

# Stree Shakti Puraskar 2013

## Rani Lakshmibai Award

**Smt. Manasi Pradhan, Odisha**



Smt. Manasi Pradhan is the founder of Odisha Yuva Sanskrutik Sansad (OYSS) and its women wing OYSS women which has been working in the field of women's empowerment for the last 10 years. She is also the founder of the 'Honour for Women National Campaign (HWNC)' a movement to end violence against women and 'Nirbhaya Vahini' with

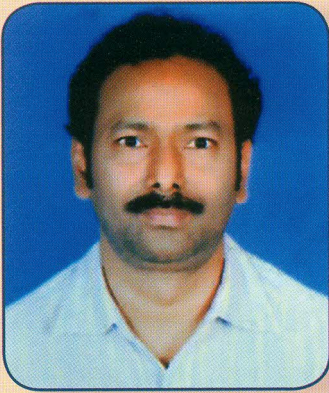
over 10,000 volunteers across the country to take on women's right issues and tracking violence against women. She faced poverty and social challenges to fund her education and family survival and emerged as a student leader. She has worked for educating women in villages, organising leadership camps for women students, vocational training and legal awareness camps, fight against women atrocities, anti-liquor campaigns. She also organised National Meet on Rural Women Empowerment and OYSS Women National meet on Tribal Empowerment which was attended by over 7000 women delegates. She is one of the few successful women entrepreneurs of Odisha. She has been awarded by various organisations for her work.

Smt. Manasi Pradhan is being honoured with Rani Lakshmibai Award for the year 2013 for her achievement in the field of women's empowerment.

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## Rani Rudramma Devi Award

**Dr. M. Venkaiah, Andhra Pradesh**



Dr. M. Venkaiah is Assistant Professor of Surgery, RIMS Medical College, Prakasam. He has conducted 90,000 operations for women (family planning and other surgeries), personally performed more than 30,000 deliveries in rural areas, more than 200 laparoscopic tubectomies and 1000 major surgeries. He has been involved in immunisation of 1 lakh children. He started

Double Puncture Laparoscopic Surgical technique for women in Andhra Pradesh. He trained 200 surgeons in this technique and has been associated with more than 15 lakh surgeries in Andhra Pradesh. He has also rendered his services during natural calamities. He has been awarded by the State Government for his efforts.

Dr. M. Venkaiah is being honoured with Rani Rudramma Devi Award for the year 2013 for his achievement in the field of women's health.

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## Mata Jijabai Award

**Mrs. Bina Sheth Lashkari, Maharashtra**



Mrs. Bina Sheth Lashkari founded an NGO named “Door Step School (DSS)”. She had an interest in social work since her childhood, when she volunteered to read books to blind students and visited hospitals to interact with underprivileged child patients. She has worked for children from underprivileged society, drop-outs, out of school, working and street children,

and spreading awareness of RTE Act in 100 pockets of Mumbai. She also started school on wheels, a bus designed as a mobile class room to reach out to most unreached groups of out-of-school children. This has benefitted more than 3000 children by non-formal education and 2000 children by bus services. Through her efforts more than 10,000 first generation learners have been enrolled in schools and a population of 2,35,000 has been covered in areas in slum and pavement communities. She has received many awards from State Government and other organisations. She was a member of Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, resource group for Sarvashiksha Abhiyaan of Central Government and educational consultant to Maharashtra Government for ICDS programme.

Mrs. Bina Sheth Lashkari is being honoured with Mata Jijabai Award for the year 2013 for her achievement in the field of education and training.

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## Kannagi Award

**Smt. T. Radha K. Prashanti, Andhra Pradesh**



Smt. Radha K. Prasanthi despite being born in a reputed and rich family was pushed to miseries at an early age and had to take the responsibility of her family, education of her sister and brother at the cost of her own studies. She is a social worker and Movie/TV Artist. She has been working for poor and needy particularly for welfare of handicapped, destitute women, poor children in slums etc. besides pursuing her profession as Artist. She has

performed leading roles in over 500 natak kala parishads, performed in over 10,000 plays and received 208 best performance awards. By being an active member an NGO, STEP she has been instrumental in providing houses to shelter less tribes, and in providing assistance to orphans, visually impaired, handicapped, special children, destitute women.

Smt. T. Radha K. Prashanti is being honoured with Kannagi Award for the year 2013 for her achievement in the field of providing support to orphans, visually impaired, handicapped and destitute women.

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## Rani Gaidinliu Zeliang Award

**Dr. Vartika Nanda, Delhi**



Dr. Vartika Nanda is a faculty member in Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi. She is the author of 7 books including one with poems by women inmates of Tihar Jail and another one with poems on women's right. She is a media trainer, practitioner and a media traveller. She has done her Ph.D. on the coverage of rape cases by the print media. She has been an honorary media advisor

with the special police unit for protection of Women and Child (Delhi Police) and has helped in creating campaigns, handling media relations. She has also worked extensively in the Media. She has been awarded for her work in the field of Media and Journalism.

Dr. Vartika Nanda is being honoured with Rani Gaidinliu Zeliang Award for the year 2013 for her achievement in the field of creating awareness on women's issues through media.

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## Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Award

**Dr. Seema Sakhare, Maharashtra**



Dr. Seema Sakhare has been working in the area of violence against women and women's rights since 1975. She has helped 18,000 women till now. Her areas of work involve sexual exploitation of women, violence against women, women's rights, rights of girl child and issues related to gender, caste, class and religion. Her efforts in this direction are through public action (organised 1200 public meetings); organized action through Forum against Rape and Stree Atyachar Virodhi Parishad; media advocacy; legal counselling and prosecution; influencing policy; networking and publishing. She has also provided institutional support to women and girls in need in the form of counselling of 7500 women and families, providing shelter to 2500 women and rehabilitation to 200 unwed mothers, helpline service to 1000 women and girls, pre-marriage counselling to 600 women. She has also organised 300 awareness camps for girls and women; educated 400 poor girls; provided adult education to 1000 women and organised awareness on empowerment for 6000 women. Her work has been recognised on various occasions through awards by State Govt. and other organisations.

Dr. Seema Sakhare is being honoured with Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Award for the year 2013 for her achievement in the field of women's rights, gender issues, legal counselling and institutional support to women and girls.