

Social Scientist Amit Singh wins the SYLFF Fellowship

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Social Scientist and Human Rights activist, Amit Singh, wins the prestigious Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF). A report for Different Truths.

Amit Singh, an Indian doctoral researcher at the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal, has been selected for SYLFF (The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund). As a part of SYLFF fellowship, Amit will receive USD 25000, and has been granted membership of SYLFF association. SYLFF, is a highly competitive fellowship program initiated, in 1987, to support students pursuing graduate studies in the humanities and social sciences. The Sylff program aims to identify and nurture leaders who will overcome differences in nationality, language, ethnicity, religion, and political systems to tackle global issues, and whose high integrity and drive to address issues unique to their respective countries can make a real difference. To date, endowments of \$1 million each have been presented to 69 universities and consortia in 44 countries. In India, Jawahar Lal Nehru University and Jadavpur University is the part of SYLFF fellowship program, according to a media release.

Amit, whose hometown is, Varanasi, is currently doing his PhD. in human rights. His research is focussed on the conflict between freedom of expression in religion in Indian context. His research supervisor is Dr Bruno Sena Martins who teaches at the Centre for

Social Studies, University of Coimbra. Amit also recently has won Supra Nordic scholarship from Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Denmark. The scholarship covers travel to and from Copenhagen and accommodation in relation with his doctoral research. In August, he is invited to present his at 12th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Kyoto, Japan.

A Banaras Hindu University alumna, Amit is also a research associate at the Centre for the Study at Indian Languages and Society in Varanasi. His recent book is *The Conflict of Freedom of Expression and Religion – A Case Study from India*. He has worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Bangkok, Thailand) the United Nations Development Program (New Delhi, India), the National Human Rights Commission of India and Philippines.

Amit regularly has been invited as a speaker on human rights issues in India and abroad.

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