

Rare honour for NE Bishop in UK



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ITANAGAR: A Catholic bishop from [Arunachal](#) Pradesh received the Bharat Gaurav Award at a ceremony in [UK](#) on Friday fetching huge glory for the north [east](#).

He is none other than Bishop (Dr.) George Palliparambil of Miao diocese in East [Arunachal](#), who is the first Catholic Bishop to have received this award.

“This award felicitates people with extraordinary excellence in their fields and make [India](#) proud,” says Pt. Suresh Mishra [President](#) of Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha an [NGO](#) working with the vision of promoting Indian culture and society.

Mr Mishra added, “Bharat Gaurav Award is lifetime achievement award where Indian people from all [over](#) the world who achieve a landmark in their working area and made [India](#) proud, are being awarded in grand ceremony with a Coffee Table book launch.”

Started in 2012, the Bharat Gaurav Award” is in its sixith year.

In his award acceptance speech Bishop George underlined his lifelong commitment and concern for young people's education and health; promotion of [indigenous](#) methods for environment conservation, and upholding of traditional tribal values of valour, dignity and honest work.

Alumnus of Salesian College Darjeeling 1977 batch, Bishop George, 63 years, heads the remotest diocese in northeast [India](#).

Born in Kerala south [India](#), Bishop George has been working in northeast [India](#) for [over](#) 40 years. From 1979 to 1982 Brother George organised the migrant tribal students from [Arunachal](#) and [Tripura](#) who were in Shillong to get admissions, find rented facilities and mediated with the landlords to help them.

After his priestly ordination, in 1983 Fr George started the first residential school at [Tinsukia](#) to train tribal youth from neighbouring [Arunachal state](#) in schooling habits.

In 1990 he started Seva Kendra, an [NGO](#) for developmental activities. He also started first private school and hostel in Borduria village in 1992.

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