

NATIONAL PRESS DAY TO BE CELEBRATED ON NOV 16
D’Cunha to be bestowed with Lifetime achievement Award

November 14, 2022

The Department of Information and Publicity will celebrate National Press Day on the occasion of Foundation Day of the Press Council of India on **November 16, 2022** at Mini Hall, Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji from 3 pm onwards. The Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant will be the Chief Guest while Secretary, Information and Publicity, Shri Subhash Chandra, IAS, will be the Guest of Honour.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed on Cyril D’Cunha, a senior journalist in recognition of his dedicated services and immense contribution towards Journalism. This award is awarded after the retirement from the service in the field of Journalism.

Former Editor, Dainik Herald, Shri Rajendra Dessai, Shri Vithaldas Hegde from Herald Publications, Senior photographer, Shri Arvind Tengse, Senior Journalist, Shri Peter D’Souza and Former Editor, Gomantak, Shri Kishor Shet Mandrekar will be felicitated for their contribution to the field of journalism.

The National Press Day will be celebrated in collaboration with Goa Editor’s Guild, Goa Union of Journalists, Photo Journalist’s Association Goa, Electronic Media Journalist’s Association, Sports Journalist’s Association Goa and South Goa Journalist’s Association.

There will be an interactive session on the topic ‘Impact and Influence on Media Reporting on Crime and Sensitive Matters’ wherein IPS, S.P, North, Goa Police, Shri Shobhit Saksena; Goa Union of Journalists (GUJ) representative, Shri Vasudev Pagi; Assistant Resident Editor, Times of India, Shri Vijay D’ Souza; Representative of Electronic Media, Shri Loukik Shilkar; Photojournalist, Shri Sandip Naik and representative of COOJ, a mental health foundation will participate. It will be moderated by Editor, Goan Varta, Shri Pandurang Gaonkar.

Government of Goa through the Department of Information and Publicity had instituted awards namely, “The Goa State Journalist Awards” are conferred in nine categories for news items and articles published during the previous calendar year. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- each in different categories besides a certificate and a memento.

It may be noted that the Goa State Journalist Awards scheme is devised to encourage local journalists to exhibit their talents as regards to penning good stories, gain confidence, thus resulting in creating mass awareness in the society.

The Best Editor Award on National Integration and Communal Harmony has been bagged by Shri Raju Naik, Editor Director, Gomantak for his Editorial “Vidhvanshkaran”.

The award in Rural Reporting has been bagged by Shri Ganesh Shetkar, of Lokmat for his reports ‘Foot bridge la lagli masti khoranchi najar’. The award for Reporting in Public Health and Hygiene has been bagged by Shri Christine Machado, of The Navhind Times for her report on a special journey. The award for Reporting with special reference to Women and Children/ Social issue has been bagged by Shri Laukik Shilkar and Shri Kalpesh Gawas from Prudent for their report ‘Sattari Flood story’. Shri Marcus Mergulhao from Times of India, bagged the award in Sport Reporting for his report ‘In Goa’s remote eastern villages, kids fall in love at first sight –with Hockey. The award on Reporting on Art and Culture has been bagged by Shri Vishwanath Nene, of Goan varta live for his report Quepem Bori Traditional tonya khel.

The award in Reporting on Education has been bagged by Shri Ramnath Pai Raikar from the Navhind Times for his report ‘E- learning beyond screen time cap exasperates students’ while the award in category of Reporting on Government Achievement has been bagged by Ms Gauree Malkarnekar attached to Times of India for her report ‘In a first Goa make at green booth made by artisans’.

The award in PhotoJournalism (Best Photograph of the year) is bagged by Shri Sandeep Desai, Gomantak.

The State awards committee consisted of Judges Shri Prakash Kamat, Shri Deepak Narvekar, PRO/ Dy General Manager GTDC and Shri Nagesh Sardesai.

The results of the Goa State Photo Contest and Exhibition Scheme -2014 and the Goa State Journalists Awards 2022 are also declared by the Department. The Photo Competition was held in two different categories - category1 – ‘Goan Traditional Occupation’ and category-2 ‘Spiritual Tourism in Goa’.

In category-1 under the topic ‘Goan Traditional Occupation’, the first prize was bagged by Shri Hemant Parab, attached to the Navhind Times. The second Prize won by Shri Raj Tilak Naik, and third prize bagged by Nicole Soares, Borda Margao. The five consolation prizes under the category were bagged by Shri Manthan H Desai, Shri Visharad Rohidas Veluskar from Velus Valpoi, Shri

Dattaprasad Gurudas Naik, Betim, Shri Misbun Moraes from Cuncolim and Shri Ganesh Shetkar, Shirolu Keri respectively.

Under category -2 on the topic 'Spiritual Tourism in Goa' the first prize won by Shri Raj Tilak Naik, President of Goa Union of Journalist and Senior Photographer attached to Times of India (Goa Edition), the second prize was bagged by Shri Ganesh Shetkar, Shirolu Keri and third prize was bagged by Shri Misban Moras. Consolation prizes under category 2 were bagged by Shri Soham Pai Kudav, Shri Hemant Parab, Visharad Rohidas Veluskar, Noy V. Fernandes, from Raia and Shri Dattaprasad Gurudas Naik, Betim.

The State Scrutiny Committee composed of Shri Chandan Naik Gaonkar, an eminent Photographer; Shri Willy Goes, Prof, College of Art and Shri Lourenco Fernandes, Senior retired Photographer from Department of Information and Publicity Judged the contest.

Persons from the media and press fraternity are invited to the function.

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