Awards for science communication conferred on National Science Day

New Delhi, February 28 (India Science Wire): National awards for excellence in science communication were presented to science communicators in different fields on Tuesday to mark the National Science Day.

The National Science Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect', a Nobel Prize winning discovery by Sir C.V. Raman. Minister for science and technology Dr Harsh Vardhan gave away the awards, which were instituted in 1987 by the National Council of Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC). The theme of the science day this year is "Science and technology for specially-abled Persons".

The Kalinga Foundation Trust, Bhubaneswar and Dr. M.V. Padma Srivastava, New Delhi, were given the for National Award for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Communication. The award consists of Rupees two lakhs, a memento and a citation.

Dr. Ranjit Singh (Punjab Agriculture University) and Dr. Shubashree Desikan (The Hindu, Chennai) have been chosen for the National Award for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Communication through Print Media including books and magazines.

Delhi State Science Teachers Forum, Delhi; Padmalochan Pradhan, Balasore and Sanjay Bapurao Pujari, Satara are selected for National Award for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Popularization among Children. Dr. Shally Awasthi, Lucknow, is the National Awardee for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Communication through Innovative and Traditional Methods. Dr. Anil Kumar Tripathi, Lucknow and G.S. Unnikrishnan Nair, Thiruvananthapuram were given National Award for Outstanding Efforts in Science & Technology Communication in the Electronic Medium. All the awards consist of Rupees one lakh, a memento and a citation each.

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