

National Award for Children Welfare (Individuals & Institutions), 2016

1. Individual

1. Sh. ANAND KUMAR, born on 1ST January 1973, is an outstanding Mathematician. He has constructively used his skills and knowledge in Mathematics to coach economically deprived students for the Indian Institute of Technology Joint Entrance Examination through his Super-30 Programme in Patna. So far 396 out of his 459 students have made it to the IITs. His work has been showcased by the Discovery Channel and has found mention in international press too. A documentary on his life and work has been made by Japan . He has been invited by Premier Universities from across the world to talk about his efforts. He has also got his paper published on Number Theory in top Mathematical Journals.

In recognition of the services rendered by Shri. Anand Kumar for the welfare of children, he is being honoured with the National Awards for Child Welfare 2016.

2. Sh.ACHYUTA SAMANTA, born on 20th January 1965, is an educationist, social worker, philanthropist and social entrepreneur par excellence. He established an Industrial Training Centre (ITI) in 1992 which eventually proliferated into world class, state-of-the-art University named 'Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT)University'. Almost parallel was the germination of a small school founded by him for the indigenous aborigines dwelling in slums of Bhubaneswar , later christened as 'Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)' . It is world's largest free residential tribal institute, now a University, with 25,000 aborigine tribal students. He appeared in *The Limca Book of Records* as the youngest chancellor of any University in India. He has received the " Best Worker", Top Civilian Award of Mongolia 2015 as well as Highest Civilian award of the kingdom of Bahrain and many other prestigious awards.

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3. Sh. MAHESH JADHAV born on 22nd July 1986, has done excellent work in the field of child welfare. He has been working to give the HIV+ patients a better life and help them overcome the social stigma associated with their lives. He founded 'Mahesh Foundation' that operates a Child Care home, where shelter, food, medicine and education are provided to about 40 HIV+ orphans. So far 4000 children have benefited through educational and nutritional support and about 3200 HIV+ people have been positively impacted through his initiatives. He has received Karnataka State Award 2014 for Child Welfare, International Spirit of Humanity Awards 2012, Person of the Year Award 2012 and many other accolades for his social service.

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2. Institutions:

- 1) SOCIETY FOR TRIBAL & RURAL DEVELOPEMNT Chamrajnagar, Karnataka was established in 2001. It has made difference to the lives of many children by rescuing them from child labour & rehabilitating them to the mainstream education. It has conducted many awareness programme on eradication of child labour, child marriage etc. So far 1390 children have been rescued by them from various sites and 1150 children have been mainstreamed into education system. This Institution has received “The Makkala Mithra State Award, 2006”, Child Welfare State Award 2009 and Governor Excellency Awards 2010, in the field of Child Welfare and eradication of Child Labor.

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- 2) INNOVATIVE BRAIN OPTIMIZATION INSTITUTE, Delhi has done a remarkable work in the field of Mid Brain Optimization that helps many children improve their learning capability and improves their perception in audio- visual domain. As the Mid Brain serves as the relay centre for various activities, its optimization helps the children improve their confidence and self esteem by enhancing their concentration, focus, thinking pattern etc. This institute is imparting education to children in a unique fashion that reduces stress through Mid Brain Optimization technique and thus is helping to build a stronger youth for the nation. More than 1700 students have been imparted training by the Institute through their unique model of Mid Brain Optimization, which has been appreciated by various schools and educational institutions.

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- 3) NIRVAN-A Social Welfare Organization Lucknow U.P., was established in 1991.It is working to improve the plight of differently abled children. It has launched the DIVYANG MILAP

mobile application for the identification of Divyang children. Nirvan is also running "NEED FOR HELP" program to reunite Divyang children with their family. Under the Juvenile Justice Act, Nirvan has established two centers that provide treatment, care and rehabilitation to boys (10-18years of age) and girls (10-12years of age).It has received Award from Department of Disabled Welfare,U.P ,State Award as Person Special from Department of Disabled Welfare, U.P. Govt. and many other honors and recognitions for its work.

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4) AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION Bangalore ,Karnataka is carrying out the world's largest NGO-run feeding programme, to not only fight hunger but also to bring children to school. It is working on Public Private Partnership Model to eradicate hunger and malnutrition by implementing the mid-day meal program in government and government aided schools. Akshaya Patra is currently feeding 1.6 million children, a number that has grown from 1500 in the year 2000.

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5) **The Aarambh India Initiative:** The Aarambh India Initiative is a joint initiative of the Mumbai-based NGO Prerana and the International 'Break the Silence' campaign of the Hong Kong-based ADM Capital Foundation to protect children from sexual offences, rehabilitate victims and bring offenders to justice with the help of the State. They have launched India's 1st online resource portal on the issue of child sexual abuse and exploitation, that reaches out to a diverse audience. The hotline was instrumental in the setting up of the National Alliance on Online Safety of Children. Aarambh India works closely with Government departments and international organizations like MIETY & DoT,UNICEF & UNESCO on various matters concerning the online safety of Children.