UNSUNG HERO OF THE YEAR

WINNER: MANOJ PK
LEMON TREE VEMBANAD LAKE RESORT

Manoj PK has been working as a Houseboat Serang at Lemon Tree Vembanad Lake Resort for the past 13 years. Troubled by the thought of devastation caused by the Kerala floods, the licensed speedboat driver, driven by duty towards his people, fearlessly braved the wrath of the raging waters, saving over 300 lives. As an ace swimmer, he volunteered to participate in the rescue operations initiated by the Kerala police and the fire department. During this risky mission, he was asked to travel to Chengannoor, in Alappuzha district on a speedboat, where he rescued about 20 people. He then contributed to the rescue operations in Aluva, in Ernakulam, a district severely affected by floods. While his speedboat was damaged, his spirit and determination was not. His selfless efforts were recognised and honoured by the Kerala state government, the fire force and the police. To his colleagues, he is a super hero like no other. His selfless and incredible feat demonstrates that no task is impossible, no sea so deep or no mountain so tall that one cannot scale it with passion, drive and determination.