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Former CJI HL Dattu, Olympian Kenneth Powell, former governor Margaret Alva and Kannada film actor Jai Jagadeesh are among the 63 persons selected for Kannada Rajyotsava awards, the highest civilian honour in Karnataka.

CM HD Kumaraswamy will present the awards at Vidhana Soudha at 5pm Thursday. The award carries Rs 1 lakh prize, 20gm gold medal and a citation. The government announced the list on Wednesday after a delay of nearly a month. Traditionally, Rajyotsava awards are conferred on November 1, the state formation day. This year, the selection and announcement of award winners were delayed because of Lok Sabha and assembly bypolls in the first week of the month.

(From top left) Margaret Alva, HL Dattu, Jai Jagadeesh, Kenneth Powell are among the 63 awardees

63 Rajyotsava awardees will be honoured today

Kumaraswamy Will Present Awards At Vidhana Soudha

Dattu, from Chikkamagaluru, was the first Kannadiga CJI and now heads the National Human Rights Commission. He served as Kerala HC and Chhattisgarh high court chief justice before becoming the CJI.

In the sports category, the government picked ‘gentleman sprinter’ Kenneth Powell, more than 50 years after he competed in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics alongside ‘flying Sikh’ Milkha Singh in men’s 400m relay squad. Powell is a 17-time national sprint champion. A feared fast bowler for Colonial Sports Club in Kolar Gold Fields, he later began training as an athlete after his coach advised him to concentrate on individual sports. His grandfather was a Welshman who worked in an ammunition factory in Nilgiris.

R Chetan from Hassan, who won gold in badminton at the World Dwarf Games in 2009, has made it to the list in the sports category.

Awardees also include prominent politicians — Margaret Alva, governor of four states, and former JD(S) MP Shivanand Koujalagi.

Alva, from Karwar in Uttara Kannada district, began her political journey in 1975 and played a big role at the national level after she was elected to the Rajya Sabha for four consecutive six-year terms from 1974.

Koujalagi, working president of the Karnataka Lingayat Education Society, was public works minister in the HD Deve Gowda cabinet in the state and later won the Bagalkot Lok Sabha seat. His son Mahantesh now represents Bailahongal in the legislative assembly. Geetha Ramanujam, educationist, is among the prominent awardees in the education category.

| WINNERS ALL | | |
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|  <p>I love tree planting more than any other award. I'll use this award money to plant more saplings in the hills and for other purposes. For me, trees are life and awards motivate me to spend more for the environment Kere Kamegowda ENVIRONMENTALIST, MANDYA</p> |  <p>I have been doing organic farming for many years and creating awareness about it among farmers. I've worked a lot in this and finally the government has recognised my service Mukhappa Poojar FARMER, HAVERI</p> | |
|  <p>Many of my old students called to congratulate me. I'm hearing their voices after a long time. If they are happy, I am happy too Cha Sarvamangala WRITER, POET</p> | <p>When you get overlooked for a long time and then get an award, it's doubly sweet. I'm delighted as it's my first state award. My name was recommended last year but removed at the last minute. I've achieved whatever I could with limited facilities. I didn't even train on a track but practised on a regular playground Kenneth Powell, 78 COMPETED IN 100M AT 1964 TOKYO OLYMPICS</p> | |
| THE ACHIEVERS' CLUB | | |
| <p>LITERATURE MS Prabhakara Hasan Nayeem Surakod Cha Sarvamangala Chandrashekar Talya</p> | <p>Vinaya VS Chethan R</p> <p>YAKSHAGANA Hiriyadka Gopal Rao Sitharam Kumar Kateel</p> | <p>JOURNALISM G N Ranganath Rao Basavaraj Swamy Ammembala Anand</p> |
| <p>RANGABHOOMI (THEATRE) SN Rangaswamy Puttaswamy Pampanna Kogali</p> | <p>BAILATTA Yellawa Rodappanavara Bheemaraya Boragi</p> | <p>CO-OPERATION C Ramu</p> |
| <p>MUSIC Annu Devadiga</p> | <p>CINEMA   Bhargava Rajan Jai Jagadeesh Datturaj</p> | <p>SOCIAL SERVICE Anand C Kunder Rachappa Hadapada Krishnakumar Poonja Margaret Alva</p> |
| <p>DANCE MR Krishnamurthy</p> | <p>EDUCATION Geetha Ramanujam AVS Murthy Dr KP Gopalkrishna Shivanand Koujalagi</p> | <p>AGRICULTURE Mahadevi Annarao Vanade Mukhappa Poojar</p> |
| <p>FOLK ART Guruva Koraga Ganga Huchamma Channa Malle Gowda Sharanappa Bhutera Shankaramma Mahadevappa Basavaraj Alagura Chudamani Ramachandra</p> | <p>ENGINEERING CEJ Justo</p> | <p>ENVIRONMENT Kaimane Kamegowda</p> |
| <p>SCULPTURE Yamanappa Chitragara Basanna Kalappa Kanchagara</p> | <p>OTHERS RS Rajaram Major Pradeep Arya CK Jorapur Narasimhaiah D Surendra Kumar Shanthappanavar PB Navashivayam Reguraj P Ramdas MJ Brahmaiah</p> | <p>ORGANISATION Rangadore Memorial Hospital</p> |
| <p>ART Basavaraj Revanasiddappa Uppina</p> | | <p>MEDICINE Dr Nadagouda JV Dr Sitharam Bhat Dr Mohanrao Dr M G Gopal</p> |
| <p>SPORTS Kenneth Powell</p> | | <p>JUSTICE H L Dattu</p> |
| | | <p>OUTSIDE STATE Dr AA Shetty</p> |
| | | <p>FREEDOM FIGHTER Basavaraj Bisaralli</p> |