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## **AWARD FOR PROGRESSIVE AND SENSIBLE REPORTING IN PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA ON ISSUES RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH**

Mental illness is often marked with stigma which remains a huge barrier to receiving help. Responsible members of public and organizations have a duty to ensure that persons suffering from mental illness are not prejudiced or marginalized.

Print and electronic media are powerful mediums which can positively influence public opinion and bring about a change in the way society treats mentally ill. Another important aspect being the sensitivity with which the deaths by suicide are depicted in the news items. One should not reveal the identity of the victim and sensationalise the unfortunate event; it is important that the aggrieved family members are not further traumatized.

The Psychiatric Society of Goa hence has decided to institute an annual award to acknowledge progressive and sensitive reporting in print and electronic media.

How to apply:

The journalist/reporter of the Print/Electronic media house can apply by filling the application form and attach the news item/media story along with the pdf document/mp4 file (as applicable). The application form needs to be forwarded by the editor and sent to [psychiatricsocietygoa@gmail.com](mailto:psychiatricsocietygoa@gmail.com)

Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

Dr. Wenona Fernandes  
Hon. Secretary

Attached : Application form



# Psychiatric Society of Goa

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## Application form

Name of the applicant		Print media	YES/NO
		Electronic media	YES/ NO
Name of the organisation		Date of publication/ telecast	

Name of the article for which the award is being applied for:

A brief description of the article:

### Certificate by the Editor

- I certify that the above referred article is original work by the applicant.
- I have gone through the work myself and find it in line with the spirit of the award constituted by the Psychiatric Society of Goa.
- I recommend this work to be considered by the award committee on its merit.

Name, Signature and seal of the Editor

Kindly note:

- ❖ The decision of the award committee will be final.
- ❖ Kindly note that articles appearing between 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sep 2020 only will be included.
- ❖ Only the publication/media houses based in Goa are eligible.
- ❖ In case of freelance journalists, the application will have to be recommended by the editor of the organisation where it was first published.
- ❖ Articles appearing on private websites/blogs not belonging to registered news/media organisation will not be eligible.

In case of clarification needed :

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Completed application form along with the attachment of the news item (in form of pdf document/mp3/mp4 file, as applicable) should be sent to :

**Hon. Secretary, Psychiatric Society of Goa via email on : [psychiatricsocietygoa@gmail.com](mailto:psychiatricsocietygoa@gmail.com)**

**Or** alternatively may be dropped at following address:

**C/o Dr. Ravindra Agrawal  
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Patto Plaza – Panaji, Goa  
Ph: 7028784807**

Last date for submission is  
**30<sup>th</sup> September 2020**