List of Communal Harmony Award winners up to 2012

S.No.	Name of Individual / Organization	Category	Year
1.	Quami Ekta Trust, Delhi	Organization	1997
2.	Shri Asghar Ali Engineer, Maharashtra	Individual	1997
3.	Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, Delhi	Individual	1998
4.	Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Maharashtra	Organization	1999
5.	Bhakti Sahitya Shodh Sansthan	Organization	2000
6.	Dr. Tontada Siddhaling Swami	Individual	2001
7.	Smt. Syeda Naseem Chishti, Delhi	Individual	2002
8.	National Youth Project Trust, Delhi	Organization	2003
9.	Acharya Shri Mahapragya, Delhi	Individual	2004
10.	Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj, Delhi	Organization	2004
11.	Ms. Hema Bharali, Assam	Individual	2005
12.	Ramakrishna Mission, West Bengal	Organization	2005
13.	Shri Rabindra Nath Upadhyaya, Assam	Individual	2006
14.	Institute for Socialist Education, Delhi	Organization	2006
15.	Shri Ram Puniyani, Maharashtra	Individual	2007
16.	Setu Charitable Trust, Maharashtra	Organization	2007
17.	Dr. Dominic Emmanuel SVD, Delhi	Individual	2008
18.	Anjuman Sair-E-Gul Faroshan, Delhi	Organization	2008
19.	Shri Mohammad Hanif Khan Shastri, Delhi	Individual	2009
20.	Center for Human Rights & Social Welfare, Rajasthan	Organization	2009
21.	Acharya Lokesh Muni, Delhi	Individual	2010
22.	Shri Khamliana, Mizoram	Individual	2011
23.	Shri Abdul Bari, Odisha	(Jointly)	
24.	Foundation for Amity and National Solidarity, Delhi	Organization	2012

PROFILES OF NATIONAL COMMUNAL HARMONY AWARD WINNERS & THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION

ORGANISATIONS

1

Name : QUAMI EKTA TRUST

Year of conferment of award : 1997

Address : A-199, Pandara Road,

New Delhi 110 003

Founder Member : Late Smt. Subhdra Joshi

Details of Registration : Registered under Indian Trust Act, 1961

Office bearer(s) / : Secretary

Contact person(s) Shri D.R. Goyal

Contact details : Tel. No. 011-30815100

Outstanding contribution :

Quami Ekta Trust, New Delhi was founded by Smt. Subhadra Joshi along with others, as a result of experiences gained in the course of a long and bitter struggle against communal forces under the umbrella of the Sampradayikta Virodhi Committee. The Trust is dedicated to the promotion of communal harmony and national integration through multi-dimensional voluntary effort on a non-party basis. The Trust, which is recognized as a research institution by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, has organised a number of national, state level and district level conventions and training camps for the young on communal harmony and national integration. It coordinates with other like minded sections and groups for promotion of communal harmony and has engaged itself in organising relief, rehabilitation and rescue for the riot affected victims. Earlier, it published a monthly journal "Secular Democracy" used by research scholars.

Name : BHARTIYA VIDYA BHAWAN

Year of conferment of award : 1999

Address : Munshi Sadan

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Chowk Kulapati K.M. Munshi Marq

Mumbai 400 007

Founder Member : Dr. K. M. Munshi

Details of Registration: 7th November, 1938 under the Act of 1935.

Office bearer(s) / : President

Contact person(s) Shri Surendra Lal G. Mehta

Vice Presidents

Shri Murli S. Deora,

Jusitce Shri B.N. Srikrishna

Contact details : Tel. No. 022-23631261, 23630265, 23634462/63/64

Fax 022-23630058

Website http://www.bhavans.info/

E-mail bhavan@bhavans.info

Outstanding contribution :

Kulapati K. M. Munshi founded *Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan* in 1938 with the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi. Munshiji, with freedom round the corner, not only dreamed of a resurgent India, he also felt the need to work towards it. This resulted in the founding of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. The Bhavan has its roots firmly embedded in the Indian soil but its spreading branches reach out to encompass the best of the modern world in the fields of science, technology, economics and management. The Bhavan is a unique institution where Sanskrit classes are found side-by-side with engineering colleges; Gita classes function along with the institute of management; traditional teaching of fine arts as well as the teaching of modern science, arts and commerce is found in its schools and colleges. The Bhavan reaches out to the world through its value-based publications including its fortnightly journals and periodicals. The Bhavan has its Kendras at Bangalore, Thrissur, Pune, Delhi, U.K., U.S.A., Australia and Chennai.

Name : BHAKTI SAHITYA SHODH SANSTHAN

Year of conferment of award : 2000

Address : Research Foundation for Devotional

Literary Studies, Tulasi Bhavan,

Osmania University, Hyderbad-7

Founder Member

Details of Registration : Established in 1973

Registered on 15.05.2000

Office bearer(s) / : Officer bearers

Contact person(s)

Prof. D.L. Reddy

Prof Ramniranjan Pandey

Prof. B. Rama Raju Prof. R.K. Pandey

Contact details : Tel. No. 040-27682363, 9490749503

Outstanding contribution :

The Foundation is providing facilities for research in devotional literature and other allied subjects in different languages in order to bring different religions and Indian languages closer to each other thereby creating a healthy atmosphere for national integration. It is arranging lectures, seminars and discussions stressing the need for all religions to work for creating universal brotherhood, community service and harmonizing the society.

Name : NATIONAL YOUTH PROJECT TRUST

Year of conferment of award : 2003

Address : 221, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marq

New Delhi-110 002

Founder Member : Shri S.N. Subba Roa

Details of Registration : On April 28, 1992 at Delhi

Office bearer(s) / : <u>Trustees</u>

Contact person(s)

Dr. S.N. Subba Rao Dr. Rans Parmar Major H. R. Jois Dr. Licy Bharaucha Shri K.N. Mishra

Dr. Gurdev Singh Sindu

Contact details : Tel. No. 011-23222329

Fax 011-23236734

Website

E-mail contact@nypindia.org

nypindia@hotmail.com

Outstanding contribution :

The National Youth Project Trust (NYPT), under the leadership of Dr. S.N. Subba Rao, started its work since 1970 in the dacoit-infested areas of Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Rao, who is a noted Gandhian & social worker trains the youth in camps to respect the country's diversity and secular ethos by bringing them closer together. The camps organised by NYPT not only include lectures and discussions on current issues, but the participants including men & women from different states, also get opportunity to learn languages other than their mother tongue. The aim is to make them shed loyalties to their respective religion, region, language, caste and social status etc. NYPT organised camps, particularly in areas troubled by communal unrest including Nakodar, Bhagalpur, Godhra, Aligarh, Kanpur, Varanasi. The theme of such camps used to be friendly coexistence in spite of differences due to religion, region, caste, or language for the common cause of unity in Diversity. The spirit was brought out by some of its slogans like "Jodo Jodo Bharat Jodo", "Apna Desh Apni Mati", "Kashmir se Kanyakumari Bharat Mata-Ek Hamari", etc. The NYPT organised camps to help the victims of communal violence and natural calamities.

Name : AKHIL BHARAT RACHNATMAK SAMAJ

Year of conferment of award : 2004

Address : Gandhi Ashram

Kingsway Camp Delhi- 110 009

Founder Member : Late Ms. Nirmala Deshpande

Details of Registration : Registered under the Societies

Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860)

during 1984.

Office bearer(s) / : Secretary-general
Contact person(s) : Shri S.P. Varma

Contact details : Website <u>www.nirmaladeshpande.org</u>

E-mail <u>didi@nirmaladeshpande.org</u>

Outstanding contribution :

Akhil Bharat Rachnatmak Samaj, a federation of social activists and Gandhian voluntary institutions, is working towards propagating the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave since its inception. The Samaj has been organizing workshops, peace marches, seminars and conferences for communal harmony, national integration and peace. To spread the message of equal respect for all religions, inter-faith conferences are organized by the Samaj at various religious places and universities. One such conference was held at Aligarh Muslim University of inaugurated by Dalai Lama while more than hundred peace activists from Pakistan participated for the first time in another such conference organised at Chennai.

Peace activists of the society reached militancy-ridden Punjab from all parts of India and worked for harmony and peace at great personal risk. The Samaj has taken exemplary steps in promoting communal harmony and peace in the strife-torn state of Jammu and Kashmir. During the Gujarat violence in 2002, the Samaj played a major role in reaching out to victims and organized numerous peace marches.

Name : RAMAKRISHNA MISSION

Year of conferment of award : 2005

Address : Ramakrishna Math & Mission

P.O. Box Belur Math -711 202 District Howrah, West Bengal

Founder Member : Swami Vivekananda

Details of Registration: It is a registered society.

Office bearer(s) / : President

Contact person(s) Swami Atmasthanandaji

Vice Presidents

Swami Gitananda

Swami Smarananandaji

General Secretary

Swami Prabhananda

Contact details : Tel. No. 011-91-33-6541144, 011-91-33-6541180

Fax 011-91-33-6544346

Website www.belurmath.org

E-mail rkmhqbm@cal.vsnl.net.in

Outstanding contribution :

Founded in 1897 by Swami Vivekananda, Ramakrishna Mission is a worldwide social and spiritual organization, which has been engaged in various forms of humanitarian social activities for more than a century.

Ramakrishna Mission and its monastic counterpart, Ramakrishna Math, with their more than 170 branches / centers in different parts of India and the world, have served the people through schools, colleges, rural development centers, medical units, etc. and have been promoting inter-religious understanding and harmony of religions. The Mission organizes relief operations and rehabilitation at the time of communal riots, earthquakes, cyclones, floods etc. It organised relief service at the time of communal riots in Tripura in 1980 and 2000, in Assam in 2003, and in Delhi, Mumbai and several other places. Through their books and journals and discourses given by the monks, they popularize the universal doctrines of different religions.

Name : INSTITUTE FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION

Year of conferment of award : 2006

Address : Secular House

Opp. JNU East Gate Institutional Area 1-Aruna Asaf Ali Marg New Delhi- 110 067

Founder Member : Shri Shashi Bhushan

Details of Registration: Registered in 1970 under the Societies

Registration (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1957.

Office bearer(s) / : President

Contact person(s) Shri Prashant Chandar

Contact details : Tel. No. 011- 26569946, 26867617

Fax 011-26560108

E-mail ise vaka@yahoo.co.in

Outstanding contribution

The Institute for Socialist Education established in 1970, is a Delhi based registered society. It has organized from time to time conventions on secularism, national integration, etc. and public meetings to celebrate the martyrdom day of heroes of freedom struggle. During the past years, the Institute has also organised anti-terrorism day, *yatras* to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi & martyrs of freedom struggle and essay writing competitions, etc. *inter-alia* to promote peace and harmony. There is sustained contribution of the Institute for the promotion of communal harmony.

Name : SETU CHARITABLE TRUST

Year of conferment of award : 2007

Address : Charni Road

Mumbai- 400021 Maharashtra

Founder Member : Shri Param Hans Tripathi

Details of Registration: Registered under State Act of

Maharashtra in 1994.

Office bearer(s) / : Shri Satish Tripathi

Contact person(s)

Contact details : Tel. No. +91 22 26245544

Website <u>www.setuworld.org</u>

E-mail <u>setu_trust@hotmail.com</u>

Outstanding contribution :

Setu Charitable Trust, registered in 1994, has done commendable work in some communally sensitive cities of Mumbai, Bhiwandi, Malegaon (Nasik), Aurangabad and Parbhani in the State of Maharashtra. Its major activities relate to relief & rehabilitation and welfare of children and women in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. It is also doing some social work i.e. imparting of vocational training, spreading of literature, upliftment of deprived section of the society and the poor women/children living in urban slum and rural areas. Besides, the Trust is also organizing functions on Kabir from time to time, with the objective of promoting secularism and communal harmony.

Name : ANJUMAN SAIR-E-GUL FAROSHAN

Year of conferment of award : 2008

Address : A – 68, Shivalik

New Delhi – 110 017

Founder Member : Late Yogeshwar Dayal

Details of Registration : Registered in 1964 under the Societies

> Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment) Act, 1957 as extended to

the UT of Delhi.

Office bearer(s) / : General Secretary Contact person(s)

Mrs. Usha Kumar

Contact details : Tel. No. +91 -11 - 23381201, 9810122604

> Website www.phoolwaalonkisair.com

E-mail phoolwale@vmail.com

Outstanding contribution

Anjuman Sair-e-Gul Faroshan, a Delhi based registered society has been working for communal harmony since 1960s. One of its primary objectives includes promotion of communal harmony and national integration. The Anjuman has been organizing a unique historical festival *Phool Walon Ki Sair* every year, which is a symbol of solidarity amongst Hindus and Muslims. During this week-long festival, floral chadars are offered at the shrine of Sufi Saint Khwaja Bakhtiar Kaki in Mehrauli. Floral pankhas are offered by both Muslims and Hindus at the temple 'Yog Mayaji' also in Mehrauli. The Pankhas of the Phool Walon Ki Sair are considered as an emblem of communal harmony and national integration and are later offered by the members of the Sair-e-Gul Faroshan to the Prime Minister, the President of India and other dignitaries in a function. The festival, which is very popular, is well acknowledged and attended by the masses and VVIPs. The Anjuman has also taken initiatives to organise Basant festival and Jhula festival during the rainy season.

Name **CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS &**

SOCIAL WELFARE

Year of conferment of award : 2009

Address : 50. Jawahar market

Behind Soheb Creations

NBC Road, Hasanpura, Jaipur-302006

Founder Member : Late Sayeed Ahmed Khan

Details of Registration : Registered in 1976 under the Rajasthan

> Societies Registration

(Rajasthan Act No. 28 of 1958).

Office bearer(s) / : General Secretary Mrs. Saroj Khan Contact person(s)

Contact details : Tel. No. 09414253482

> Website www.cfhrsw.org

E-mail sarojkhan cfhrsw@yahoo.co.in

Outstanding contribution

Registered in 1976, the Center for Human Rights and Social Welfare, is a Jaipur based NGO which has been working for the homeless persons, welfare of women, footpath dwellers, rehabilitation of needy and deprived persons, blood donation camp, problem of drinking water, communal harmony and human rights. It has specifically organised interfaith dialogue, programmes of Milan on the occasions of Eid, Holi, Diwali and Christmas, communal harmony rally, kavi sammelan and mushaira, etc. to promote communal harmony and national integration with the funds received from the National Foundation for Communal Harmony. The organisation has also reportedly organised survey (2007) of Muslim martyrs who lost their lives in various international wars with other neighbouring countries.

Name : FOUNDATION FOR AMITY AND

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Year of conferment of award : 2012

(Award announced, likely to be

conferred in 2013)

Address : 10168, East Park Road (KCP)

Karol Bagh, New Delhi- 110005

Founder Member : Shri Virendar Mohan Trehan

Details of Formation : Formed in 1985, FANS is a Trust.

Office bearer(s) / : Secretary General

Contact person(s) Mrs. Lalitha Sampat

Contact details : Tel. No. 011-32908029

Website www.fansindia.com

E-mail fansindia84@gmail.com

Outstanding contribution :

Formed in 1985, Foundation for Amity & National Solidarity (FANS) is a Delhi based Trust which works for spreading amity and communal harmony. It has organized programmes / activities like seminars, workshops, symposiums, inter-religious meets, youth camps, sadbhavana sabhas and rallies to promote social amity. It has served nearly 125 scholarships under its Amity Scholarship Scheme to promote education amongst the economically backward students. Through its Rehabilitation Centre at Guwahati, the Foundation has provided 680 artificial limbs to the handicapped persons and has been providing vocational training to such target groups. It also claims to have published a few books on the subjects' national integration, religion & politics and basic constitutional values.

INDIVIDUALS

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Name : LATE ASGHAR ALI ENGINEER

Year of conferment of award : 1997

Address : Centre for Study of Society and

Secularism

602 & 603, Silver Star, 6th Floor

Behind BEST Bus Depot, Santacruz (E)

Mumbai-400055

Date of birth : 10 March 1939

Education : Civil Engineering from Indore, Madhya

Pradesh

Employment : 20 years as an Engineer in Bombay

Municipal Corporation

Contact details : No more in this world

Outstanding contribution :

Born in a Maulvi family of Bohras at Mumbai, Shri Asghar Ali Engineer had a liberal and scientific education. He took up the task of enquiring as to why two communities were coming to clash on so called religious grounds even after partition and concluded that the political and economic factors were more important than anything else in any communal clash. His writings reflect rare sensitivity, originality and excellent comprehension of the ethics of all religions practiced in the country. He has written more than 35 books on the subjects cognate to religion and their rituals besides hundreds of articles on the same subject that have been published in various newspapers and magazines. His research & literary contribution has helped in removing a lot of misgivings about different religions. His fight against dogmas in all communities particularly in Muslims and Bohras, deserves special mention. He is a great faith in the use of Gandhian principles of non-violence to promote communal harmony, national integration and fraternity among the fellow citizens.

Name : MAULANA WAHIDUDDIN KHAN

Year of conferment of award : 1998

Address : Center for Peace and Spirituality

The Islamic Centre

1.Nizamuddin West Market

New Delhi – 110013

INDIA

Date of birth : 1st January 1925

Education : Graduated from a seminary of

traditional Islamic learning and acquired modern knowledge through self-study.

Employment : Spiritual leader & writer.

Contact details : Tel. No. 91-11-24625454, 24611128

Fax 011-24697333

Website www.cpsglobal.org

E-mail info@cps.org

Outstanding contribution :

Maulana Wahiduddin Khan is an Islamic scholar, a renowned speaker with modern outlook & orientation, having authored over 200 books and contributed numerous articles & write-ups to newspapers and journals.

During the communally charged atmosphere in 1992, he made efforts to restore peace and amity between the two communities. He went on a 15-day *Shanti Yatra* along with Acharya Muni Sushil Kumar and Swami Chidanand Maharashtra, addressing large groups of people at different places on the way from Bombay to Nagpur. Devoted to the development of a complete ideology of peace and spirituality, he presents to the world the true face of Islam based on peace, tolerance and co-existence. He is often invited in inter-faith meetings and programmes to spread the message of peace and harmony. He is also the recipient of the Padma Bhushan, the National Integration Award, the National Amity Award and the Aruna Asaf Ali Sadbhavna Award.

Name : DR. TONTADA SIDDHALING SWAMIJI

Year of conferment of award : 2001

Address : Jagadguru Tontadraya Math

Taluka & District Gadag Pin – 582 101 Karntaka

Date of birth : 23 February 1949

Education : M.A.

Awarded Honorary Doctorate by

Gulbarga University

Employment : Preaching

Contact details : Tel No. 09448138827 / 09448355599

Websites http://tce.ac.in

http://nhdedcollege.org/index.html

Outstanding contribution :

Dr. Tontada Siddhaling Swamiji, basically a *yogi* & social worker, worked for eradication of casteism and upliftment of *Dalits*. His Math comprising of the Veerashaiva sect of Hinduism, has been transformed by him into a secular and social institution. He conducted programmes for promotion of communal harmony and helping in normalizing the communal troubles. He revolutionized and transformed the people of Gadag-Betgeri by his numerous educational, literary, cultural, agricultural and secular religious projects. He was awarded Honorary Doctorate by Gulbarga University for his contribution in the field of social service and communal harmony besides other awards i.e. *Rajyotsava Prashasti* by the State Government for his secular service.

Name : SMT. SYEDA NASEEM CHISHTI

Year of conferment of award : 2002

Address : W/o. Syed Razul Hussain Chishti

67, 2nd Floor Anand Lok New Delhi

Date of birth : --

Education : Graduation

Employment : --

Contact details : --

Outstanding contribution :

A well-known novelist, writer and poetess, Begum Syeda Naseem Chishti published articles and stories in prestigious magazines besides broadcasting on the All India Radio. Twenty Four of her articles and stories on national integration, non-violence, peace and harmony, which were broadcast, have been well received. Her lyrics dealing with patriotism and harmony were set to music and picturized for a programme on Doordarshan under the title of "Apna Yeh Chaman". This programme was repeatedly telecast for two years. She has been conferred various prestigious awards. Chishti worked for promoting communal harmony and national integration for a considerable time.

Name : LATE ACHARYA MAHAPRAGYA

Year of conferment of award : 2004

Address : Anuvrat Bhawan

210, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg

New Delhi-110 002

Date of birth : 14 June 1920

Education : --

Employment : --

Contact details : No more in this world.

Outstanding contribution :

Acharya Mahapragya was a spiritual leader, thinker, philosopher, writer and poet. His writings included nearly 150 books covering topics like Jain Agamas, non-violence, peace, morality, socio-religious harmony and spirituality, science of living, meditation, ecology and economics are a valuable contribution.

Acharya Mahapragya gave Anuvrat Movement a philosophical content for developing value systems of the people which will in turn make the nation stronger. Anuvrat promulgated a non sectarian religion. Acharya Mahapragya gave a detailed curriculum in 'Jeevan Vigyan' i.e. Science of Living, which brings about positive behavioral and attitudinal changes in the students. He invented 'Preksha Dhyan' for inner purification which is valuable for developing self-confidence, tolerance, patience and emotional balance.

Under the guidance of Acharya Mahapragya, a forum for peace and non-violence has been formed in the name of 'Ahimsa Samvay'. He started a unique journey called 'Ahimsa Yatra' to spread the message of non-violence, fraternity, brotherhood and peace. He went on foot from village to village and town to town comforting people and to carry the message of Hindu-Muslim unity during Gujarat carnage. He also organized reconciliation conferences at various places in Gujarat. He had similarly undertaken "Prem and Sadbhavana" marches in other States.

Name : MS. HEMA BHARALI

Year of conferment of award : 2005

Address : House No.39, Kasturba Nagar

Ulubari, Guwahati -781 007

Assam

Date of birth : 19th February 1919

Education : Trained in Basic Education, Wardha

Maharashtra, 1946-47

Employment : Social Worker

Contact details : Tel. No. 0361-2456835, 9954052613

Outstanding contribution :

Ms. Hema Bharali, is a Gandhian, distinguished freedom fighter, front ranking leader of Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan movement, eminent social worker and a real friend of downtrodden.

After independence of the nation, Ms. Hema Bharali has been associated with non-political organizations that fought for the cause of social upliftment of people at large. She has been engaged in rural development, spread of basic education, prohibition, strengthening of national integration and removal of social discrimination. She has worked for empowerment of women and children, promotion of their welfare, securing social justice and promoting peace and non-violence. She worked for peace during language disturbances in Assam in 1960 and helped the panic stricken people of Tezpur and adjoining areas of Assam-Arunachal border (then NEFA) during the Chinese aggression in 1962. As a social worker, she is committed to the doctrine of Bahujan Hitaya, Bahujan Sahaya. She took active part in Vinoba Bhave's Bhoodan movement and undertook padyatra to instill the spirit of national integration in the minds of people; to create an awakening among women; and to spread knowledge about forests as a vital factor of environment.

Recognising her dedicated service to the nation, the Government of India conferred the prestigious Padmashri Award on Ms. Hema Bharali in the year 2005.

Name : RABINDRA NATH UPADHYAY

Year of conferment of award : 2006

Address : Tamulpur Anchalik Gramdan Sangh (TAGS)

Shanti Kendra, P.O. Kumarikata

District Baksa, Assam

Date of birth : 1st April 1924

Education : Intermediate

Employment : Social Worker

Contact details : Tel. No. 03624- 235019, 235041

Fax 0361-2522344

E-mail tagsassam@satyam.net.in

Outstanding contribution :

Shri Rabindra Nath Upadhyay, a social worker and Gandhian to the core, has been working for promoting truth, non-violence, communal harmony and national integration. Shri Upadhyay gave up his undergraduate studies in Banaras Hindu University and plunged into the freedom movement. He has actively participated in Bhoodan and Gramdan movement under the leadership of Acharya Vinoba Bhave, Shri Jaiprakash Narayan and Shri Dhirendra Mazumdar, displaying tremendous organizational skills and courage of conviction.

Shri Upadhyay has been closely associated with peace and constructive activities under the auspices of Tamulpur Anchalik Gramdan Sangh, a non-govenmental organisation formed by him. Also, through Mahila Samiti Sena (Women's Peace Corps), he is creating an ambiance of peace and harmony, fostering unity in some of the communally disturbed areas of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura. He has worked tirelessly for peace and development to overcome insurgency and violence and has opposed militancy and secessionism even at the risk of his life.

Shri Upadhyay is the recipient of Padma Shri Award in 2000, Jamnalal Bajaj Award for constructive work in 2003 and Friends of North-East Award in 2004.

Name : DR. RAM PUNIYANI

Year of conferment of award : 2007

Address : 1102, Building 5

Near Rambagh MHADA, POWAI Mumbai- 400 076

Maharashtra

Date of birth : 25th August 1945

Education : M.D. (Medicine)

Employment : Retired Professor, Biomedical

Engineering

Contact details : Tel. No. 022-25704061, 09322254043

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Website

E-mail ram.puniyani@gmail.com

Outstanding contribution :

Prof. Ram Puniyani is a well-known scholar who has been writing extensively on the theme of communal harmony and national integration. He has contributed a large number of articles and write-ups, etc. on the subject in numerous magazines, newspapers and journals. He has a number of books to his credit. Having been associated with the Center for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai, Prof. Puniyani was also involved in a number of programmes viz. seminars, workshops and training and awareness sessions of the Centre. His activities and programmes on the theme of communal harmony have been more significant after the 1992 communal disturbances. Overall, the contribution of the nominee in the area of communal harmony and national integration is significant at the national level.

: DR. DOMINIC EMMANUEL SVD Name

Year of conferment of award : 2008

Address : Dr. Dominic Emmanuel SVD

Sadbhavana, Church Complex

Sukhdev Vihar, New Delhi 110 025

: 19th August 1951 Date of birth

Education : Ph.D.

Employment : Religious Priest

Contact details : Tel. No. 011-26925080, 26911336

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E-mail frdominic@gmail.com

Outstanding contribution

Dr. Dominic Emmanuel is a catholic priest and has been working with Delhi Catholic Archdiocese. He also worked as spokesperson of Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI), New Delhi. Having completed Ph.D. in 1997 from the University of Westminister on 'Communication as Dialogue: Its Progressive Recognition in Modern Christian, Academic and Broadcast Discourses'. Dr. Emmanuel has been working for communal harmony for past two decades. He negotiated with Dera Sachcha Sauda and Granthis of Akal Takht to resolve row between Dera Sachcha Sauda and Sikh Community. He has also contributed in resolving the stand off between Christians and Muslims during September 1996 in the wake of speech of the Pope in Rosenberg University. He has written books on value education for school children and communal harmony. He has also contributed articles such as 'Waiting for Gandhi', Ishwar Aur Us Tak Pahunchne ke Marg. Crime and Forgiveness, Sadbhavna Aur Tyoharohn ke Moti, etc. in national dailies.

Name : DR. MOHAMMAD HANIF KHAN SHASTRI

Year of conferment of award : 2009

Address : G-52/19, Sir Syed Road

Batla House

Jamia Nagar, (Okhla) New Delhi- 110 025

Date of birth : 21 September 1951

Education : Ph.D. (Comparative Religion)

Employment : An employee of Rashtriya Sanskrit

Sansthan, New Delhi

Contact details : Tel No. 09891068307

E-mail drhanifkhanshastri@gmail.com

Outstanding contribution :

Dr. Mohd. Hanif Khan Shastri is a learned Sanskrit scholar. He has done MA in Sanskrit, Acharya in Purana and was awarded Ph.D. on Mahamantra Gayatri Aur Surah Fatiha Ka Arth Prayog Evam Mahatmya Ki Drishtri Se Tulnatmak Addhayan in 1991. Dr Shastri has at least eight books to his credit that have been authored by him. The most popular amongst these publications are Mohangita, Geeta Aur Quran men Samanjasya, Ved aur Quran se Mahamantra Gayatri aur Surah Fatiha, Vedon men Manay Adhikar and Meljol. The publications are considered as masterpiece by cross sections of academicians and scholars. Dr. Shastri has endeavoured tried to promote communal harmony by highlighting similarities between Hindu and Muslim religions through his unique literary contributions in Hindi and Sanskrit. His other activities include delivering lectures, talks and TV shows on theme of communal harmony presented by him on various occasions. His programmes have also been relayed on the All India Radio and telecast by the Doordarshan in the past years. He has also been honoured by the President of India and conferred with a couple of other awards and appreciation letters for his contribution in literature with particular reference to communal harmony.

Name : ACHARYA LOKESH MUNI

Year of conferment of award : 2010

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Date of birth : 17.04.1961

Education : Graduate in Gurukul Tradition

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Outstanding contribution

Acharya Lokesh Muni is a writer, orator and social worker. He is the chief functionary of *Ahimsa Vishwa Bharati*, a Delhi based voluntary organisation which aims at promoting non-violence, peace, communal harmony, working against female foeticide & drug addiction, providing help during natural calamities, etc. Acharya Lokesh Muni worked to de-escalate Hindu Muslim strife after the Jama Masjid explosion in 2006-07 and tension between Dera Sacha Sauda and the Sikh community in 2007. He participated in a 1500 km walk from Haryana to Gujarat to promote communal harmony. He studied Jainism, Buddhism and Vedic philosophy and has 12 books to his credit on subjects like female foeticide, terrorism, principles of peace and brotherhood. For his academic pursuits, the Indian Board of Alternative Medicines awarded him the Doctor of Philosophy. He has also been honoured with the *Naitik Samman* by the Gulzarilal Nanda Foundation and *Bhaskar Puraskar* by *Bharat Nirman Sangathan* for his contribution in restoring human values of peace and brotherhood.

Name : SHRI KHAMLIANA

Year of conferment of award : 2011

(Award announced, likely to be

conferred in 2013)

Address : Shri Khamliana

Founder President Mizoram Youth Club

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Date of birth : 05.01.1955

Education : Class 8th Pass

Employment : Farmer & Social Activist

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Outstanding contribution

Shri Khamliana, is the Founder President of Mizoram Youth Club which was established in 1990. The Club is a well known voluntary organization rendering social service and strengthening national integration in Mizoram. Shri Khamliana is fully committed and dedicated to promote peace, communal harmony and national integration in the state. He organized musical concerts, essay competition and cultural exchange programmes, most of these under the banner of his organisation Mizoram Youth Club to promote unity and peaceful co-existence among diverse ethnic groups. He played an active part in organising a social function in 2000 in Army campus to build up a civilian-military relation in the state and received appreciation. He actively participated and organized national integration camps by affiliating with the Nehru Yuva Kendra. It is because of the efficient leadership, keen interest and efforts of Shri Khamliana that the Mizoram Youth Club has significantly contributed to promote peace and national integration.

Name : SHRI MD. ABDUL BARI

Year of conferment of award : 2011

(Award announced, likely to be

conferred in 2013)

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Outstanding contribution :

Shri Md. Abdul Bari from district Bhadrak of Odisha, is a well-respected people's leader and social activist. He is associated with at least eight social organisations and has selflessly helped the police and local administration from time to time to maintain peace and communal harmony. Shri Bari reportedly played significant role in restoring peace and communal harmony at Bhadrak after the communal riots at Bhadrak (1991) and at the times of Babri Masjid demolition (1992), serial blasts at Mumbai (1993), burning of Sabarmati Express at Godhra (2002) and after the inhuman killing of Swami Laxmananda Saraswati at Kandhamal district (2008). Recently in 2011, he helped in nipping in bud the communally violent situations at Bhadrak town on the occasions of Id-Miladun-Nabi and Ram Navami festivals. He received Utkal Diwas Award (2002) by Bhadrak Rotary Club, Muralidhar Shruti Sanshada, Bhadrak Award (2005) and many other commendation certificates. For more than two decades, Shri Abdul Bari has significantly contributed to maintain peace and communal harmony in district Bhadrak and its nearby places in Odisha.