

26th Mahavir Puraskar will be given to 4 voluntary organizations IG News





Chennai Tamil Nadu: Bhagwan Mahavir Foundation (BMF) is dedicated to honor and express gratitude on behalf of the society to individuals and institutions providing selfless service to the weak and underprivileged. The Foundation gives Mahavir Puraskar in four fields namely- non-violence and vegetarianism, education, medicine and community and social service. The winners of the 26th Mahavir Puraskar have been announced. 4 awardees are- Dhyana Foundation, New Delhi (Non-Violence and Vegetarianism); Friends of Tribal Society, West Bengal (Education); Jan Swasthya Sahyog, Chhattisgarh (medical and social service) and Nongstoin Social Service Society, Meghalaya (community and social service).

In this regard, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Mr. TS Krishnamurthy, member of the selection committee while giving details of the selection process, said that the award winners are doing excellent selfless service in difficult conditions and terrains. Trustee Mr. S. Vinod Kumar said that since inception, 84 award winners have been honored for their excellent selfless service for the welfare of the underprivileged. He also said that this year 4 more awardees have been selected. With the inclusion of a total of 23 States and 1 Union Territory, the number of awardees has gone up to 88. He thanked the selection committee for their support and guidance.

Founder Trustee Shri N. Sugachand Jain further said that each awardee of the 26th Mahavir Puraskar will be given Rs 10 lakh in cash, a memento and a citation. A total of 324 nominations were considered by the shortlisting committee this year. The selection of awardees is decided by an eminent selection committee headed by Justice Shri MN Venkatachaliah, former Chief Justice of India.

In the selection committee of the awardees, Shri S. Gurumurthy, Editor Tughlaq, Part-time Director, RBI; Pro. BM Hegde, President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mangalore Centre; Shri TS Krishnamurthy, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India; Shri DR Mehta, IAS (Retd.), Former Chairman, SEBI; Pro. (Dr.) M S Swaminathan, Geneticist-Eminent Agricultural Scientist; Shri Prabhat Kumar, IAS (Retd.), former Cabinet Secretary, Government of India, Justice Shri GS Singhvi, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Pujya Acharya Shri Chandnaji Maharaj, eminent ascetic and social reformer. On this occasion, nominations are being invited for the 27th Mahavir Puraskar in four categories such as non-violence and vegetarianism, education, medical and selfless service in community and social service. *Nomination forms for the 27th Mahavir Awards can be downloaded from our website: www.bmfawards.org. *The works and contributions of the 4 awardees of the 26th Mahavir Puraskar are as follows:*

Dhyana Foundation, New Delhi – This organization has worked in collaboration with BSF and has rescued around 70,000 animals including bovines and manages more than 43 animal shelters and gaushalas across India. Dhyana Foundation is running 10 ambulances in 5 cities of India. The Foundation organizes temporary shelters. 'Save the Cow', 'Feed the Dog', 'Help the Monkey' and 'Befriend the Bird' are his popular campaigns.

under the tree, in the courtyard of the village house or at the house of the teacher. The Society has established more than 1.02 lakh Ekal Vidyalayas. More than 26 lakh children in the age group of 6 to 14 years in more than 1.02 lakh villages are currently studying in single schools in rural and tribal areas.

Jan Swasthya Sahyog "JSS", Chhattisgarh – JSS organization is providing an affordable healthcare service which is easily accessible to rural or tribal communities. Comprehensive health care is provided through a 3-tier system with the first level consisting of village health workers, who provide door-to-door health care and primary health care. The 72 villages cater to a population of 41,000 people of whom 67% are vulnerable tribal groups. , JSS provides low-cost care to 3,90,000 patients in over 2,500 villages in Chhattisgarh and adjoining districts of Madhya Pradesh. Tertiary level care is provided under a 100 bedded hospital setup.

Nongstoin Social Service Society, Meghalaya – This organization is engaged in economic empowerment, bringing children, women and persons / children into the mainstream, through economic empowerment, teaching art-skills to the poor and those living in financial distress, as well as good farming Assisting in Telling Practices – Providing guidance, or training, to youth by skill training Organization for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Helping approximately 39,000 children in difficult and varied circumstances. Also directly integrating 40 villages and 1,000 farmers Technical know-how to promote farming system, efficient use of bio-pesticides and bio-nutrients is the key to improving productivity or production. He has established a herbal medicine school, which is managed under the guidance of the institution. For more information on the award- Mr. N. Sugalchand Jain: +91 9884533399

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