

'RedInk Veer Patrakar Puraskar'

Mumbai, 25 April:

Diksha Singh, the 18 year old daughter of journalist Jagendra Singh, who died of his burn injuries on 8 June 2015, will receive the '**RedInk Veer Patrakar Puraskar**' Award on behalf of her father. She is traveling from the small UP town of Shahjahanpur especially for the award event.

The Mumbai Press Club has awarded the RedInk Award for bravery posthumously to **Jagendra Singh**, a Hindi language journalist who ran a Facebook page called *Shahjahanpur Samachar*, wherein he exposed the corrupt practices of a local MLA and UP minister. One of the issues taken up was the minister's illegal sand mining activity. In his dying declaration recorded as an FIR he named the minister for setting him on fire on 1 June 2015. He died on 8 June 2015 from his burn injuries. The UP government has claimed he set himself on fire. A writ petition filed by journalist Mudit Mathur from Lucknow is pending before the Supreme Court.

Besides Jagendra Singh, 25 other journalists will receive awards in various categories of print and video stories. These include Mr T N Ninan, Chairman & Editorial Director of Business Standard, and NDTV India's senior Executive Editor, Ravish Kumar. The Mumbai Press Club will also present the '**RedInk Start-up of the Year**' Award to The Wire.

In an interesting element of the Award ceremony, well known columnist Shobhaa De will anchor a panel discussion on: '**Who Shot the Messenger?**' Others on the panel include Senior Journalists Ravish Kumar, Sucheta Dalal and Siddharth Varadarajan.

The final countdown to the Mumbai Press Club Redink Awards Night –Tuesday, the 26th of April, 2016 has begun. The Awards will be presented to the winners at the Jamshed Bhaba Hall, NCPA, in Mumbai on **26th April at 6.30 pm**. Shri CH VidyasagarRao, Governor of Maharashtra will be the chief guest for the event while Shri PiyushGoyal, Union Minister for Power, Coal, new & Renewable Energy will be the Guest of Honour.

Members are requested to pick up a hard copy of the Invitation from the Press Club Reception on or before the event to gain admittance to the venue. Being a formal function, it is open only to members and special invitees.

Star India is the Presenting Partner for Mumbai Press Club Redink Awards for Excellence in Journalism 2016. The awards partners are Aditya Birla Group,

Indiabulls Housing, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Zee Entertainment, Eros International, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, 63 Moon Technologies and JSW Group.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday April 26 at the RedInk Awards.

Warm Regards,

Secretary

Mumbai Press Club