

Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award 2017

- 1) Kumari SHOBHA VIDYARTHY born on 18th Aril 1942, is a person of strong Gandhian Values. She has been working for the cause of children since 1961. She has worked with the Bhuia Tribals in the remote backward areas of Bodh Gaya. She established a school for the tribal children in the village named Basa which is 40km away from Bodh Gaya. Shobha Vidyarthi has worked with dacoit infested Chambal area for the social cause, especially for children's education. Through her education initiatives, she has worked incessantly for mainstreaming the children of dacoits. She set up 15 new centres in Mourena for the upliftment of these children. For 35 years in Dharamdhar, Pithoragarh she involved herself in teaching and caring for the underprivileged children. She actively persuaded the village people to donate food to feed poor children.

In recognition of the services rendered by Kumari SHOBHA VIDYARTHY for the welfare of children she is honoured with the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Seva Award 2017.

- 2) Shri. SHANTILAL GULABCHAND MUTTHA was born on 15th August 1953, has done seminal work in disaster response, thus protecting the lives of many children. He has helped in the educational rehabilitation of approximately 4000 distressed children from disaster stricken areas of the country by providing them education, lodging, nutrition and health care. His efforts include construction of schools with pre-fabricated structures at disaster struck locations that has helped 1.2 lakh children to resume their education. He has also started the "Smart Girl" Program, thus empowering 73625 girls. His work has been lauded by the government in the Lok Sabha. He has been honored with the Jeevan Sadhna Gaurav Puraskar 2016, by Pune University, Life Time Achievement Award, by Top Management Consortium and many other prestigious awards.

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- 3) Mr. CHEZHIAN RAMU born on 27th June 1969, is a visionary and leader. He has done commendable work in providing care and protection to children for the last 25 years. Through his organizations 'Terres des Home' and 'Core Trust' he has been able to establish 16 homes for deprived children living below poverty line. Under the leadership of Mr. Chezhian Ramu, many vulnerable children who have been abandoned, orphaned and infected by HIV Aids or other diseases or pushed into beggary, have been rescued and rehabilitated.

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