

Kalpna Chawla Award for Courage and Daring Enterprise  
for the year 2009

From the year 2003, the Government of Tamil Nadu presents Kalpna Chawla Award for courage and Daring Enterprise to a Woman who is a native of Tamil Nadu. The award carries a medal worth Rs.5,000/- and a cash certificate for Rs.5,00,000/- The Hon'ble Chief Minister gives this award to the person selected by the Committee constituted for this purpose during the Independence Day Celebrations 15.8.2009. Three persons were selected for the Kalpna Chawla Award 2009.

Dr.N.Rajamaheswari is working as Professor and Head of the Department, Department of Urogynaecology, Govt. Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, Triplicane for the past 23 years. She is the First Urogynaecologist in India established the department of Urogynaecology. She had presented about 100 papers in various National and International Conferences and delivered hundreds of Guest Lectures. She has trained thousands of specialists in this field. In 2006, she had honoured as "Badan Lecturer" by Scott and White Hospital and Clinic, Texas, USA and in 2008, she honoured as "Ulf Ulmsten Speaker" by the International Urogynaecological Association as recognition of her research and contribution to the field of Urogynaecology.

Mrs.R.Rajalakshmi of Usilampatti, Madurai District is born on agricultural family. Her right leg are disabled due to polio attack. In 2004, she represented differently abled sports meet held at Belgium for India and won Gold and Silver Medias for the events viz., Disc Throwing and Javelin throwing respectively. Following that, in 2006, she represented for India at the International Sports Meet held at Malaysia and won several medals.

Dr (Mrs) Pushpanjali of Thirukkalukkundram, Kancheepuram District, is the mother of Mr.Hithendran, who gone brain death due to an accident on 23.9.2008. After coming to know that here son was unsavable, she did a brave act by donating her son's organs, which intend saved the life of 8 other seriously injured/critical persons. Her brave act is inspired many others to voluntarily donate the organs of their relatives.

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