

## **The Government of India's (Gol) conferred Laxman Singh the Padma Shri award**



Laxman Singh (Secretary) conferred with the Padma Shri the fourth highest civilian Awards of India in recognition of his distinguished contribution to the social work.

The Awards has been presented by the President of India at ceremonial functions which are held at Rashtrapati Bhawan on 22, March 20023.

As the founder and secretary of the Gram Vikas Navyuvak Mandal Laporiya (GVNML), Laxman Singh invented a unique in situ rain water conservation technology the “Chauka System” which is based on indigenous technical knowhow and is applied to the village commons, he promotes environmental conservation through eco-parks and Khulla Chidiyaghar (open aviaries). His initiatives in water harvesting and management have gained recognition in his native village, where the "Laporiya Model" for groundwater recharge has significantly enhanced rural livelihoods.

Furthermore, he initiated the Dharti Jatan Yatra a campaign aimed at creating awareness for development and management of common property resources which has successfully completed 38 years.