

PRESS RELEASE

Honouring Indian Civil Servants who made 2019 better with brilliant contributions to the Society

Tatsat foundation, gFiles Foundation, join hands to recognise the unsung heroes

New Delhi, December 12, 2019: India's first magazine focusing exclusively on governance issues and the bureaucracy, gFiles, and award-winning, not-for-profit company, Tatsat Foundation (www.tatsatfoundation.com) join hands--to honour the cause of good governance, for motivating and building awareness towards good and effective administration- for the presentation of the gFiles Governance Awards, 2019, today in New Delhi, at a glittering function that was attended by senior leaders of various political parties, central and state civil servants, judges and editors and journalists.

Sumi Gupta, Director, Tatsat Foundation, said, "The Awards go a long way in fostering an environment of pushing the benchmark, and in motivating professionals. The entire process building up to the annual Governance Awards exemplifies what 'next generation governance' is all about, and each winner is a trailblazer in resilience, agility and innovation. I sincerely congratulate the 2019 winners. In governance, the expectations are huge, there's a lot to be done, and each push of the shovel makes a difference. It is the endeavour of Tatsat Foundation to reach help at the grassroots level, which is why we have joined hands in recognizing the best in governance."

Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways & Shipping and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, **Nitin Gadkari** underscored the importance of a strong political will, national and social commitment and out-of-the box thinking as key drivers of development and social change.

Gadkari honoured eminent doctor Prof. S.K. Sarin and 14 other civil servants at the gfiles Governance Awards 2019 for the exemplary work they have done in their respective fields. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise, was the Guest of Honour.

"The highlight of this year's award was that many of the awardees recommended by the jury were for technological innovation that they adopted to deliver services to the most affected people. It shows that much can be achieved if bureaucrats are willing to think and work in an unconventional manner," said Anil Tyagi, **Editor-in-Chief, gFiles** magazine.

Dr. Sarin, founder and director of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS), received the Lifetime Achievement award for his pioneering work in treating liver diseases. He has more than 600 publications to his credit, edited 13 books on liver diseases and contributed 87 chapters in various medical text books. He has helped develop 19 major guidelines, including six major Asian-Pacific Treatment Guidelines, for liver diseases, new treatment protocols for variceal bleeding, liver regeneration, Hepatitis B and acute-on-chronic liver failure.

The awardees were finalised by a high-powered four-member jury comprising former Cabinet Secretary Prabhat Kumar, former Chief Secretary of Haryana, Vishnu

Bhagwan, former Power Secretary Anil Razdan and former Secretary (Internal Security) M.B. Kaushal.

Parameswaran Iyer, IAS (Retd.), Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti and Ms. Rajni Sekhri Sibal, IAS (Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India) received the Special Jury award. Iyer played a key role in making India an Open Defecation Free country, while Sibal received the award for fighting against corruption in high places, including exposing the Haryana Junior Basic Training teachers' recruitment scam.

Umakant Umarao, IAS (Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh) was honoured with the Exceptional Contribution award for path-breaking work in water conservation and harvesting in the drought-prone districts of Madhya Pradesh that turned vast swaths of land from water deficient to water surplus at a fraction of cost.

Ms. Ruby Ahluwalia, IRAS, (Principal Financial Advisor to Central Railways-Construction), was bestowed with the Exceptional Contribution award for exceptional service in the medical field as the founder of Sanjeevani— A Life Beyond Cancer, which provides high-quality medical care and rehabilitation to cancer patients belonging to underprivileged sections of the society.

Ronald Rose, IAS (Collector and District Magistrate, Mahabubnagar, Telangana) was honoured with the Excellent Contribution award for his passionate work in generating livelihood in rural areas, poverty alleviation and urban affairs.

Dr. Jitendra Kumar Soni, IAS, (Project Director, Rajasthan Urban Infrastructure Development) received the Excellent Contribution award for commendable work in the field of social welfare by executing several unique projects that impacted the lives of lakhs of children and people.

Kundan Kumar, IAS (District Magistrate, Banka, Bihar) received the Excellent Contribution award for his path-breaking work in reinventing education by using IT-driven technology in the Naxalism-hit district.

Shashanka Ala, IAS (Deputy Commissioner, Lawngtlai, Mizoram) was honoured with the Excellent Contribution award for tackling malnutrition in the Lawngtlai district by making every school, Anganwadi and childcare centre self-sufficient in local varieties of fruits and vegetables.

Dr. Renu Raj, IAS (Secretary, Public Administration Department, Kerala) received the Excellent Contribution award for her outstanding work in protecting the State's assets, maintaining ecological balance and providing support to the elderly.

Devsh Chandra Srivastva, IPS (Joint Commissioner of Police, Southern Range, Delhi Police) was honoured with the Excellent Contribution award for launching several radical initiatives like community policing and self-defence training for women to prevent crime.

Vikas Kumar, IPS (Deputy Inspector General of Police, CID (CB), Jaipur) was bestowed the Excellent Contribution award for his contribution towards maintaining law and order and crime control through innovative protocols.

Ashish Tiwari, IPS (Senior Superintendent of Police, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh) was honoured with the Excellent Contribution award for Smart e-Police innovation to solve serious internal and external problems of the police force.

Siddharth Kaushal, IPS (Superintendent of Police, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh) received the Excellent Contribution award for significantly improving administrative efficiency and citizen services through innovative use of technology

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TATSAT FOUNDATION (www.tatsatfoundation.com), registered member of NGOs Association of India u/s 25, Company Affairs India, steps in to bridge the gap at organizing the vast unorganized sector, in educating and skilling NGOs, in their auditing, ranking and certification to ensure an impactful mechanism, aligning with the government's aim of making a difference at the grassroots level. The company, steered by Founder Director, CSR professional, Sumi Gupta, recognizes that improving people's lives means starting with education and skilling the social sector workers will create valuable professionals.

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