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Padamshree recipient Anil Joshi has been conferred Biotechnology Social Development Award

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Environmentalist and Padam Shree recipient Dr. Anil Joshi has been awarded the prestigious Biotechnology Development Award by the Biotechnology Department of Ministry of Science and Technology. He is only person to be selected for this award from all over the country. President Pranab Mukherjee presented the award to Dr Anil Joshi at a ceremony held at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dr. Anil Joshi has been researching the biodiversity of the Himalayan region for a long time and helped spread awareness about the protection of biodiversity of the region at national as well as international platforms. He educated the farmers of Uttarakhand about the use of gobar gas to lessen the dependence on wood for cooking. After the 2013 Uttarakhand disaster, he not only helped people in rehabilitation but also encouraged people towards fruit processing to generate income for the families.

He was presented with a scroll of honour and a cheque of Rs 5 lakh. Senior HESCO's scientist Dr Rakesh Kumar was also present on the occasion. The award is given to personalities whose organizations have done commendable work in social development sector.