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To,

**The Member Secretary,
Padma Awards Committee,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi 110001.**

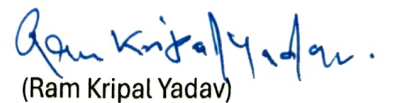
Subject: Recommendation for Conferment of Padma Shri upon Shri Suman Kumar

I am pleased to recommend the name of Shri Suman Kumar for the conferment of the Padma Shri Award in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Indian theatre, folk culture, broadcasting, and public service spanning over six decades.

Shri Kumar has made an outstanding contribution to preserving and promoting Bihar's rich cultural heritage. He pioneered the inclusion of women in mainstream theatre through the landmark production Amrapali, setting a new benchmark for the performing arts in the State. During the devastating Patna floods of 1975, he displayed exemplary courage and dedication by ensuring uninterrupted emergency broadcasts through All India Radio for nearly 48 hours, providing vital information to affected citizens. He also introduced theatre as an effective medium for rehabilitation and social reform by conducting theatre workshops in correctional institutions.

Over the years, Shri Kumar has remained a distinguished voice of Chhath Mahaparva and other important religious broadcasts on All India Radio. He has directed more than 150 stage productions and conducted over 1,000 street plays, making an invaluable contribution to preserving and popularising the folk theatre tradition of Bhikhari Thakur. His distinguished services have been recognised with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award (2023) and the Government of Bihar Lifetime Achievement Award (2025).

In view of his lifelong dedication to India's cultural heritage and his exemplary contribution to the field of theatre and public service, I strongly recommend the name of Shri Suman Kumar for the conferment of the Padma Shri Award. I respectfully request the Hon'ble Padma Awards Committee to consider his candidature favourably.


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