

AWARDS IN SIKSHA DIWAS-2011



Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar**, on the concluding day of the 3-day '**Shiksha Diwas**' being celebrated at Patna's Gandhi Maidan on Sunday, conferred '**Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Education Award**', the highest state award in the field of education, to three government school teachers for their contributions and dedication in the field of **literacy**.

The recipients of the coveted award were **Ram Pari Devi** of Araria, **Pushpa Kumari** of Nawada, and **Yasmeen Bano** of Banka

Besides a citation, the award also includes a **cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh** that would be shared equally by all three recipients.

Also, thirteen Bihar students were conferred the '**Bihar Gaurav**' award on the occasion.

Prizes were given to over a dozen students in various categories including science, essay, and quiz competitions.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the government was committed to improve the standard of education in the state and was confident that once again, students of Bihar would outshine students from other states.

"Bihar has always been a hub of knowledge and intelligence. We need to encourage our students and provide them with proper environment so that they can excel in any area they choose to undertake," he said.

Bihar Legislative Council chairperson **Tarakant Jha**, Bihar Assembly Speaker **Uday Narayan Chowdhary**, Human Resources Development Minister **P. K. Shahi**, former Principal Secretary **Anjani Kumar Singh**, and Bihar Education Council director **Rajesh Bhushan** also spoke on the occasion.