

Governor presents State awards to 71 personalities for excellence

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Governor N. N Vohra presented State awards to 71 personalities for their excellent work in different walks of life.

The awards were presented for four years and the function was held after a gap of four years. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, Union Minister for New & Renewable Energy Dr. Farooq Abdullah along with the Ministers, civil & police officers and important personalities took part in the function.

For 2008 and 2009, 17 persons each were selected for the State while as the number of awardees with respect to 2010 and 2011 stood at 26 and 11 respectively. Awards were given to people who have excelled in meritorious public service, social reforms & empowerment, environment, literature, performing arts, bravery, sports, excellence in arts & crafts, media and exemplary industrial entrepreneurship. Awards were also given to people for their life time achievement and special awards were also given on this occasion.

The state awardees for 2008 were Shiv Nath, Literature-Dogri, Tabassum Mumtaz-Bravery, Uttam Kumar-Painter, Dr. Rafiq Masoodi-special award, Surinder Kumar Sapolia-special award, Tashi Rabgyas, Literature-Bodhi, Khadim Hussain-performing arts, Sahyog-social reforms and empowerment, Help Foundation-

social reforms and empowerment, Sudhanshu Panday-meritorious public service, Ghulam Ahmad Peer-meritorious public service, Mithun Manhas, Sports-Cricket, Mehraj-ud-Din Wadoo,



Sports-Football, Arun Malhotra, Sports-Football, M/s Kashmir Kesar Mart-industrial entrepreneurship and M/s Hall Mark-industrial entrepreneurship.

For 2009 State awards were presented to 17 personalities. Late Ashok Sodhi, Photo Journalist of Daily Excelsior was awarded posthumously with the State award. He has been awarded with a medal, a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 51,000.

Besides Sodhi the others presented with state awards for-2009 are were Ved Kumari Ghai, Literature-Dogri, Sanskriti & Hindi, Prof. Fida Mohammad Hasnam-life time achievement, Prof. Lalit Magotra, Literature-Dogri, Sadiq Ali Sadiq,

Literature-Balti, Pran Kishore-performing arts, Raj Begum-performing arts, Ghulam Mohammad-performing arts, Mitali, sports-gymnastics, Gul Mustafa Dev, sports-skiing, Ram Singh Salathia, sports-mountaineering, Ajay Sharma, sports-table tennis, Masood Hussain-media, Nazir Masoodi-media, Sumir Kaul-media, Shashi Kumar Kesri-environment and Ahmadullah Shah-meritorious public service.

For 2010 the state awards were given to Rukshana Koser-bravery, Ajaz Ahmad-bravery, Prof. Rehman Rahi-achievement award for poetry, Prof. Sewa Singh-achievement award for literature (Punjabi), Prof. Veena Gupta-Literature (Dogri), Shameem Azad-performing arts, Kailash Mehra-performing arts, Pradhuman Singh Jindrahia-performing arts, Ghulam Mohammad Saznawaz-performing arts, Mohammad Shariq Farooqui-arts and crafts, Viklang Chhatra Trust-social service, B. R. Sharma, meritorious public service, Basharat Ahmad Dhar-meritorious public service, Nisar Ahmad Shah, meritorious public service, Ishfaq Ahmad Khan-meritorious public service, Chhering Angchok, sports-mountaineering, Bilquis Mir, sports-kayaking & canoeing, Sanaullah Bhat, media (posthumous), Sofi Ghulam Mohammad, media (posthumous) Dr. Arun Joshi-media, Nidhi Razdan-media, Mahrukh Inayat-media, Iftikhar Geelani-media, Maqsood Ahmad-media, Taranveer Singh Guiral-industrial entrepreneur

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