

Journalist Award

'Lab Azad' is an independent award given to print and broadcast journalists who exhibit distinction in reporting on social issues. This year Sukh Initiative, in acknowledgement of the importance of rights based journalism in health reporting, contributed to the holding of the award. The award encourages high quality, right-based health reporting. Specific social issues are selected for the award, under which key nominations are invited from journalists nationwide. An independent jury comprising veteran and highly respected journalists evaluated shortlisted stories against an established criterion for finalizing winners. This year twelve journalists received the awards on rights based reporting for news stories on: I) population growth and realization of human rights, II) health rights with focus on access to services, and III) women rights with focus on reproductive health and family planning.

