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## PRESS RELEASE

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### Press Council of India Announces Awardees for Print Journalism

The Press Council of India today announced winners of National Awards for Excellence in Journalism in different categories. Whileno entry while could qualify for the top honour, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award carrying cash award of Rupees one lakh, **Corenelius Minj** of Khabar Mantra, Jharkhand and **R. Samban** of Deshabhimani, Kerala have been jointly awarded in the category of '**Rural Journalism**' for highlighting tribal issues and reporting on various aspects of rural life respectively. In the same category Certificate of Creative Excellence has been jointly given to **M. Shajil Kumar** of Malayala Manorama, Kerala and **Uttam Sengupta** of Outlook, New Delhi for reporting *inter-alia* on health issues in rural area and sanitation in villages of India respectively. While **Kumar Sambhav Shrivastava** of Down to Earth, New Delhi has bagged the top honour in '**Developmental Reporting**' category for his story on Tiger Conservation, Certificates of Creative Excellence have been given in this category to **Rahi Gaikwad** of The Hindu, New Delhi and **Neha Bhatt** of Outlook, New Delhi for the stories on caste violence and infamous suicide point of Jabalpur respectively. **Priyadarshani Sen** of Outlook, New Delhi has been selected for '**Stree Shakti**' main Award for her story of lesbian couples in India, and Certificate of Creative Excellence in '**Stree Shakti**' category has gone to **Davis Pynadath** of Deepika Daily, Kerala for his stories on Women Empowerment. **Neeraj Priyadarshi** of The Indian Express, New Delhi has been selected for main Award for '**Photo Journalism in Single News Picture**' Category, while Certificate of Creative Excellence has gone to **Kamal Kishore** of Press Trust of India, New Delhi. In '**Photo Feature**' Category of '**Photo Journalism**', main Award has gone to **Piyal Adhikary** of

European Pressphoto Agency, West Bengal. In the same Category Certificate of Creative Excellence has gone to **Ravi Kanojia** of The Indian Express, New Delhi. **Md. Wasimul Haque** of Akhbar-E-Mashriq, Delhi and **Muhammad Atif** of Sahafat, Delhi have been given joint Award in the category of '**Urdu Journalism**',for their contribution to Urdu Journalism.

The awards to be conferred on November 16, 2014 on the occasion of National Press Day were chosen by a jury comprising of S/Shri Krishna Prasad, Convenor, Sondeep Shankar, K. Amarnath, C.K. Nayak, Ravindra Kumar, S.N. Sinha, Prakash Dubey, Pankaj Vohra, Gurinder Singh, Members, Press Council of India and Anis Azmi, Secretary, Urdu Academy. The Members of the Jury associated with the papers represented by the contestants recused during consideration of that particular entry.

The Press Council of India entrusted with the responsibility of encouraging the media to observe the principle of Freedom with Responsibility while perusing its duties, has instituted these awards to encourage ethical and responsible journalism.

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