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Press Release

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM, 2019

Press Council of India Announces winners

The Press Council of India hereby declares the winners of National Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2019. They shall be honoured on the National Press Day, November 16, 2019, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Shri Gulab Kothari, eminent journalist and Chairman of Rajasthan Patrika Private Limited, has been selected under the prestigious category of “**Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**” for his outstanding contribution towards Journalism and will be venerated with citation.

Mr. Sanjay Saini, Correspondent Dainik Bhaskar, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh and **Mr. Raj Chengappa**, Group Editorial Director (Publishing), India Today, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, have been jointly designated the award in the category of “**Rural Journalism**” for their respective articles captioned “**भारत जापान की-यारी, मंडी जिला में किसानों के खेतों में लिख रही हैं विकास की नई कहानी**” and “**The New Bharat; Hope and grand ambition course through the great Indian hinterland even amid the enveloping gloom of rural distress**”.

Mr. Shiva Swaroop Awasthi, Senior Reporter, Dainik Jagaran and **Shri Anu Abraham**, Sub-Editor, Mathrubhumi, Calicut have been jointly selected in the category of ‘**Developmental Reporting**’ for their series of articles respectively published under the following caption on “**बदहली पाठा की**” from 15.7.2018 to 22.8.2018 and “**Arogya Keralum learning Not (about the Nipah outbreak in Kerala)**” from 2.6.2018.to 6.6.2018 respectively.

Under the category of “**Photo Journalism – Single News Picture**”, **Shri P.G. Unnikrishnan**, Senior Photographer, The Mathrubhumi, New Delhi for the photo published with caption “**Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Canadian Counterpart Justin Trudeau at Rashtrapati Bhawan during a ceremonial reception to the latter. Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, fondly touches younger son of Justin Trudeau.**” and **Mr. Akhil E.S**, News Photographer, Mathrubhumi, National Daily, Malayalam for the photograph published with caption “**They had no aversion to splashing of mud on their cloths and they enjoy this spot as anything else mud football**”, have been jointly awarded.



Ms. Sipra Das, Consulting Editor (Photography), India Empire Magazine and Parliamentarian Magazine, Delhi has been selected in the category of **“Photo Journalism – Photo Feature”** for the published photographic illustration under the caption **“Sahil’s Journey with AIDS”**.

Mr. Saurabh Duggal, Hindustan Times, Chandigarh has been selected in the **“Sports Reporting”** for the article published under caption **“Rugby gives wings to tribal girls from impoverished Bengal Village”**.

Ms. Ruby Sarkar, Special Correspondent, Deshbandhu, Bhopal and **Ms. Anuradha Mascarenhas**, Senior Editor, The Indian Express, Pune have been jointly awarded in the newly introduced award category of **‘Gender Based Reporting’** for their respective articles under captioned **“मिथिला की हिम्मत से आत्मनिर्भर हुआ सरीखेरा गाँव”** and **“Locals at Araku valley help reach out to tribal women, ensure zero maternal deaths in last two year”**.

Mr. Krishn Kaushik, and **Shri Sandeep Singh**, working with The Indian Express have been selected in the newly introduced award category of **“Financial Reporting”** for their joint series of articles on **“ICICI: CEO Chanda Kochhar; Videocon gets rupees 3250 Cr. Loan from ICICI Bank CEO’s husband gets sweet deal from Venugopal dhooth; Chanda Kochers’ Brother in law advised ICICI Borrowers on their foreign loans”**

This year, **no entry could qualify** under the category of award **“The Best Newspapers Art: Covering, Cartoons, Caricatures and Illustration”**.

The awardees will be honoured on November 16, 2019, by the Press Council of India on the occasion of the National Press Day celebration. The selection of the awardees was carried out by a Jury comprising of eminent members of the Press Council of India i.e. Shri Jai Shankar Gupta, Convenor, Shri Balwinder Singh Jammu, Shri Ashok Upadhyay, Shri Kamal Nain Narang, Shri Shayam Singh Panwar, Dr. K Sreenivasrao, Prof. (Ms.) Sushma Yadav, as members of the Press Council of India (PCI) and Shri Anshuman Tiwari, Editor, India Today, as a co-opted Financial Expert.

