-507301.

Dr. I.V. Srinivasa Reddy, 40 years old is having 89% locomotor disability of post polio in both lower limbs and right upper limb. He has done M.Sc. in Agriculture and Ph.D in Horticulture from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. He is working as Associate Professor in Agricultural College Bhadradri Kothagudem, Telangana. He is recipient of state level excellence awards for the year 2016, 2018 and 2019.

Dr. I.V. Srinivasa Reddy is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category of Locomotor Disabilities.

### **BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (MALE), 2019**

Shri Mangal Singh Bhandal,  
H.No. 603, Guru Nanak Nagar,  
Kapurthala,  
Punjab.

Shri Mangal Singh Bhandal is having 83% locomotor disability since the age of 5 years when he met with an accident. He completed Matric. He founded a book bank that provides books and other aids to persons with disabilities and underprivileged children. He has been working as senior Lecture Assistant in the Government College, Kapurthala, Punjab for the last 37 years. He is also associated

with various organizations working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities. Considering his services and achievements he was awarded with State Award by the Government of Punjab in 2008.

Shri Mangal Singh Bhandal is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category of Locomotor Disabilities.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Baby Girija,  
Varambathvilla House, Koonayil,  
Paravoor PO.  
Kollam-691301,  
Kerala.

Ms. Baby Girija, is having 100% visual impairment. She is teaching Braille in the Government School for the Blind. The visual disability which she is suffering from has never stopped her from achieving her targets. She was awarded by the Government of Kerala in 2014 for Most efficient differently abled employee.

Ms Baby Girija is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category, Visual Impairment.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Madhani Sonalben Girdharbhai,  
31, Amidhara Society, near Bhidbhanjan Society,  
Nana Varacha,  
Surat-395006.

Ms. Madhani Sonalben Girdharbhai is having 100% visual disability. She was brought up in a poor and illiterate family. Notwithstanding the hardships, she has done MA, B.Ed., Sangeet Visharad, and Sangeet Shiksha Visharad. She has also been taking blind students for trekking camps. She is working as a teacher in ATCB School for the Blind. She teaches music, Braille, and Gujarati language.

Ms. Madhani Sonalben Girdharbhai, is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category of Visual Disability.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri Balan Pootheri,  
Pootheri-House, PO Karippur,

Malappuram,  
Kerala-673638

Shri Balan Pootheri is having 100% visual impairment. He has done Bachelor of Arts. Shri Balan Pootheri has written and published 184 books of Mythological, Historical, Biographical and Sociological themes of interest to public. He has received State level award in the name of Poet Sri Kunhunni from the Govt. of Kerala in 2011, Kunhunni award for literal activities in 2011, Visishta Seva Ratnam State Award in 2012, State Award in the name of poet Shri V.C. Balakrishna Panicker for literary activities in 2013, Vijayasree Puraskar, Njanamritha Award in 2015, Sri Rudra Puraskar in 2016

Shri Balan Pootheri is being conferred with the National Award for Best Self Employed under the category of Visual Disability for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri Aadhar Singh Chouhan,  
EK 290, Scheme No. 54,  
Vijaynagar,  
Indore 10.

Shri Aadhar Singh Chouhan 59 years old is having 100% visual impairment since the age of 6 years. He has done MA in History, and M.Phil. He is working as Assistant Teacher in Education Department of the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. He is also a sportsperson and remained outstanding athlete continuously for 8 years from 1981 to 1987. He is involved in social activities including empowerment of persons with visual impairment. He has a number of awards received from various organizations for his activities and achievements.

Shri Aadhar Singh Chouhan is being conferred with the National Award for Best employee under the category of Visual Disability for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Priyanka Devi,  
318, Surya Green, Vrindavan Yojna,  
Sector 10A, Raebareli Road,  
Lucknow-226029.

Ms. Priyanka Devi is having 100% hearing impairment from the age of 11 years. She completed Post Graduation in English Literature and thereafter cleared the Civil Services Exam 2009. She is presently working as Deputy Commissioner in the Income Tax Department, Lucknow.

Ms . Priyanka Devi for her achievements is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee under the category Hearing Impairment for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT – (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Iyer Vanitha M.,  
B 404 Surya Kiran,  
Sector V, Plot 12 & 13,  
Ghansoli,  
Navi Mumbai 400701.

31 years old Ms Iyer Vanitha M. is having 100% hearing impairment which was detected at the age of 6 years. She has studied in the normal school/college and never found it difficult to communicate in English and compete with her classmates. Despite her disability she has studied with a meritorious scholarships through her schooling and college. She has done Bachelor of Engineering in Electronic and Telecommunications. She is working as Administrative Officer in the New India Assurance Company Ltd. She was awarded Bharat Award (Achiever) New Mumbai NMMC 2014, and National Award for Role Model in the year 2013.

Ms Iyer Vanitha M. for her achievements is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee under the category Hearing Impairment for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri T.J. Mathew,  
Elite Nest Flat No. S 7, 2nd floor,  
14 A Ramanujam Street, Gandhi Nagar,  
Avadi,  
Chennai-600054.

43 year old Shri T.J. Mathew is having 100% hearing impairment since birth. He passed matriculation and two year ITI Fitter training, and one year diploma in computer. He is married and his wife is also deaf and speech impaired. His two children are also deaf and are studying in school. He is working as clerk in the Indian Overseas Bank for the last 20 years. He has struggled hard and come up in his life with great efforts.

Shri T.J. Mathew is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under the category Hearing Impairment.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER (FEMALE),**  
**2019**

Ms. S. Sravanthi,  
No. 6, Zion Nagar,  
Xavier Colony Extension, near new bus stand,  
Tiruneveli,  
Tamilnadu-627005 .

18 year old Ms. S. Sravanthi is having 72% developmental disorder. She has studied upto 10<sup>th</sup> class and received vocational training in drawing and sublimation printing. She has outstanding talents in drawing and paintings. She is an expert in creative reverse glass painting and also in Tanjavur painting. She has exhibited her paintings in various parts of the country. From her paintings she earned Rs. 43,200/- in the last 3 years

Ms. S. Sravanthi is being conferred with the National Award for Self-Employed under the category Developmental Disorder for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (FEMALE),**  
**2019**

Ms Madhuparna Roy,  
Mahajati Nagar, Block No. One,  
PO Birati, PS Airport,  
North Dum Dum,  
North 24 Parganas -700051.

39 year old Ms Madhuparna Roy is having 50% intellectual disability. Despite her disability she has been doing imitation jewellery at her own house and earning a living. She was conferred West Bengal State Award for the year 2018.

Ms Madhuparna Roy is being conferred with the National Award for the year 2019 for Best Self Employed under the category Intellectual Disabilities.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (MALE) ), 2019**

Shri Kallol Dutta,  
K.S.D. Road, Nimta Nutan Pally,  
Viveknagar, PS+PO Nimta,  
North 24 Parganas-  
Kolkatta - 700049

39 year old Shri Kallol Dutta is having intellectual disability of 75%. He is working as an employee in the North Dum Dum Municipality and earning his livelihood. He was conferred West Bengal State Award for the year 2018.

Shri Kallol Dutta is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee under the category Intellectual Disabilities for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH BLOOD DISORDER DISABILITY (FEMALE),**  
**2019**

Ms. Alka Chaudhary ,  
House No. 1290,  
Sector 22-B,  
Chandigarh -160022

36 year old Ms. Alka Chaudhary is suffering from Thalassemia Major from the age of 3 months, with an overall disability of 62%. She has done BA and Diploma in Computer applications. She is working as a Programme Assistant in the Regional Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization, PGIMER, Chandigarh. Despite her disability, she is representing the concerns of thousands of Thalasseemics. She has participated in seminars, national/international conferences and meetings with organizations for the upliftment of Thalasseemics.

Ms. Alka Chaudhary is being conferred with the National Award for Best Employee for the year 2019 under category Blood Disorder.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH BLOOD DISORDER DISABILITY (MALE),**  
**2019**

Mr. Rahul Bharatbhai Malsatar,  
Jay Ramnath Power Laundry,  
Chunarvad Sheri No. 1,  
Rajkot - 3  
Gujarat.

23 year old Mr. Rahul Bharatbhai is Thalaseemic Major with 78%. After passing 12<sup>th</sup> class he undertook ITI Sanitary Inspector course. He is employed as a supervisor with a contractor and earning his livelihood. He participates in dance/singing competitions

Mr. Rahul Bharatbhai is being conferred with the National Award for Best Self-Employed under category Blood Disorder for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED WITH BLOOD DISORDER DISABILITY (MALE),  
2019**

Shri Arvind Kumar Magarde,  
TYFD 43 A, Near Railway Running Room,  
Ward No.09, Amla,  
District Betul,  
Madhya Pradesh-460551.

36 year old Shri Arvind Kumar Magarde is having Sickle Cell Disease with disability of 60%. He has passed 12<sup>th</sup> class and diploma in Computer Applications. He has been working as Office Superintendent in the Railways for the last 10 years. He was given appreciation letters by the Central Railway Majdoor Sangh.

Shri Arvind Kumar Magarde is being conferred with the National Award for Best Self-Employed under the category Blood Disorder for the year 2019.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (MALE), 2019**

Shri G. Ganesh Kumar,  
F 2, 1265, Eswarem Kovil, First Cross Street,  
Urapakkam,  
Kancheepuram Distt.-  
Tamil Nadu - 603210.

33 year old Shri G. Ganesh Kumar is having multiple disabilities of 90% (i.e. Locomotor and intellectual disability) He got training in Sublimation Printing and Garden Maintenance from the National Institute for Empowerment of Multiple Disabilities. He is self employed and is earning his livelihood.

Shri G. Ganesh Kumar is being conferred with the National Award for Best Self Employed for the year 2019 under the category Multiple Disabilities.

**BEST EMPLOYEE/SELF EMPLOYED MULTIPLE DISABILITIES (MALE), 2019**

Shri Rajat Soni,  
356/S-5, Shri Ram Colony,  
Nakhre Gali, Gopalganj,  
Sagar Cantt, Sagar,  
Madhya Pradesh – 470001.

Shri Rajat Soni, is having Multiple disabilities of 75% (i.e. Locomotor and visual impairment). He has done BE (Electrical & Communications) and also MA (Economics). He is working as Naib-Tehsildar in the Collectorate Sagar, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Rajat Soni, is being conferred with the National Award for Best Self Employed under the category Multiple Disabilities for the year 2019.

### **BEST EMPLOYER – PRIVATE/NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION), 2019**

M/s Infosys BPM Ltd.,  
Plot No.26/3, 26/4 and 26/6 Electronics City,  
Hosur Road,  
Bangalore-560100.

M/s Infosys BPM Ltd has employed persons with disabilities in all departments of the organization and 90% of them are handling mainstream work/revenue generating operations. Persons with disabilities employed by the organization are from Locomotor Disability, Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Cerebral Palsy etc. Service conditions including equal salary, benefits, health insurance are the same as are available to the employees without disabilities in similar posts. All buildings of the organization are accessible, special pathways in the campus have been created for persons with disabilities. Electric & manual wheelchairs have been provided to persons with locomotor disability, JAWS software is available for those visually impaired employees who require it.

The National Award 2019 for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the category of Best Employer is conferred on M/s Infosys BPM Ltd.

### **BEST INDIVIDUAL (PROFESSIONAL), 2019**

Dr. Kusuma Bhatta,  
Manonandana Trust, No. 1,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Main Road, Tata Silk Form,  
K.R. Road,  
Bengaluru-560004.

Dr. Kusuma Bhatta, M.Sc in Speech and Hearing Sciences, and Ph.d from NIMHANS, Bengaluru has 47 years of experience in the field of Speech Pathology and Audiology and rehabilitation of special children. She is founder, trustee and project director of Mononandana Trust engaged in the rehabilitation of children with mental retardation and multiple disabilities. She designed an assessment kit for evaluation of special children which can be used as guideline for planning of training programme for children.

The National Award 2019 for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the category of Best Individual – Professional is conferred on Dr. Kusuma Bhatta for her achievements.

**BEST INDIVIDUAL (PROFESSIONAL), 2019**

Smt Chandra Prasad,  
PATHWAY Centres for Rehabilitation & Education of the Intellectual Disabled  
E-76/1 12<sup>th</sup> West Street,  
Kamaraj Nagar Thurvanmiyur,  
Cheenai

Smt. Chandra Prasad, M.Sc, B.Ed, Diploma in Mental Retardation has been working from 1985 onwards as Principal of ‘Pathway’ Centre for Rehabilitation & Education of Intellectually Disabled, Cheenai. Smt. Chandra Prasad has not only successfully implemented a number of vocational projects for the intellectually disabled but also brought new trends in vocational training of the intellectually disabled. Her organization has received various awards from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

The National Award for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the category of Best Individual – Professional for the year 2019 is conferred on Smt. Chandra Prasad for her achievements.

**BEST INDIVIDUAL (NON- PROFESSIONAL), 2019**

Shri Niranjana Behera,  
Odiya Parala, Street, Ward No.2,  
Station Road, Pralakhemundi,  
Gajapati,  
Odisha-761200

Shri Niranjana Behera, 50 years old is a visually impaired person from the age of 8 years when he met with an accident. By the age of 15 years he became completely visually impaired. In spite of all odds in his life (his personal impairment, acute poverty, less educational qualification), he started working for the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities in his locality, district, state, selflessly and relentlessly. He is associated with Centre for Community Development – an organization working in the field of disability in Gajapati district. He is a social activist and assists persons with disabilities in getting support under various schemes of the Government.

The National Award 2019 for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the category of Best Individual (Non-Professional) is conferred on Shri Niranjana Behera, for his selfless service and achievements.

### **BEST INDIVIDUAL (NON-PROFESSIONAL), 2019**

Shri Ravi Kalra,  
The Earth Saviours Foundation,  
Bandhwari Village. Gurgaon,  
Faridabad Road, Near TERI Golf Course,  
Distt, Gurugram,  
Haryana-122001.

Shri Ravi Kalra 59 year old is an International master instructor and President of Indian Amateur Taekwondo Federation. His achievements include producing 200 lethal black belts for India, he himself a 4<sup>th</sup> level Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo Martial Arts. He established 'The Earth Saviours Foundation' in the year 2008 for selfless service to heal up the wounds of mother earth. He goes out on the roads in search of abandoned, bed-ridden, mentally challenged, HIV infected people having maggots on their bodies, and barely surviving on the streets and he immediately brings them to his Gurukul and provides them food, accommodation and medical care free of cost. More than 500 such less privileged people are living permanently at his Gurukul. Shri Kalra cremated more than 6000 unclaimed and unidentified dead bodies at the electric cremation centres over the years.

In recognition of the selfless service to the mankind particularly mentally ill persons wandering on the streets, Shri Ravi Kalra, is being honored with the National Award for Best Individual (Non-Professional) for the year 2019 for his selfless service and achievements.

### **BEST INSTITUTION (HOLISTIC COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES), 2019**

Special Need Education Home-SNEH,  
Nagda Zenith Social Welfare Society,  
Suraj 'Sneh' Bhawan,  
Shri Ram Colony,  
Nagda Jn.  
Distt. Ujjain  
Madhya Pradesh - 456335

The organization 'Special Need Education Home' started in 2007 in rural area of Ujjain district is working for community based inclusive development and rehabilitation of all types of disabilities. Presently, 151 persons with intellectual disabilities are being provided special education and rehabilitation services by 34 qualified staff of the organisation. The rehabilitation services include early intervention, occupation therapy, sensory training, child hygiene and sanitation training, music & dance therapy, vocational training like computer, cooking, art & craft, clay work, paper bags, diya making. The organization claims to have served 230753 beneficiaries in various programmes undertaken by the organization over the years since 2007.

In recognition of the selfless service to persons with intellectual disabilities in rural areas, the Special Need Education Home – SNEH, Nagda is being honored with the National Award for Best Institution providing Holistic Comprehensive services for the year 2019.

**BEST INSTITUTION (PROMOTING INCLUSIVE EDUCATION), 2019**

Uma Educational & Technical Society,  
H.No.4-54, Uma Manovikasnagar, near Rayudupalem, Vakalapudi Panchayat, Kakinada,  
East Godavari Distt.,  
Andhra Pradesh- 533005.

The organization Uma Educational & Technical Society was set up in the year 1988 in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh with the objective to focus on the health, education, livelihood, social empowerment of persons with disabilities. The organization is also developing human resource in the field of disability rehabilitation through various training courses recognized by the Rehabilitation Council of India. The organization is running a number of centres in different districts of Andhra Pradesh including Special School for children with intellectual disabilities at Kakinada in East Godavari District, Ongole in Prakasam District, Daycare Centre for children with Intellectual Disabilities at Saluru Vizianagaram District, Yanam Puducherry. The organization has 148 employees out of which 7 employees are persons with disabilities. The organization has provided rehabilitation services to more than 72000 persons with disabilities through its various empowerment programmes. The organization has also received various State and National Awards from 2002 onwards.

The National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2019 under the category of Best Institution for Inclusive Education is being conferred on Uma Educational & Technical Society, Andhra Pradesh

**ROLE MODEL AWARDS LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (FEMALE), 2019**

Kumari Seema Tiwari,  
828 Isai Tola, Khati Baba, Jhansi khas,  
Sipri Bazar,  
Jhansi,  
Uttar Pradesh-284003.

Kumari Seema Tiwari is having 100% locomotor disability. She has done MA, M. Phil. Computer diploma, and Nursary teacher training certificate. She is working as Manager of the NGO ‘Udan’ which is engaged in the empowerment of persons with disabilities. Recognizing her

determination and selfless service in the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities. a number of awards and appreciations at the State level have been conferred on her.

Her achievements have made Kumari Seema Tiwari a guiding force for others having physical limitations and hence worthy of conferment of National Award in the category of Role Model (Locomotor Disability), 2019.

### **ROLE MODEL AWARDS LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Nishtha Thaker,  
117, IIM –A Campus,  
Vastarpur,  
Ahmedabad -380015

45 year old Ms Nishtha Thakar is having 85% locomotor disability of lower limbs. Ms. Nishtha Thaker is working at IIM Ahmadabad. She contributes to social causes by making a positive difference in the life of fellow special need persons. She has been organizing camps at different places in the country for creative activities and sporting events for persons with disabilities.

Her versatility and glorious achievements have made Ms Nishtha Thaker, a guiding force for persons with disabilities, hence the National Award under the category Role Model –Locomotor Disability 2019, is being conferred on her.

### **ROLE MODEL AWARDS LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (MALE), 2019**

Shri Nara Nageshwar Rao,  
No.51/A, Janaki Enclave, Lingoji Guda, Saroornagar,  
Ranga Reddy,  
Telangana-35.

Shri Nara Nageshwar Rao, 44 years old is having post polio paralysis for both lower limbs constituting 85% disability. He has done B.E.(Computer Science), MBA, LLB, doing Ph.D. Despite disability, his academic achievements are outstanding. He is also engaged in the empowerment of persons with disabilities and representing as an expert member in various State level Committees for safeguarding the rights of persons with disabilities. His achievements have been recognized by conferment of various awards at the state and national level. He was awarded National Award for best individual in the year 2014.

Considering his outstanding achievements defying his deformity, Shri Nara Nageshwar Rao has proved to be a role model and worthy of National Award, 2019 in the category of Role Model - Locomotor Disability, 2019.

### **ROLE MODEL AWARDS LOCOMOTOR DISABILITY (MALE), 2019**

Shri Ganesh Ishwar Bhat,  
Musical Key Artist,  
No. 166, LIG 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, Gangothri Layout,  
Mysore,  
Karnataka - 570009

Shri Ganesh Ishwar Bhat is having 75% Locomotor Disability since birth. He has done diploma in Architecture. By profession Shri Ganesh Ishwara Bhat is a key board artist, plays keyboard with his two fingers only. He owns his own Digital Audio Recording Studio. So far he has given more than 3000 programmes including in Television and Akashvani. He has made more than 90 Musical albums CDs, given music direction for 2 Kannada Movies. He has trained more than 100 students, given free coaching to financially backward individuals. Considering his activities, he was conferred Karnataka State Award in the year 2017. He won medals in International Para Swimming Competitions held at Nepal in 2017 and Srilanka in 2018.

The National Award in the category Role Model – Locomotor Disability, 2019 is conferred on Shri Ganesh Ishwar Bhat, for his outstanding achievements in the profession and sports.

### **ROLE MODEL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Dr. Smt. Prem Singh,  
Flat No.4, Shama Apartments.  
Plot No.32, Sector 10,  
Dwarka,  
New Delhi-110075.

60 years old Dr. Mrs. Prem Singh is having 100% visual impairment. She retired as Professor, Department of Hindi, University of Delhi. She has published 10 Books in Hindi Language, 10 books on Poetry, and a number of other publications. Her academic excellence has earned her a number of awards and samman including National Award for Most Efficient Employee in 1985, National Award for Art & Culture in 2012.

Demonstrating that physical disability is no barrier to achievements Dr. Mrs. Prem Singh is a true Role Model for those striving to make a mark in life and worthy of conferment of National Award under this category.

### **ROLE MODEL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal,  
Asha Vihar, Flat No. 108,  
Phase-2, Maripur,  
Muzaffarpur,  
Bihar- 842001.

58 year old Prof. Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal is 100% Visually Impaired since birth. She has done M.Phil, Ph.D. in Sanskrit Grammer. She became the first blind woman to obtain Ph.D degree. She has devoted her life working for the welfare of persons with disabilities. She started an organization in 1993 with the objective of working for the education and rehabilitation of visually impaired and other disabled children in Bihar. She is presently working as Professor in a College in Bihar

Her achievements have made Dr. Sangeeta Agarwal a guiding force for others having physical limitations and worthy of conferment of National Award as Role Model – Visual Impairment, 2019.

### **ROLE MODEL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms. Nisha Mehta,  
H.No.813, Sector 14,  
Hisar,  
Haryana -125001

25 year old Ms Nisha Mehta has done M.Sc Chemistry from IIT, Kanpur and Ph.D in Chemistry from the University of Melbourne, Australia. For outstanding educational achievements, publications, presentations etc. she has received appreciations, positions, awards from various authorities during her journey to educational empowerment.

Her exemplary achievements despite being a person with disability of 75% visual impairment, makes Ms Nisha Mehta a Role Model to inspire many others to lead a dignified and active life, hence the National Award in the category of Role Model – Visual Impairment, 2019 is conferred on her.

## **ROLE MODEL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri Rajive Raturi,  
C 32 B (FF), Ardee City,  
Sector 52,  
Gurgaon,1  
Haryana-12200

60 year old Shri Rajive Raturi, is having 100% visual impairment. He lost his vision due to an accident when he was 40 years old. He is B.Sc., MBA. He was a Member of the Expert Committee to draft the Rights of Persons with disabilities Act, 2016 which was set up in 2010. He is a resource person to the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities of Govt. of Odisha. He is Member in various expert committees on issues concerning persons with disabilities. In recognition of demonstrating extraordinary courage in overcoming challenges, he has been given awards including Limca Book of Records, Person of the Year Award 2016.

His exemplary achievements despite getting disability in later age, makes him a role model to inspire many others to lead a dignified and active life.

## **ROLE MODEL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Dr. Bhavesh Chandubhai Bhatia,  
C/o R.K. Wadi, Near Hotel Gautam,  
Race View Road,  
Mahabaleshwar,  
Distt. Satara,  
Maharashtra - 412806

49 year old Dr. Bhavesh Chandubhai Bhatia is 100% visually impaired. Dr Bhavesh Chandubhai Bhatia is CEO of Sunrise Candles. He is a motivational speaker. He started manufacturing in 1 small hut selling candles on rented hand cart and now he has a big manufacturing unit supplying his product to 65 countries. He has received a number of awards at the state and national levels. He became the first blind person in India to have received the Honorary Doctorate degree from Rani Chennama University Belagavi, Karnataka

His achievements have made Dr. Bhavesh Chandubhai Bhatia a guiding force for others having physical limitations and worthy of conferment of National Award as Role Model.

### **ROLE MODEL HEARING IMPAIRMENT (FEMALE), 2019**

Kumari Vidisha,  
H.No. 4, Professor Lodge, NCC Office,  
Modi Nagar,  
Ghaziabad,  
Uttar Pradesh-201204

22 years old Kumari Vidisha is having 80% hearing impairment since birth. She has done Bachelor of Physical Education and pursuing B.P.Ed (Training course). She won Miss Deaf World 2019 – First Indian Woman to win the title. She also won Miss Deaf India in 2019, Indian Icon Award and various awards and medals in sporting events (Lawn Tennis) and championships.

Demonstrating that physical disability is no barrier to achievements, Kumari Videesha is a true Role Model for those striving to make a mark in life. National Award for hearing impairment under Role Model category, 2019 is conferred on Kumari Vidisha.

### **ROLE MODEL HEARING IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri Yashveer Goyal,  
2006, Birla Mill Road,  
Bathinda,  
Punjab-151001.

20 years old Shri Yashveer Goyal, is having 90% hearing disability. He is graduate. He has received State Award for outstanding achievements in IT & Sports, 2017 & 2018. He got Gold Medal in District Photography championship organized by Punjab Government. He was selected as ICON by Election Commission of India for Parliamentary elections 2019.

For his inspiring achievements, the National Award under the category Role Model in hearing category, 2019 is conferred on Shri Yashveer Goyal.

### **ROLE MODEL HEARING IMPAIRMENT (MALE), 2019**

Shri Ayush N Chandra,  
9 B, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, DDA LIG flats,  
Bersarai,  
New Delhi-110016.

23 years old Shri Ayush N Chandra is having 100% hearing impairment. Shri Chandra is a Kathak dancer, Table player, Innovator of Yoga with Kathak dance by regular and deaf children and youth all together in inclusion. Performed Yoga at UN Hq. New Yourk and at Times Square. He has

been addressing and raising awareness about the issues of people with disabilities specially deaf and dumb in the country and abroad.

He has received awards from various authorities.

For his inspiring achievements, the National Award under the Role Model – Hearing Impairment category, 2019 is conferred on Shri Ayush N. Chandra.

**ROLE MODEL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (EARLIER KNOWN AS MENTAL RETARDATION), 2019**

Ms. Kajal Sharma,  
Shop Plot No. 7, 1<sup>st</sup> floor,  
Pandav Nagar,  
Delhi-110092.

37 year old Ms Kajal Sharma is having 90% intellectual disability since birth. Ms Kajal Sharma is very good in singing and chants Sanskrit mantras/abstract from sikh gurbani. She has won numerous awards since her childhood. She acted in a TV serial on Star Bharat. She won court cases for providing inclusive banking facilities & health insurance to persons with disabilities. Received prizes in painting competitions in 1996, 1997, and 1998. Received Govt of NCT of Delhi State Award for 2015-16 in the field of Creative Arts and singing.

Her achievements in the field of art and culture despite her disability, makes her a role model to inspire others in the category of intellectual disability.

**ROLE MODEL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (EARLIER KNOWN AS MENTAL RETARDATION), 2019**

Shri Niloy Banerjee,  
1/64, Bijoygarh, Jadavpur,  
Kolkata,  
West Bengal-700032.

37 year old Shri Niloy Banerjee, is having 50% Intellectual disability. In spite of the disability, Shri Niloy Banerjee has managed excellence in the fields of sports, distance running, swimming and singing/theater and drama. He is a qualified Rabindra Sangeet Singer and an accomplished stage artist having participated in numerous plays. He was also featured in the running documentary film 'Limitless' in 2016.

For his inspiring achievements in the field art & culture, the National Award for Role Model 2019 under the category Intellectual category is conferred on Shri Niloy Banerjee.

**ROLE MODEL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (EARLIER KNOWN AS MENTAL RETARDATION), 2019**

Shri Apurba Kumar Ghosh,  
AE 191, Ground Floor,  
Salt Lake City, Sector 1,  
PS Bidhan Nagar (North),  
Kolkata,  
West Bengal – 700064.

28 year old Shri Apurba Kumar Ghosh, is having 75% intellectual disability. He passed Rabindra – Sangeet Exams. He sings Rabindra sangeet, Nazrul geeti, Folk Songs, Devotional Song and recitation. For his outstanding performance in music, he has been conferred State Award by Govt. of West Bengal in 2016 in the category of Outstanding Creative Adult with Disability for his performance in music.

For his inspiring achievements in the field of music, the National Award for Role Model 2019 under the category Intellectual disability category is conferred on Shri Apurva Kumar Ghosh.

**ROLE MODEL MULTIPLE DISABILITIES INVOLVING ANY TWO OR MORE OF THE BROAD SPECIFIED CATEGORIES (FEMALE), 2019**

Kumari Shabina Saifi,  
C/o R. R. Sharma,  
2/49, Vishwas Khand – 2,  
Gomti Nagar,  
Lucknow,  
Uttar Pradesh - 226010.

27 years old Kumari Shabina Saifi is having 100% Multiple Disabilities (i.e. locomotor and visual impairment). She is Prabhakar in Music, sings Geet & Bhajans, participated in singing competitions in Yuva Mahotasava from 2006 to 2016. Given performances in various districts of Uttar Pradesh, and in All India Radio Lucknow. She received various awards, samman patra, certificates of excellence and also State Award from Govt. of Uttar Pradesh in 2018.

For her inspiring achievements in the field of music, the National Award for Role Model 2019 under the category Multiple disability is conferred on Kumari Shabina Saifi.

**ROLE MODEL MULTIPLE DISABILITIES INVOLVING ANY TWO OR MORE OF THE  
BROAD SPECIFIED CATEGORIES (FEMALE), 2019**

Shri Prashanth C,  
TC 20/3124(5) , 'Prashantham'  
Thaliyal Road, Karamana PO,  
Trivandrum,  
Kerala - 695002.

22 year old Shri Prashanth C. is having 55% Multiple Disabilities i.e. (intellectual disability and visual impairment) . He possess analytical mind and ability to calculate dates. He is having ability to point the holidays of any year in question within minutes, expert in mathematical calculations. He plays National Anthem and other popular songs (Malayalam, Hindi, Tamil) in keyboard with his right hand alone. He can understand and play musical notations. He was given National Award in the category of Creative Adult Person with Disabilities in the year 2016.

His glorious achievements in mathematical calculations and music despite having multiple disabilities makes him a true role model for others to inspire.

**AWARDS FOR BEST APPLIED RESEARCH OR TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AIMED AT  
IMPROVING THE LIFE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2019**

Dr. Neelesh Kumar,  
Veera – Virtual Intelligent Techniques for Rehabilitation,  
Principal Scientist, Biomedical Instrumentation Unit, CSIR-CSIO  
Sector 30 C,  
Chandigarh.

VEERA – Virtual Intelligent Techniques for Rehabilitation – a virtual reality based instrumented and biofeedback system which helps in quantifying the rehabilitation for patients, caregivers and the doctors. The developed biofeedback modules for FRT and MFRT assessment was protected by obtaining copyright of the developed software. Import substitution - the cost price of one unit of the system is estimated to Rs. 20000 to 25000 whereas similar imported technology costs around 7-8 lakhs. The treatment cost is reduced by 50%. The developed technology has been tested and in use by the persons with motor disabilities at Indian Spinal Injuries Centre, PGIMER, Prayas Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped children Chandigarh.

National Award for best Applied Research or Technology Innovation aimed at improving the life of Persons with Disabilities, 2019 is conferred on Dr. Nilesh Kumar.

**AWARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW COST EFFECTIVE PRODUCT AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LIFE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, 2019**

Ms Ankita Gulati,  
Annaram Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,  
Module 12, TB1, DBEB Block 1 Extension, IIT Delhi.  
Hauz Khas,  
New Delhi-110016.

Ms Ankita Gulati, developed 'TouchVision multisensory kit that enables affordable interactive access to diagrams for visually impaired in audio tactile form. Braille is an alternative for text but there is no alternative to diagrams TouchVision multisensory kit comprises of affordable tactile graphics, a foldable stand and Touch Vision mobile application. The work started in January 2015 in IIT, the team converted around 4000 books for visually impaired students in collaboration with NCERT. The product got extensive media coverage and recognition by way of awards and appreciation.

National Award for Development of New Cost-effective Product aimed at Improving the life of Persons with Disabilities, 2019 is given to Ms Ankita Gulati.

**OUTSTANDING WORK IN CREATION OF BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENT (GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR OFFICES OR PSUs OR AUTONOMOUS BODIES), 2019**

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.,  
Metro Bhawan, Fire Brigade Lane,  
Barakhamba Road,  
Connaught Place,  
New Delhi-110001.

All metro stations are provided with access facilities in Delhi & NCR – Kerb cut at foot path, ramp with appropriate gradient and handrail at appropriate height, lift of adequate size to accommodate wheel chair users, Audible signage at Lifts, Information signs in Braille for lift control panel & toilet, all other accessible features prescribed harmonized guidelines are being followed

The exemplary work done by the Delhi Metro in the creation of barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities in the Delhi Metro Rail service thereby ensuring accessible travel for persons with disabilities therefore the National Award 2019 for Barrier Free Environment is conferred on them.

**OUTSTANDING WORK IN CREATION OF BARRIER-FREE ENVIRONMENT (LOCAL BODIES), 2019**

Municipal Council, Badnagar,  
Near New Bust Stand,  
Badnagar,  
Distt. Ujjain,  
Madhya Pradesh-546771.

Municipal Council Badnagar, Ujjain has made efforts to become the representative voice and taking care of persons with disabilities. The Municipal Council is not only executing Government schemes but also promoting the schemes by way of help and by felicitating the persons with disabilities by providing accessible environment, arranging marriage camps, running day care centre providing health and entertainment facilities.

The exemplary work done by the Municipal Corporation in creation of barrier-free environment for persons with disabilities in the city, make it deserving of National Award for the year 2019.

**BEST DISTRICT IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN), 2019**

Dharmapuri District,  
Collectorate Dharmapuri,  
Tamil Nadu -636705.

District Administration of Dharmapuri District of Tamil Nadu has rendered exemplary work in providing rehabilitation services to the persons with Disabilities (PwDs)/Divyangjan in the district by creating equal opportunities for them so that they can take control of their lives and make effective contribution. The district administration is effectively implementing various social security schemes of the Government relating to the welfare/empowerment of Persons with Disabilities including rescue Scheme for Mentally ill to locate the person and thereafter to rehabilitate him. Mobile therapy unit is available for providing services at door steps of the beneficiaries. Special Grievance Day is organised on every Monday at collector's office to provide effective and timely services.

The exemplary work done for empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) by the District Administration make it deserving of the National Award for the year 2019.

**BEST DISTRICT IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN), 2019**

District Ujjain,  
Collectorate, Kothi Palace,  
District Ujjain,  
Madhya Pradesh- 456010.

The District Administration is effectively implementing social sector schemes for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the district including providing of comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities at the grass root level. Assessment camps are regularly held. The district administration has actively involved in awareness campaigns, holding Polio Corrective surgery camps. Mahakaleshwar Temple has been converted as the first fully accessible temple of the country. Atal Anubhuti Park has been converted fully accessible. 2442 public buildings in the district have been made barrier free. Health check up camps have been organized in the district

The commendable work done for empowerment of persons with disabilities by the District Administration makes it deserving of the National Award for the year 2019.

**BEST DISTRICT IN PROVIDING REHABILITATION SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH  
DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN), 2019**

Varanasi District,  
Collectorate,  
District Varanasi,  
Uttar Pradesh - 221002

The District Administration is effectively implementing social sector schemes for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in the district. District Management Team has been constituted for running the District Disability Rehabilitation Centre to provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to persons with disabilities at the grass root level. Zila Divyang Punarvas Kendra has started functioning in the District Hospital since 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Assessment camps are regularly held. The district administration has actively involved in Accessible India Campaign, ramps, tactile paths etc have been provided at 12 public places.

In view of the good work being done by the District Administration for providing rehabilitation services and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, the National Award for Best District in providing Rehabilitation Services to Persons with Disabilities for the year 2019 is conferred on the District Administration, Varanasi.

## **BEST STATE CHANNELIZING AGENCY OF NHFDC, 2019**

The Tamil Nadu State Apex Coop. Bank Ltd.,  
4, NSC Bose Road,  
Chennai-600001.

National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) is a Public Sector Enterprise under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities extending financial support for education, employment and entrepreneurship of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) through State Channelizing Agencies, nominated by the State Governments. The Tamil Nadu State Apex Coop. Bank – a chennelising agency of NHFDC has done excellent work loan disbursement to a large number of beneficiaries, percentage of recovery of loans disbursed in the previous years, percentage of utilization of funds allocated and repayments to NHFDC.

Considering the excellent performance, the Tamil Nadu State Apex Coop. Bank is conferred with the National Award as the Best Channelizing Agency of NHFDC for the year 2019.

### **OUTSTANDING CREATIVE ADULT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR NATIONAL AWARD (FEMALE), 2019**

Kumari Kanmony. S.  
Ashtapadhi, Arannootti-Mangalam PO,  
Mavelikara,  
Alappuzha  
Kerala.

Kumari Kanmony.S although being 90% locomotor disabled but she is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Music. She has been learning the art of Carnatic Music for 11 years. She has performed at state level competitions. Upto now, she has already performed in more than 300 stage shows all over Kerala. She has also performed in Musical concerts in Kuwait, Dubai and New Delhi. She performed in the 'Divya Kala Sakthi' before the President of India and also on 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the Parliament House complex. She has also given performance in music in motion pictures. She is winner of State Award for exceptional Talent for the year 2015-16 from the Govt. of Kerala.

Kumari Kanmony.S deserves the honour of National Award as Outstanding Creative Adult Person with Disabilities (Divyangjan) for the year 2019.

**OUTSTANDING CREATIVE ADULT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR NATIONAL  
AWARD (MALE), 2019**

Shri Rakesh Kumar R.  
Sakthi Kutir, Lekshminada,  
Kollam,  
Kerala - 691013

Shri Rakesh Kumar R. is 37 years old and is having 100% multiple disabilities i.e. (Intellectual disability and visual impairment). He is a Gifted singer in Carnatic music, Film songs, Bhajans, etc. He sings in 7 different languages. He has performed in over 700 stage shows beginning from 2010 onwards at various platforms. He has won many accolades and also has been conferred awards namely Sree Lohana Mahaparishad Vishisht Raghuvanshi Kala Pratibha Award, Divyang Genius in GIAA 2018, Global Ratna Award 2019, Bharat World Record 2019, Global Records, 2019, India Star Icon Record 2019.

The outstanding contribution of Shri Rakesh Kumar R. deserves the honour of National Award as Outstanding Creative Adult Person with Disabilities (Divyangjan) for the year 2019.

**OUTSTANDING CREATIVE CHILD - FEMALE, 2019**

Kumari Rini Bhattacharjee,  
Vill. Thuba, PO. Taki, PS. Hasnabad,  
Distt. North 24 Parganas,  
West Bengal-743429.

Kumari Rini Bhattacharjee 17 years old is having 100% locomotor disability and is pursuing 12 class. Apart from academics, she is having deep interest in Rabindra Sangeet in which she has senior Diploma Part I, II & Final Rabindra Sangeet Visharad Part 1. She was conferred the State Level Kala Utsab award by Govt. of West Bengal in 2018 and also performed in the National Level Kala Utsab (Instrumental Music) 2018 organized by a Central Ministry in 2018. She also performed in the cultural event 'Divya Kala Sakti' at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on 18.4.2019 and a cultural event in the Parliament House on 23 July, 2019.

The National Award for outstanding creative child is conferred on Kumari Rini Bhattacharjee for the year 2019.

### **OUTSTANDING CREATIVE CHILD- (MALE), 2019**

Shri Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati,  
Flat No.302, D 238, Shrigopalam Apartments,  
Bihari Marg, Behind Collectorate Banipark,  
Jaipur,  
Rajasthan -302016.

Shri Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati is 17 years old and is having 85% locomotor disability (Muscular Dystrophy). Notwithstanding his permanent and progressive disability, he is pursuing his studies after 8<sup>th</sup> class through open school system. He has 7 inventions in the Chess out of which he is having patents for 3 inventions. He has invented circular chess, having patent for 6, 12, & 60 players circular chess. He has been showered with wide media publicity in international press and digital media

The National Award for outstanding creative child is conferred on Shri Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati for the year 2019.

### **CATEGORY XI BEST BRAILLE PRESS, 2019**

Devnar Printing House for the Blind,  
(managed by Devenar Foundation for the Blind, Hyderabad)  
1-10-125, Mayuri Marg,  
Begumpet,  
Hyderabad-500016

Devnar Printing House for the Blind is having 31 Braille printers with a printing house capacity of 6200 pages per hour. To support printing in braille, the organization is having three modern computer labs, with 20 different softwares, one pearl scanner and one Zoom-ex scanner.

Printed ballot papers self adhesive braille stickers for Assembly Elections in Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and also for Parliamentary Elections in 2009 for 15 states. Besides printed school text books, booklet of Right to Information Act, and religious books in Braille including Ramayanam, Bharatham, Srimad Bhagavatham, Govinda Namalu, Hanuman Chalisa. etc.

For its contribution to the empowerment of Persons with Visual Impairment and their relentless efforts to mainstream such persons by facilitating their education, the Devnar Printing House for the Blind is conferred the National Award 2019 for best Braille press.

### **BEST ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE (GOVERNMENT), 2019**

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,  
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,  
Uttar Pradesh Sachivalaya,  
Lucknow ,  
Uttar Pradesh - 226001

The website has screen reader, customized text size, contrast scheme adjustment, skipping links, Text has been supplemented with icons to enable users with learning disabilities understand the information easily. Icons have been provided along with text labels for key navigation options as well as important features such as print, email etc.

The National Award for best accessible website in the category of Government , 2019 is conferred on the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.

### **BEST ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE (LOCAL BODIES), 2019**

Department of Social Justice & Empowerment,  
Govt. of Haryana,  
SCO, 20-27, 3rd Floor, LIC Jeevan Deep Building,  
Sector 17 A, Chandigarh  
Haryana.

The website of the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of Haryana has feature to change the size and spacing of the text. Features to change the colour scheme of the text. Screen reader Access. Content in Hindi and English. The website meets level AA of SCAG 2.0 guidelines.

The National Award for best accessible website in the category of Government , 2019 is conferred on the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities Department, Govt. of Haryana.

### **BEST ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE (PRIVATE SECTOR), 2019**

Rising Flame  
702, Blossom building,  
Adarsh Lane, Off Marve road,  
Malad West  
Mumbai 400 064

The website is designed keeping in mind the needs of people with different disabilities. The prominent accessibility enhancing tool is the widget on the right hand corner of the website. It meets all the prescribed accessibility features.

The National Award for best accessible website in the category of private sector, 2019 is conferred on the organization Rising Flame, Mumbai Maharashtra.

**BEST STATE (IN PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES),  
2019**

State of Kerala,  
Department of Social Justice,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
Kerala.

The State has a separate department to look after the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities. The State has provided disability certificates to 6,95,792 persons with disabilities which is 98.69% of the total population of persons with disabilities in the State as per 2011 census.

The state is actively promoting empowerment of persons with disabilities through its schemes and programmes as well as implementing central schemes in the State efficiently.

For their relentless efforts for empowerment of persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) in the State, the National Award 2019 is conferred on the State of Kerala.

**BEST STATE (IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCESSIBLE INDIA CAMPAIGN), 2019**

State of Uttar Pradesh  
Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities,  
Govt. of Uttar Pradesh,  
Uttar Pradesh Sachivalaya,  
Lucknow ,  
Uttar Pradesh - 226001

The State has provided disability certificates to 19,37,984 (i.e. 47% of the total population of Divyangjan (4157514) as per 2011 census. Under UDID Card scheme 211819 cards have been provided. 45 public buildings with accessible parking have made accessible in the First Phase of the AIC programme while 411 have been made accessible through the state funding.

For providing accessibility features at bus terminals – 125 ramps, 83 railings, 113 toilets and 117 wheel chairs have been provided. 3002 Buses have also been made accessible for persons with disabilities. The State has 116 department websites out of which 40 have been made accessible out of AIC Programme while 8 websites have been made accessible through State funds.

The state is actively engaged in the creation of barrier free environment in the state particularly in public building/Offices/ religious places/schools etc. In addition, free travel is also allowed to divyangs in public transport.

The commendable work being done by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in implementation of Accessible India Campaign in the state makes it deserve the National Award for Best State in Implementation of Accessible India Campaign, 2019.

### **BEST SPORTSPERSON WITH DISABILITIES (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms Manasi Joshi,  
Bharat Bhavan, 4 and 6 Currimbhoy Road,  
Ballard Estate,  
Mumbai-400001.

30 year old Ms Manasi Joshi is having 85% locomotor disability since 2011. She has done BE (Electronics Engineering) and she is presently working in the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. Ms Manasi Joshi started playing badminton at the age of 6 years and continued her passion in sports. She represented her school and college and won in tournaments. In December, 2011 she met with an accident and lost her leg. Despite her disability, she continued her sporting career and started representing and winning tournaments. She has participated in 3 national sporting events and won 2 medals while she participated in 19 international sporting events and won 25 medals as also participated in the world championships in 2015 and 2017.

Considering the outstanding performance of Ms Manasi Joshi in sports, the National Award for Best Sportsperson with disabilities, 2019 is conferred on her.

### **BEST SPORTSPERSON WITH DISABILITIES (FEMALE), 2019**

Ms Malika Handa,  
94, Green Avenue, Kala Sangha Road, Basti Sheikh,  
Jalandhar,  
Punjab -144002.

24 year old Ms Malika Handa is having 100% hearing impairment after birth. She is pursuing BA. She participated in 8 National Level sports (Deaf category) and in 8 normal category sporting events and won 3 Gold medals. She is the first Indian Deaf Girl selected for World Deaf Team to play in normal category i.e. 43<sup>rd</sup> Fide Olympiad Chess in Batumi in 2018, and won 2 gold and 4 silver medals at international level. She also won 6 gold medals in national deaf chess championships in a row.

Considering the outstanding performance of Ms Malika Handa in sports, the National Award for Best Sportsperson with disabilities, 2019 is conferred on her.

### **BEST SPORTSPERSON WITH DISABILITIES (MALE), 2019**

Shri Ankur Dhama,  
H.No. 56, Vill. Palra PS. Rai,  
Tehsil Sonipat,  
Distt. Sonipat ,  
Haryana -131029.

25 year old, Arjuna Awardee Shri Ankur Dhama is 100% visually impaired by birth. Despite his disability, he completed BA and is pursuing MA (History). Besides academics, he has excelled in athletics. He not only participated but also won medals in the National and International level sporting events. He broke 3 time Asian record. He won 21 medals (16 Gold and 5 Silver) at the national level while he won 10 medals (one Gold, 3 Silver, and 6 bronze) at the international level.

Considering the outstanding performance of Shri Ankur Dhama in the field of sports, the National Award for Best Sportsperson with disabilities, 2019 is conferred on him.

### **BEST SPORTSPERSON WITH DISABILITIES (MALE), 2019**

Shri Satendra Singh,  
Shri Nagar Colony,  
Nadi Paar Tal, Morar,  
Gwalior,  
Madhya Pradesh-474006.

32 year old Shri Satendra Singh is having 70% locomotor disability. He has done MA and MSW and is presently working in the Government of Madhya Pradesh as Assistant. He excelled in swimming and participated in a number of national and international swimming events and won medals. He received Vikram Award in 2014, Major Dhyanchand Award in 2015 and Gold Medal in the International Paralympic Swimming held in Australia in the year 2017. He

was also a part of Indian para relay team which successfully swam the English Channel on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in 12 hours and 26 minutes.

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