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Press Release

**AJK MCRC alumni bag National Film Awards**

Bringing laurels to Jamia Millia Islamia, two documentaries directed by three former students of its prestigious AJK Mass Communication Research Centre have bagged awards at the 64<sup>th</sup> Film Awards, 2016.

Tushar Madhav and Sarvnik Kaur directed, *Soz...A Ballad of Maladies*, portraying the struggles of artists and musicians in Kashmir, has won Rajat Kamal (Silver Lotus Award) in the category of Best First Non-Feature Film. The award also carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000/- each for both of them. The film has been produced by Public Service Broadcast Trust (PSBT).

The citation for *Soz* reads, ‘A brave and refreshing approach to look at complex political issues weaved beautifully through music and poetry’.

*The Cinema Travellers*, a documentary produced and directed by Shirley Abraham, too has got the Rajat Kamal in Special Jury Award category and a cash prize of Rs 50,000/- . The citation for the award reads, “a sensitive and lyrical ode to the magic of celluloid and a poetic tribute to the last of India’s travelling cinemas”. The film has bagged several international awards including a Special Jury Prize at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival.

The awards were announced last week.

Prof. Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia congratulated the winners and said, “students like them not only bring prestige to the university but also fulfil the mission and mandate of AJK MCRC which aims at making outstanding documentaries on various issues confronting the society and culture”.

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# a Ballad of Maladies

A FILM BY TUSHAR MADHAV & SARVNIK KAUR

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