

# HONOURING EXCELLENCE

THE 33RD MAHARANA MEWAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL AWARDS, 2015, ARE ALL SET TO TAKE PLACE AT THE MANEK CHOWK OF THE CITY PALACE



harana of Mewar Charitable Foundation is honouring service of permanent value rendered to society. The ceremony that will take place March 22, 2015, starts with the presentation of certificates to students from schools and Universities in Udaipur and across the state of Rajasthan. This is followed by the main ceremony when the awardees gather on the dais to receive their awards from Arvind Singh Mewar of Udaipur, Chairman and Managing Trustee of Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation, Udaipur. The 33rd Annual Award distribution ceremony will take place at The Manek Chowk, The City Palace, Udaipur. Announcing the state and special awards, the convener of the ceremony Dr. Mayank Gupta declared that these annual awards carry a cash prize, a 'Toran' plaque of honour, a citation certificate and a ceremonial shawl.

The Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF) has been committed to nurturing centres of excellence in heritage management, fine arts, the performing arts, education, ecological management, hospitality, philanthropy, spirituality and sports. The MMFA annual

scheme of awards constitutes a major part of the activities of the Maharana of Mewar Charitable Foundation (MMCF), Udaipur. These awards were instituted in 1980 - 1981 to recognize college and school students, in Udaipur, for their academic and sporting achievements. The scope and spectrum of

the awards has been steadily widening since 1981. The annual awards ceremony not only applauds students but also honours international and national scholars for their work of permanent value to society. Many now play a pivotal role contributing to Mewar, India on the world stage. On this occasion, Ma-

## THE LIST OF AWARDEES



The international award, instituted in 1996 and named after Col. James Tod is to honour a foreign national who has made a lasting contribution through his work. This year the award is given to Prof. John D. Smith, who pursued a scholarly career in both London and Cambridge. Employed to teach Sanskrit, he nonetheless devoted much of his energy to the study of the Rajasthani language and literature.

The national annual award, Haldighati award, is given to an individual for work of permanent value that initiates an awakening in society through the medium of journalism, goes to Piyush Pandey, Executive Chairman and Creative Director, South Asia, Ogilvy and Mather Advertising. He has put his advertising and communication skills to work for many campaigns.



Hakim Khan Sur award was instituted to honour work of permanent value for the cause of national integration is conferred to Vrinda Grover, who is a human rights lawyer and cur-



rently a Research Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi. She is a prominent commentator in the media on issues relating to accountability for violence against women and other vulnerable groups.



Maharana Udal Singh award instituted to honour work of permanent value in protecting and enriching the environment, hand-in-hand with future development is conferred to Jadav Mulai Payeng: The man who grew his own forest. He is from the Mishing Tribe and a forestry worker from Jorhat, Assam. He is an inspiration to the world, a father and a husband and an environmentalist, the forest maker of India. He believes that 'Environmental Science' should be made compulsory in primary schools.

Another National Award is Panna Dhai Award instituted to honour an individual who has rendered selfless service to society. The award is being conferred to Anu Aga who is known as much for her social work and activism as her business accomplishments. In 2004, she retired as the chairperson of Thermax Ltd, Pune. She continues to be on the company's Board of Directors. She supports Akank-



sha that promotes school education for underprivileged children in Mumbai and Pune. She is the chair of 'Teach for India' which attempts to bridge the inequity gap in education. In 2013 she was awarded the Padma Shri for her work in the social sector.