

Param - Anand Award 2011

Presented to



Mr. Bhupinder Singh Kohli

Instituted by Shri. M. J. Pancholia

Presented by National Film Awardee Shri Paresh Rawal

> At Mumbai

on 31st March 2012

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Bhupinder Singh Kohli is a <u>Guru-panth-da-Sewadar</u> extraordinaire. He is based in Mumbai and has been doing endless social service. He has a full time job like most of us working as a banker for the State Bank of India.

If you were to meet him at work, he would appear just like any ordinary staff at the bank. However, there is something more than meets the eye at first glance. This unassuming personality is a committed social worker.

Many local needy and desperate people 'bank' on him with their hopes, aspirations and regular requests for help. And he never disappoints them. There is never a "NO" in his dictionary when it comes to Sewa - Selfless service. He is always there for people in wilderness. His mobile rings most often with requests for emergency help and he is always ready to arrange help with lightning speed. And he ensures that his private car is always available for free ferrying of "his patients" for emergency hospital service. And this is just one facet of his personality.

Selfless service runs in the family of Mr KOHLI. His mother 83-year-old 'Gandhian' social worker Smt.Joginder Kaur does the tedious work of collecting old and unused clothes, and sorts them according to gender and size wise, and distributes them to the needy. She further collects unused and unexpired medicines, sorts them alphabetically and supplies them to charitable dispensaries . As a true Gandhian at heart and action, she has spun the charkha and donated bundles of thread to the leprosy home as raw material for their khadi attire . Smt. Joginderji's service to humanity doesn't end here. She has formed a kirtan sangh, where ladies, most of them, senior citizens are members.

Mr Kohli has helped victims of 7/11 Mumbai train blasts and 26/11 Mumbai terror attack by taking them to hospital and by organising blood donation camps. He has also participated in relief efforts during major tragedies like Gujarat Earthquake 2000, Tsunami in January 2005, Mumbai floods in July 2005, Surat floods in August 2006.

About his emergency ambulance service Kohli says, "In 2004, he happened to see an accident near Uran Phata, the victim was fatally wounded but for want of ambulance service, he could be reached to hospital only after precious time had elapsed. This incident made him think of alternative sources to help people in distress. That very night, he realised that he had one of these sources with him. He could help with his new car which had been used sparingly. He decided to use it in emergencies for shifting patients from or to hospitals free of cost. The very next day, he got "free hospital service within Navi Mumbai during night" inscribed on the car and was on the job. How many of us would have thought of using our own cars for such charitable cause?

He has a range of other community based social activities, a few of which are listed below:

- Collecting unused and unexpired medicines, free samples, equipment such as walking sticks, walkers, crutches, backrests, bedpans, saline stands, oxygen cylinders, nebulisers, suction machines, etc. for charitable dispensaries.
- Maintaining a computerised Blood Group Directory, he even helps in providing the data of donors to the needy in an emergency.
- Is a member of Civil Defence, the Red Cross Society and a Traffic Warden. He is a volunteer of many other organizations involved in social work.
- Is also associated with Home for old age people and a home for Leprosy patients.

Mr Kohli has received various awards and recognition trophies. Listed below are just a few of them:

October service week Award 2006-2007 for train bomb blast victims by Lion Club

Appreciation Award given by Rotary Club of Mulund Hill

Honoured with "Samaj shakti award-2010 for social work" by Sri Hariharaputra Bhajan Samaj

Chattrapati Shivaji Medical College and Hospital, Thane Awards

Dy. Commissioner of Police, Traffic Control Branch for assisting traffic police

His enthusiasm for social work and his organisational abilities are inspirational. Today people of all ages rush to join him in his social activities, And he doesn't disappoint them as he welcomes any kind of support offered and guides such support to further serve social causes.

And thus the circle widens. **As they say "Jyot Se Jyot Jalathe Chalo"**, the light of kindness is spreading. Carry on Mr. Kohli. you are making all of us proud.



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The PARAM-ANAND award was instituted in 1989 on behalf of the Pancholia family by Shri Maghanmal J Pancholia in loving memory of late Shri Paramanand Jethanand Pancholia, the Award is themed on the high values propagated by Mahatma Gandhi, who taught us to render selfless service to humanity and said, "The greatest prayer of all is to serve humanity."

This award with Citation is presented to individuals or Organization who believe that the only worthwhile achievement are those which are socially useful and in charity there is no excess.

Previous Awardees are:

1. Shri Hemandas Pitamberdas Bhatia in 1989

Presented by Padma Bushan Dr. L. Hiranandani in Bombay

2. Shri Kishor Tirathdas Asarpota in 1990

Presented by H.E.J.N. Mahajan, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E.

3. Shri Ram Lalchand Lilwa in 1991

Presented by H.E. Narendra Kumar, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E.

4. Shri Hemandad Gordhandas Bhatia in 1992

Presented by H.E. Narendra Kumar, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E.

5. Shri Khimchand N. Khiara in 1993

Presented by H.E. Narendra Kumar, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E.

6. Smt. Mohinibai Ishwardas & Late Shri Iswardas Haridas Bhatia

Presented by H.E. Prabhu Dayal, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

7. Shri Kishan Vallabdas Asarpota in 1999

Presented by Maghanlal J. Pancholia in Mumbai

8. Shri Bhagwandas Naraindas Vagh in 2000

Presented by H.E. Ashoke Mukerji, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

9. Smt Kunda Bharat Patkar in 2001

Presented by H.E. Ashoke Mukerji, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

10. Shri Dr. N. Subramaniam (Mani) (Maha Mani Krishna Das) & Family in 2003

Presented by H.E. Yash Sinha, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

11. Smt. Suri L. Lulla in 2006

Presented by H.E. Yash Sinha, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

12. Shri Krishnamurthy Kumar 2007

Presented by H.E. Venu Rajamony, Consul General of India in Dubai, U.A.E

13. Valley of Love in 2009

Presented by Padmashri Dr. B.R. Shetty in Dubai, U.A.E.

14. AVP Coimbatore

Padmashree Shri Krishna Kumar & Dr. Ravindran

Presented by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Minister of State for External Affairs Government of India

M P Pancholia Family Cordially invites you for the presentation of



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> At The Club

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