RAVISH KUMAR RECEIVES RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD

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Senior journalist Ravish Kumar on Friday was awarded this year's Ramon Magsaysay Award, regarded as the Asian version of the Nobel Prize, for harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless.

Mr. Kumar, 44, who is NDTV senior executive editor is one of India's most influential TV journalists, the award citation by the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation said.

He is among the five individuals who were declared winners of the award, which celebrates greatness of spirit and transformative leadership in Asia.

The other winners were Ko Swe Win from Myanmar, Angkhana Neelapaijit from Thailand, Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab from the Philippines and Kim Jong-ki from South Korea.

Born in Jitwarpur village in Bihar, Mr. Kumar joined the NDTV in 1996 and worked his way up from being a field reporter.

After the NDTV launched its 24-hour Hindi-language news channel — NDTV India — targeting the 422 million speakers, he was given his own daily show, "Prime Time".

The programme "deals with real-life, under-reported problems of ordinary people", it added.

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