

Fukuoka Prize 2021

Grand Prize

PALAGUMMI Sainath

India

Journalist

People's Archive of Rural India Founder Editor

Born May 13, 1957 (Age 64)

Biography

1957 Born in Chennai (formerly known as Madras), India
1977 B.A. History, Loyola College, Madras
1979 M.A. History, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
1980-82 Sub Editor, United News of India
1982-93 Deputy Chief Editor, and Foreign Editor, Blitz group of Publications
1982-86 Foreign Editor at The Daily, Mumbai (till 1986, a part of the Blitz group)
1993-2004 Full-time rural reporter, freelance
2000- Adjunct Faculty, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai
2004-14 Rural Affairs Editor, The Hindu
2011 Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.) honoris causa, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
2012 the McGraw Professor of Writing, Princeton University, U.S.A.
2014 Founded People's Archive of Rural India
2014- Founder Editor, People's Archive of Rural India
2015 Visiting Professor South Asian Studies Program Princeton University
2017 Doctorate (honoris causa) a D.Litt., the University of St. Francis Xavier, Nova Scotia, Canada
Mr. Palagummi Sainath has also taught at the University of California, Berkeley (U.S.A.), the University of Iowa, Curtin University (Australia), The University of Western Ontario (Canada). He still teaches regular courses at the Sophia Polytechnic and the Asian College of Journalism in India.

Major Awards

1993 The Sri Raja-Lakshmi Award for Journalism
1994 The Statesman Prize for Rural Reporting
1995 European Commission's Lorenzo Natali Prize for journalism
1995 People's Union of Civil Liberties (PUCL) Journalism for Human Rights Award
2000 The inaugural Amnesty International Global Human Rights Journalism Prize
2000 BD Goenka Prize for Excellence in Journalism
2001 The United Nation's Food & Agriculture Organisation's Boerma Prize
2002 Global Visions Inspiration Award
2004 Prem Bhatia Memorial Prize
2006 The Harry Chapin Media Award
2007 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts

- 2009 Journalist of the Year, Ramnath Goenka Prize for Excellence in Journalism
2014 The inaugural World Media Summit Global Award for Excellence

Major Publications

- *Everybody loves a good drought: stories from India's poorest districts*, Penguin India, 1996.
- *The Indian Media: Illusion, Delusion, Reality. Essays in Honour of Prem Bhatia* (co-author) , Rupa, 2006.
- *Writing of a Nation. An Anthology of Indian Journalism* (chapter author) , Rupa, 2007.
- *Contradictions of Globalization: Democracy, Culture and Public Sphere* (co-author) , I-House Press, 2008.
- *Mumbai Post 26/11 An alternate perspective* (co-author) , SAGE, 2010.
- *Bridging the gap* (co-author) , SAGE, 2011.
- *Notes from the Hinterland: Stories and Essays* (co-author) , Rupa, 2019.
- *Ten Days that Shook the World* (authored a new introduction) , LeftWord Books, 2020.

Documentary films based on the laureate

- *A Tribe of His Own: The Journalism of P. Sainath*, (2002), Directed and written by Joe Moulins
- *Nero's Guest* (2009), Directed by Deepa Bhatia