



## Governor honours 28 teachers with Governor's Teachers Awards

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On the occasion of Teacher's Day today, Governor Dr. K.K. Paul honoured teachers selected from the schools of the state for the Governor's Teachers Award at a function organized at Raj Bhawan.

From every district of the state, one teacher from the primary school level and one from the secondary school level was awarded besides two teachers of Sanskrit on the state level. In all, 28 teachers were honoured for their contribution to innovation, better exam results, environment conservation in the school and cleanliness. The teachers were given Rs.10,000 each and four books. The books were a compilation of prime minister Narendra Modi's Mann ki Baat, Mahatma Gandhi's "My Experiments with Truth" first prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's "Discovery of India" and former president Dr.S. Radhakrishnan's "Living with a Purpose".

These awards were instituted by Governor Dr. K.K. Paul in the year 2015 with the objective of publicly recognizing the excellent performance of teachers and encouraging all teachers to work better. From this year, two Sanskrit teachers from the state will be honoured with this award. Governor Dr. K.K. Paul and chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat opened the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Paying tributes to former president Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the Governor said he was a great philosopher and statesman. After Swami Vivekananda, he was the second Indian to have spread Indian culture and philosophy effectively in the world. Greeting teachers on the occasion of Teachers day, he said that every teacher should make the effort to become a "Guru" who would impart not just education but true knowledge and wisdom. Students would then respect the teachers greatly and remain obliged to them all their lives.

The Governor said that teachers had an important role to play in nation building. By the year 2030, India will have 40 crore youth and they can be given the right direction only by teachers. Teachers must rise above bookish knowledge. He said that refresher courses must be held regularly at the district level to ensure that teachers could improve themselves. Teachers should encourage a scientific temperament among students. E-learning and multi-media must be used to make teaching more interesting. The Governor said that children had an easy access to the internet and needed to be supervised. Expressing concern at games like the Blue Whale, he said that teachers must have a regular interaction with students so that students do not feel alone. Teachers must assess the students' mental condition.

Teachers who were awarded were Vinita Khati (assistant teacher from the government school, Tadikhet, Almora), Shankar Dutt Bhatt from Hawalbagh, Suresh Chandra Sati of Bageshwar, Smt Daya Rawat, Sarla Chauhan (from Chamoli), Gajendra Singh Bisht from Rajiv Gandhi Navodaya Vidyalaya (Gairsain), Khadak Singh Bora of Gagar, Champawat, Shri Samashrawa Arya, Smt Preeti Sharma and Anita Negi of Dehradun, Dr. Shiva Aggarwal of Haridwar, Shri Anil Kumar Pande (principal of government college, Peetpur), Mahendra Singh Saini of Papri, Nainital district, principal Trilochan Upadhyaya, Smt. Neelam Joshi from Baijro, Pauri Garhwal, Akhilesh Chandra Chamola from Sumadi, Chandrashekhar Sharma from Pithoragarh district, Smt Rajendri Kanyal from Narayannagar, Shyam Lal Bharti from Koti-Madola, Smt Asha Bangwal from Ukhimath, Uttam Singh Rana of Kirtinagar, Smt Usha Mehra of Thatyur, Smt Roshni from Uttarkashi district, Madan Lal from Kawa Ethali, Smt Parvati Joshi from Khatima, and Tajammul Hasan from Jaspur.

Besides these, Shri Rakesh Kumar of Government Sanskrit College (Chamba, Tehri) and Dr. Prakash Chandra Joshi of Shri Ramanuj Shri Vaishnav Sanskrit College, Bhupatwal, Haridwar, were also awarded.

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