

Kerala Center Year 2000 Awards

NEW YORK: The Indian-American Kerala Cultural and Civic Center has announced the recipients of its annual awards Nov 11. This year's award winners are Keralites who have been selected for their outstanding recognition in their fields as well as for philanthropy and community service. The guest of honor at the award night is T.P. Srinivasan, Deputy Ambassador at the Indian Embassy. The keynote address will be delivered by venture capitalist Sreedhar Menon.

Dr. Abraham George founded a non-profit charitable foundation in Bangalore--The George Foundation. This foundation is engaged in several humanitarian projects in Tamil Nadu and also involved in environmental and other issues. Shanti Bhavan and Baldev Medical and Community Centre are the two current projects running in India.

George is currently the chairman of eMedexOnline LLC, a start-up medical diagnostic company. He was also the chairman at SunGard, a New York Stock Exchange listed firm, which recently bought the company he founded over 20 years ago.

Dr. Margaret Abraham, Associate Professor and chair of the department of sociology and anthropology at Hofstra University getting an award for Social Sciences. Abraham latest book, "Speaking the Unspeakable: Marital Violence Among South Asian Immigrants in the United States" was recently published by Rutgers University Press.

Another recipient Prof. Sreenath Srinivasan who teaches journalism at Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism on courses such as New Media Workshop, Tools of the Modern Journalist, Advanced Reporting and Writing. Sreenath became founding administrator of the Online Journalism Awards, a new set of international prizes run by Columbia University.

Other awardees are Dr. Ram Mohan (Engineering), Dr.K. Sreekumaran Nair (Medicine), Dr. Babu George (Education), Jose Mundassery (Corporate Management), John Abraham (Community Service), Aleyamma Eapen (Nursing), Marykutty Kuriakos (Special Recognition).