

RAJ BHAVAN, TAMIL NADU ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS 2024 UNDER THE CATEGORIES OF 'SOCIAL SERVICE' AND 'ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'

Raj Bhavan, Tamil Nadu, announces the winners of the **GOVERNOR'S AWARDS-2024** under the categories of '**Social Service**' and '**Environmental Protection**'. Nominations for the awards were invited on 28th June 2024 to recognize, felicitate and encourage individuals and institutions for their exceptional and distinguished services to society.

The applications received were scrutinized by a Selection Committee chaired by a retired distinguished High Court Judge and comprising other eminent persons. Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, Raj Bhavan has announced the winners of the awards under the two categories '**Social Service**' and '**Environmental Protection**' as follows:

Categories	Institution	Individual
Social Service	Idhayangal (Coimbatore District)	Thiru. S.Ramalingam (Chennai District)
	Hope Public Charitable Trust (Chennai District)	Tmt. Swarnalatha J (Coimbatore District)
		Thiru. A.Rajkumar (Madurai District)
Environmental Protection	Chitlapakkam Rising Charitable Trust (Chennai District)	---

Under the 'Social Service' category (Institution), '**Idhayangal of Coimbatore District**' and '**Hope Public Charitable Trust of Chennai**

District' will receive a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs and a citation. 'Idhayangal' is serving poor children who are in need of diabetic care. Hope Public Charitable Trust is working towards providing special education, vocational training and rehabilitation services for children existing with Autism and intellectual disability.

Under the 'Social Service' category (Individuals), the awardees are **Thiru. S.Ramalingam** of Chennai District, **Tmt. Swarnalatha J** of Coimbatore District and **Thiru. A.Rajkumar**, of Madurai District. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakhs each and a citation. Thiru. S.Ramalingam has dedicated himself for the past three decades to serving and assisting differently abled children. Tmt. Swarnalatha J, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2009, she works to support accessibility and rehabilitation of differently abled people. Thiru. A.Rajkumar is rendering service to the elderly people, destitute individuals and those with mental health issues by arranging shelter, food and medical aid for them.

Under the 'Environmental Protection' category (Institution), '**Chitlapakkam Rising Charitable Trust**', Chennai District the winner of the award, which carries a cash prize of ₹5 lakhs and a citation. Chitlapakkam Rising is a volunteer organization. This organization is making outstanding contributions for spreading awareness on environmental degradation and volunteering to rejuvenate water bodies, improving green cover and waste management.

The awardees will receive their awards from the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu during 'AT HOME' Reception on Republic Day on 26.01.2025 at Raj Bhavan, Chennai.

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