

CHIEF MINISTER EXHORTS JOURNALISTS TO VERIFY FACTS BEFORE REPORTING

Eminent Personalities from Journalism Felicitated at NPD

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Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant exhorting upon the journalists to verify facts, as responsible citizens before reporting and putting it in public domain pointed that it takes time and years to build image and reputation. He also urged them to follow norms of journalist while reporting sensitive cases.

Addressing the gathering at the National Press Day function organized by the Department of Information and Publicity in association with the Editors, Guild, GUJ, PJAG, SJAG, EMJAG and SGJA in the city today Dr. Sawant sought the support of the print and electronic media to make the image of the government in attracting investment and undertaking development in the State. A balanced view has to be put across the people taking into account the larger interest of the State, he added.

Speaking further, the Chief Minister expressing his desire to give additional responsibilities to the DIP not just at the national but international level said that the department will soon shoulder total responsibilities to propagate the ideas, policies and programmes in all sectors, modalities for which is being worked out.

Extending his wishes to the brethren in the journalist fraternity on the National Press Day, Dr, Sawant said that the approach and connect with DIP is changing. It has been making on efforts to redress and sort out difficulties faced by the journalists.

Director, Information and Publicity, Smt Meghana Shetgaonkar welcoming the gathering said that the media plays a important role to bridge the gap between media and the people. She also listed the various schemes implemented by the Department for the welfare of the journalists.

Secretary, Information & Publicity, Shri Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Editors of different print and electronic media, senior journalists and other journalist attended the function.

The Panel discussion on 'Reporting Interpretation: A Journey,' had the participation of Editor, Times of India, Shri Rajesh Menon; Shri Ashley Do Rosario, Sr. Journalists, Smt. Pamela D'Mello and Executive Editor, Goan Varta, Shri Kishor Naik Gaonkar. The discussion was moderated by Editor, Prudent Shri Pramod Acharya.

The panelists deliberating and sharing their views and thoughts on the 'Reporting Interpretation: A Journey' felt that interpretation is the pinnacle of journalism underscored the need to understand the subject matter before passing out to the people.

Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant participating in the panel discussion stressed the need to check and verify the matter before putting it forth to the general public to ensure that the right perspective is placed before them.

Senior Journalists Shri Alister Miranda, Shri Mahesh Divekar and Shri Ganadeep Sheldekar were felicitated for their meritorious contribution in the field of journalism.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed on veteran journalist, Shri Lambert Mascarenhas for his contribution to the field of journalism.

The Best Editor Award on National integration and communal harmony was conferred on Shri Paresh Prabhu in the State Journalist Awards given by the Department of Information and Publicity. The recipient of awards in other category being sports category Reporting - Shri. Marcus Mergulhao; Best Photographer - Shri Rajtilak Naik; best reporting on Art and Culture, Shri Kashiram Mahambrey; Best Reporting with special reference to Women and Children/ Social - Ms. Gauree Malkarnekar; Best Reporting in Public Health and Hygiene - Shri Rohan Shrivastava and for Rural Reporting - Ms. Nibedita Sen.

Prizes were presented to winners in the Photo Contest titled 'Explore New Touristic Spots in Goa' under the scheme 'The Goa State Photo Contest and Exhibition', organised by the Department of Information and Publicity. The first, second and third place went to Shri Rajtilak Naik, Shri Upendra Naik and Shri Ganesh S. Shetkar respectively while the consolation prizes were awarded to Shri Manish S. Chopdekar (First), Shri Vaibhav D. Bhagat (Second), Ms. Sneha Lotlikar (Third), Shri Sagun Gawade (Fourth) and Bharati Naik (Fifth).

Under the Photo Contest titled 'Rare Photographs of Ex-Chief Minister, late Manohar Parrikar' under the scheme 'The Goa State Photo Contest and Exhibition', the first, second and third prize was awarded to Shri Rajtilak Naik, Shri Ganesh S. Shetkar and Shri Kailas L. Naik, respectively. Consolation prizes were given to Shri Sagun Gawade (First), Shri Prasad Shirodkar (Second), Shri Atish A. Naik (Third), Shri Amey B. Naik (Fourth) and Shri Upendra Naik (Fifth Prize).

The judges for the photo contests were Shri Silvestre Estibeirol, Shri Wilfred Goes and Shri Prasad Pankar.

Prizes were also given to the winners of the State Level Quiz competition organised by Department of Information and Publicity at Institute Menezes Braganza to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on the topic 'The Journey of Mahatma Gandhi: from Mohandas to Mahatma. Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar bagged the first prize. Government College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Sankhali and Fr. Agnel College, Pilar were awarded second and third place, respectively, Rosary College for Women, Navelim and St. Xavier's College, Mapusa were given consolation prizes.

Smt. Vasudha Vinay Gaonkar wife of late Vinay Gaonkar, who worked as a journalist with Tarun Bharat was also handed over the sanction order Rs. 5 lakhs under The Ex-Gratia Compassionate Assistance Scheme.

Editor, Navprabha, Shri Paresh Prabhu proposed the vote of thanks while Information Assistant, DIP, Shri Shyam Gaonkar compered the function.

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