

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR T.N. NINAN,

RAVISH KUMAR OF NDTV GETS 'JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR',

Mumbai, 15 April: he Mumbai Press Club has bestowed the Redink Award for Lifetime Achievement in Journalism on T N Ninan, Chairman & Editorial Director of Business Standard. The award, part of the RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism, 2016, will be given to Mr Ninan by the Governor of Maharashtra on Tuesday, 26 April, in Mumbai.

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes Mr Ninan's extensive contribution to business journalism through good editorial leadership he provided over the years to a host of publications. In particular, Mr Ninan, in the face of challenging business conditions, managed to revive and stabilize the Business Standard Group as an institution with high editorial standards.

Simultaneously, the coveted Redink 'Journalist of the Year' Award has been given to TV anchor and NDTV India's senior Executive Editor, Ravish Kumar, for his consistent and down to earth reporting on politics and issues that concern the common man.

Apart from these two awards, the Redink Awards for Excellence in Journalism are given in 10 other categories for meritorious work in TV, print and digital formats. The categories include Politics, Crime, Health & Wellness, Business, Environment, Human Rights, Photography, Science & Innovation, Entertainment & Lifestyle and Sports.

The selection of award winners is made by a jury of distinguished persons with domain knowledge for each of the categories. This year the juries include Justice B N Srikrishna for Human Rights, Shobha De for Entertainment & Lifestyle, SBI chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya for Business, Harsha Bhogle for sports and Sudheendra Kulkarni for Politics. Nearly 1,500 entries and nominations were received this year, up from 800 received last year. The judging process for the 10 categories is currently under way and will be completed by Saturday, 16 April.

The Principal Media Partner of the Redink Awards is STAR India, and is supported by the Aditya Birla Group, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, Zee Entertainment, Eros International, Indiabulls Housing, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, 63 Moons Technologies and JSW Steel.

In a period when journalists and journalism are under severe threat and pressures from violence, vested interest and hashtag writing, the theme for the Redink Awards-2016 is: 'TO RISE ABOVE IT ALL'.

The Awards will be presented to the winners at a glittering ceremony at the Jamshed Bhaba Hall, NCPA, in Mumbai on 26th April at 6.30 pm. The Guest of Honour for the event is Piyush Goyal, Union Minister for Power, Coal, new & Renewable Energy.

The RedInk Awards, the only national recognition for good journalism instituted by a professional body, have been created to raise the bar of news and feature writing in India and to encourage fair play and high ethical standards in media.

In the past, doyens of journalism including Vinod Mehta, Kuldip Nayar, N.Ram, Mrinal Pande and last year Dr Prannoy Roy have been honoured with the 'Redink Award for Lifetime Achievement' for their long and consistent service to the profession.