



Press Council of India

National Awards for Excellence in Journalism

**Freedom with responsibility.....National Awards for honouring
journalists excelling in print journalism in various fields.....**

Year 2016

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A. Introduction

The Press Council of India has been mandated by the Parliament to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom. This, it has been doing through its adjudications as well as pronouncements and reports on specific issues.

To encourage the media to pursue its duties effectively without fear or favour following the dictum of 'freedom with responsibility', the Press Council of India, as the only statutory authority enjoying such mandate, proposes to institute National Awards to honour journalists excelling in print journalism in various fields in the calendar year 2015.

Whereas One main Award 'Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for Excellence in Journalism' in honour of one of the greatest reformer journalists of the country, carries a cash award of Rupees One Lakh, and a plaque/citation remaining awards in the fields of Rural Journalism and Developmental Reporting, Investigative Journalism, Photo Journalism and Best Newspapers Art carry cash award Rupees fifty thousand each and a plaque/citation. The Press Council of India will honour the journalists selected by the jury for having excelled in various fields on the occasion of National Press Day, 16th November.

B. Categories of Awards

1. **Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for Excellence in Journalism** - The award to be conferred on the basis of nomination from entrants selection by jury on the basis of (a) own knowledge, (b) nominations received from associations of journalists, editors and newspapers and, (c) nominations received from members of civil society and will recognized seminal journalistic efforts in upholding the ideals of a free Press and given to an Editor, columnist, photojournalist or cartoonist who has done substantial work in the preceding year.
2. **Rural Journalism & Developmental Reporting**
3. **Investigative Journalism**
4. **Photo Journalism**
 - (i) **Single News Picture**
 - (ii) **Photo Feature**
5. **The Best Newspapers Art**

C. Eligibility

1. Open to all journalists/freelancers of Indian nationality. The nomination of journalist employed with a newspaper to be made by the editor of the newspaper/news agency, who shall declare that the journalist being nominated has been in regular employment of the newspaper/news agency for the preceding calendar year. He/She should have contributed at least 10-15 reports/photographs with by line in the given year. The nomination to be counter signed by the nominated journalist. Freelancers making self-nomination may also file a self attested declaration.
2. Joint Declaration by the editor and nominated journalist or by freelancer that the material taken into consideration for award is the sole creation of the journalist/photo-journalist and was first published in the preceding calendar year and all rights of the material vest in the newspaper/journalist/photo-journalist.

3. Language Paper articles should be translated in English /Hindi.
4. All photo entries must include a caption either in English or Hindi translation thereof.
5. Each entry must also document journalist's/photo-journalist's professional status.
6. Awards are not open to sitting members of the Council.
7. The Award for 'Best Newspapers Art' covering cartoons, caricatures and illustration relates to the creativity of the art journalism through the medium of newspapers.

D. Criteria

1. The Council will issue advertisement in newspapers alongwith Press Release and Notice on the Website of the Council inviting the entries in prescribed format (Entry Form, Declaration Forms and Rules) along with the CV of the nominated journalist/ photo-journalist from the Editors of Registered Newspaper.
2. Names of Selected Candidates will be announced by November 2, 2016.
3. Selected candidates to be awarded on National Press Day i.e. 16 November, 2016.

E. Selection Procedure

A jury comprising of six members of the Council including a Presiding Officer along with non-members from the fields of journalism will finalise the names of the winners.

The jury shall have the discretion to recommend that an award in any particular category may not be given if they are of the opinion that the entries in that category are not of the

required standard and to thereafter recommend the change of the category.

The decision of the jury shall be final and binding and no appeal or correspondence shall lie regarding their decision.

All entries addressed to the Secretary, Press Council of India, Soochna Bhawan, 8-C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 in sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL" should be sent so as to reach her on or before 5 p.m. on 20th August, 2016. Advanced soft copies can be e-mailed at secy-pci@nic.in, ds-pci@nic.in

F. Contact:

The Secretary
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Declaration

On the Organization letter head

On behalf of _____, I, (Full Name of Editor of the Newspaper/News Agency), S/o_____R/o_____ certify that the material taken into consideration for award is the sole creation of the journalist/photo-journalist and was first published in the preceding calendar year and all rights of the material vest in the newspaper/journalist/photo-journalist.

Place: _____ (Signature of the Editor of
Date: _____ the Newspaper/News Agency)

Declaration of Nominee/Freelancer

I (Full Name).....S/o.....
R/o..... do hereby solemnly affirm that the material taken into consideration for award is my sole creation and was first published in the preceding calendar year and all rights of the material vest in me/my newspaper.

Place: _____ (Signature of the Nominee
Date: _____ /Freelancer)

Entry Form

1. Full Name of Editor of Nominating Newspaper/ News Agency.....
2. Full Name of the Nominee.....
3. Gender: M/F.....
4. Date of Birth.....
5. Educational/Professional Qualifications.....
6. Experience.....
7. Category in which being nominated: (only one per person)
 - I. Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award for Excellence in Journalism ()
 - II. Rural Journalism& Development Reporting ()
 - III Investigative Journalism
 - IV. Photo Journalism
 - (a)Single News Picture ()
 - (b)Photo Feature ()
 - V The Best newspaper Art ()
8. Nominated journalists/photo-journalists professional details be attached.
(Scanned material may also be e-mailed)
9. Address: (Office).....
(Resi.).....
Email Address.....
Mobile No.

**(Signature of the Nominee/
Freelancer)**

(Signature of the Editor)

Full Name
Name of the Newspaper/News Agency....
Address of the Newspaper/News Agency...
E-mail Address.....

Please note :

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No entry received after 05.00 p.m. on 20.08.2016 will be entertained.

Advance soft copies can be sent to Secretary, Press Council of India with nominations at e-mail address secy-pci@nic.in, ds-pci@nic.in

Rules for National Awards for Excellence in Journalism

1. There is no fee for submission of an entry.
2. Each entry shall be made in the manner and with the forms and enclosures mentioned herein.
3. The Awards are open to all journalists of Indian nationality employed on a regular basis in registered newspaper across the country and also the freelancers except the sitting members of the Council.
4. The entry submitted must be from the Editor of a Registered Newspaper/News Agency and the freelancers on their own.
5. The original articles/photographs submitted of the publication/coverage must indicate the publication date.
6. Any significant challenge to the veracity, accuracy, fairness, or authenticity or objection to significant omission of any entry such as published letters, corrections, clarifications, retractions, should be included.
7. The entry must disclose if the article/photograph is a subject matter of legal challenge/proceedings. The Jury and/or the Press Council of India may require the nominee to furnish additional information/explanation in such case.
8. No more than one entry for the same journalist/photo-journalist may be submitted. No newspaper/news agency may have more than one entry in each category.
9. Winners who have received awards two times for the same article/photograph will not be eligible for nomination.
10. An English, Hindi translation must be supplied for an entry in regional language.
11. A sponsoring letter of nomination should be submitted, signed by the Editor of the newspaper/news agency.
12. Incomplete entry form and enclosures, torn, ripped and or mutilated will automatically invalidate the entry and disqualify the nominee.

13. The article/photograph entered must have been published in the preceding calendar year.
14. The nominees will be deemed to have read and understood the rules and regulations when they sign the entry form.
15. The Press Council of India have full right and license to announce the prize winners and in pursuance thereof or otherwise to cover the National Awards for Excellence in Journalism, publish the content of the material and/or biography sketch with or without the photograph and with or without the name of the newspaper/news agency, which have been submitted.
16. The material and entry form once submitted shall become the property of the Press Council of India.
17. The decision of the jury appointed by the Press Council of India shall be final and binding. No correspondence of whatsoever nature will be entertained by the Press Council of India.
18. The names of the winners and the prizes will be announced by the Press Council of India. The date of announcement of results and the place for distribution of the prizes will be at the sole discretion of the Press Council of India.
19. The Press Council of India reserves its right to suspend, cancel, or modify the rules and regulations for these Awards at any time and without prior notice.
20. No claim of whatsoever nature shall be entertained if the winner(s) fail(s) to collect the Prize(s) at the Awards ceremony and/or venue specified by the Press Council of India or within two months thereof.
21. New Delhi Courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction.
22. The Award categories and criteria are specified at www.presscouncil.nic.in. Complete entries should be submitted to Secretary, Press Council of India, Sochna Bhawan, 8-C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003. Soft copies can be emailed to secy-pci@nic.in, ds-pci@nic.in (as in advt.)