

Celebrating 'Good Journalism Achievers' XIC Alumni

Hiral Sachde (JR 03-04) and **Khushboo Narayan** (JR 04-05) students of XIC – Journalism, were awarded for **Business and Economic Journalism (Broadcast)** CNBC in the 2nd Ramnath Goenka Excellence in Journalism Awards, presented by The Hon'ble President of India - A P J Abdul Kalam, on 16 July 2007.

The Indian Express reported on “**the biggest media awards in India**” in their edition of 17th July 2007.

Some excerpts:

“The Ramnath Goenka Awards for excellence in journalism have set a much – needed benchmark for journalism in India”

Mr. Vivek Goenka, Chairman of the Ramnath Goenka Foundation and Chairman and Managing Director of the Indian Express Group, pointed out, “There is ceaseless deluge of in-formation on the internet: of news, views, and more commonly, views as news. It's here that good journalists have to step in with their compasses and their searchlights. That's why never before has there been a more pressing need for the media to build Public trust and credibility.” “All the prize-winning reports today, he added, fulfilled this trust. These were stories that would never have been told had these reporters not gone after them.”

Among guests who attended the function were : Infosys - chairman N R Narayana Murthy, former ONGC chairman Subir Raha, senior Supreme Court lawyer Fali Nariman, economist Meghnad Desai, former editor of The India Express Arun Shourie and filmmaker Shyam Benegal.



Hiral Sachde (JR 03-04)



Khushboo Narayan (JR 04-05)

**24 journalist told stories that would otherwise have not been told –
And were applauded for being the finest in the media**

The 24 awards given to outstanding reports from broadcast and print media through 15 various categories were:

- Journalist of the Year (Print) Ritu Sarin The India Express
- Journalist of the Year (Broadcast) Rajdeep Sardesai, CNN-IBN
- Uncovering India Invisible (Print) Vivek Madhao Deshpande, The Indian Express
- Uncovering India Invisible (Broadcast) Nilanjana Bose (CNN – IBN)
- Political Reporting (Print) Manini Chatterjee, The Indian Express
- Political Reporting (Broadcast) Rohit Khanna, CNN
- **Business and Economic Journalism (Broadcast) Hiral Sachde and Khushboo Narayan, CNBC**
- Environmental Reporting (Broadcast) Bahar Dutt, CNN-IBN
- Foreign Correspondent Covering India (Print) Amelia Gentleman, International Herald Tribune
- Regional Award, Northeast (Broadcast) Kishalay Bhattacharjee, NDTV
- Regional Award, Northeast (Print) David Buhni, Northeast Sun
- Regional Award, Jammu and Kashmir (Broadcast) Zaffar Iqbal, NDTV
- Regional Award, Jammu and Kashmir (Print) Syed Nazakat, Sahara Times
- Regional Award, Indian Language (Broadcast) MV Nikesh Kumar, Indiavision
- Regional Award, Indian Languages (Print) Reji Joseph, Rashtra Deepika
- Regional Award, Hindi (Broadcast) Ravish Kumar, NDTV
- Regional Award, Hindi (Print) Bhasha Singh, Outlook Saptahik
- Sports Journalism (Broadcast) Gautam Bhimani, ESPN / Star Sports
- Sports Journalism (Print) Shivani Naik, The Indian Express
- Reporting on HIV / AIDS (Print - English) – Sadhna Mohan, AIDS Buzz
- Reporting on HIV / AIDS (Print - Marathi) – Shekhar Vasant Deshmukh, Loksatta.
- Journalism Award for Books (Non-Fiction) – Dionne Bunsha, Frontline
- Films & Television (Print) Mayank Shekhar, Mumbai Mirror

Hiral and Khushboo have been reporting for CNBC TV 18's weekly half hour Economic Crime show "Uncovered". The Award winning report was on " Benami PAN Scam". The investigative story exposed how a PAN card can be obtained without authentic documents and identity proofs. [Click here to Watch the Video](#)