

PRESS RELEASE

COMMONWEALTH BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION

BROADCASTING AWARDS 2008

BBC, SBS Australia, All India Radio, Doordarshan (India), and New Delhi Television (India) are the main winners of the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association's Broadcasting Awards for 2008. The awards were presented in Nassau, Bahamas on Thursday 24 January. The prestigious Elizabeth R Award for Outstanding Contribution to Public Service Broadcasting was awarded to Jean-Gabriel Manguy, former head of Radio Australia.

The **CBA-Rolls Royce Award for Exceptional News Feature** has been awarded to **BBC** for the television programme **India's Silk Slaves** which uncovers the disturbing evidence of a form of slavery happening in India today in the silk industry in southern India.

Doordarshan (India) was the winner of the **CBA-World Bank Award for Programmes on Development Issues** with a television programme **God's Own Crops**, reflecting the success story of a group of women farmers who have shown that food sovereignty of agrarian communities is the need of the hour.

The **CBA-UNESCO Award for Science Reporting and Programming** has been won by **All India Radio** for the radio programme **The Drop that Counts - an unusual musical feature for children that deals with the general science of the universe**,

The **CBA-Amnesty International Award for Human Rights Programme** was won by **SBS** (Australia) for the television feature **Race for the Beach** - a programme dealing with the struggle of a hijab wearing Muslim girl and 20 other young Muslims to become surf life savers at Sydney's Cornulla beaches in the wake of the anti-Muslim race riots in Australia.

The **CBA-IBC Award for Innovative Engineering** has been won by **New Delhi Television** (India).

Indian television reporter **Sutapa Deb** of **New Delhi Television** won the **CBA-Thomson Foundation Journalist of the Year Award**, while the **Elizabeth R Award for Exceptional Contribution to Public Service Broadcasting** was awarded to **Jean-Gabriel Manguy**, former head of Radio Australia for his success in trying to promote, strengthen and preserve public service broadcasting even in adverse circumstances.