



Madhya Pradesh Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment of Persons with Divyangjan distributed Maharishi Dadhichi Award | Madhya Pradesh | 19 Apr 2023

Why in News?

On 18 April 2023, Preamsingh Patel, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment of Divyangjan of Madhya Pradesh, awarded the Dadhichi Award to people and organizations who have done excellent work for the upliftment & progress of Divyangjan.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Minister also gave appointment letters to 16 newly appointed Assistant Directors in the Social Justice Department.
- Minister Preamsingh Patel gave the first prize of hearing-impaired disability individual category for the year 2012-13 to Manoj Dwivedi of Pithampur district Dhar. Shri Dwivedi has provided employment to more than 150 disabled persons and connected them to the mainstream of the society in his organization named Flexituff International.
- Hearing-impaired individual category award for the year 2013-14 was given to Dr. Shirish Jamdar of Jabalpur. For the last 20 years, she has been selflessly doing the work of vocational rehabilitation of disabled people and their integration into the mainstream of the society. Jamdar is also providing free surgery and treatment facilities to the disabled in the hospital. It also contributes to distribution of assistive artificial limbs and equipment to the disabled from the camps.
- Shri Gyanendra Purohit of Indore, who composed the National Anthem in sign language, was awarded the first prize for the year 2014-15 in the hearing-impaired individual category. His symbolic national anthem has also been recognized at the national level. Shri Purohit has made a significant contribution in getting admission of hearing-impaired children in general schools and employment in various government services, especially in tribal and rural areas.
- The Dadhichi Award for the year 2015-16 was given to Shri Vivek Chaturvedi of Jabalpur for hearing-impaired Divyangta individual category. Shri Chaturvedi also provided employment-oriented skill training to the hearing-impaired youths in the Central Government's programme to connect them with the mainstream of desktop publishing, employment and livelihood. He also helped a lot with the establishment and business of 'Deafgraphics' run by the hearing-impaired.
- Ku. Rabia Khan of Indore, who established the 5th Braille Script Arabic Centre in the world and India's first, received the second prize for the year 2015-16 in the visually impaired individual category. In the year 2011, she established the Arabic Centre in Indore. Ku. Rabia Khan, who established the Madrasa Noor Research Institute for the visually impaired, has been constantly striving to bring visually impaired students into the educational and professional mainstream.
- Shri Jagdish Prasad Sharma of Ujjain, who received the second prize in the mental retardation disability individual category for the year 2015-16, ensured certificates to more than 25 thousand mentally retarded Divyangs after intelligence tests. He provided admission, scholarship and special education facilities to 3572 mentally retarded students. He made 495 Divyang people self-dependent by connecting them with business and provided legal guardianship to 2875 people with disabilities.
- Ku. Poonam Shrotri, who established Uddeep Social Welfare Society for Divyangjans despite being Divyang herself, was given the first prize in Orthopaedic Divyangta category for the year 2019-20. She is working for the education, skill development and employment of the Divyangjans.
- Shri Uday Hatwalane of Bhopal, who organized employment training camps for Divyangjans

despite being visually challenged himself, was awarded the first prize for the year 2019-20 in the Visually Impaired Divyangta Individual category. Shri Hatwalane is making special efforts for the education and social adjustment of the visually challenged.

- Smt. Aarti Dutta of Narmadapuram was awarded the Mental Retardation Individual Category Award for the year 2019-20. Smt. Datta is doing an in-depth study of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and doing an important work of rehabilitating Divyang people by making them self-dependent and connecting them to the mainstream of society.

Chhindwara's Goderdev temple declared as state protected monument | Madhya Pradesh | 19 Apr 2023

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On 18 April 2023, the Goderdev temple of Chhindwara was declared a state protected monument by the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department.

Key Points

- Goderdev Temple is situated in Neelkanthi Kala Kshetra of Chand Tehsil of Chhindwara District.
- It has been declared a state protected monument by the Culture Department under the Madhya Pradesh Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act-1964.
- Significantly, the architecture of this temple is almost like the Kalchuri architecture due to the contemporary of the Kalchuris and being attached to the state border. It was built around the 13th century.
- This temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is of Bhoomitra style. There is sanctum sanctorum, antarala and mandapa in the layout. The back part of the temple till the thigh is in its original form. The sanctum sanctorum is underground, in which the Shivling is established. There are steps to reach there. The idols of Gauri and Bhairav are installed in the vessels of the gap. Seven volumes are engraved on the gate branch.
- After the demolition of the sanctum sanctorum and pavilion, it has been renovated by the local people. The pillars of the pavilion are visible in the temple premises. On one pillar there are indecipherable writings in Sanskrit language in Devanagari. There are ruins of two more temples at some distance from this temple.

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