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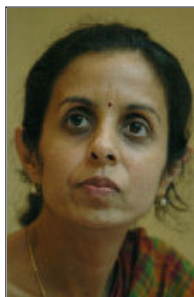
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Nirupama Subramanian

NEW DELHI: Nirupama Subramanian, *The Hindu's* correspondent in Pakistan, has been awarded the Prem Bhatia Award for the best political reporting for 2008. And, the award for best reporting on environment has gone to Keya Acharya, a Bangalore-based freelance journalist.

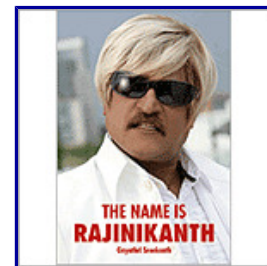
The awards will be presented at a function — presided by the former Reserve Bank of India Governor, Bimal Jalan — in the Capital on May 8. The 13th Prem Bhatia Memorial Lecture on 'Growth for Whom: Choice or Dilemma?' will also be delivered on the same day by the former Finance Minister of West Bengal, Ashok Mitra.

Ms. Subramanian has been awarded for her "sensitive and astute coverage of major developments in Pakistan, including the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, the lawyers' campaign for the restoration of independent superior judges, the parliamentary elections, and the induction of the new democratic government in Pakistan."

Ms. Acharya has been writing specifically on environment and development issues in Indian and international publications for the last 18 years. She is the recipient of several awards, fellowships and commendations, including from the National Foundation for India, the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests, and the Press Institute of India.

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