



■ Dr Ravikant Singh

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## CITY DOC GETS SAARC AWARD

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**MUMBAI:** A resident doctor from KEM Hospital, Parel, has been selected for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Youth Award 2010 for providing medical relief to more than one lakh people in flood-ravaged Bihar districts. Dr Ravikant Singh (28) will receive the award in Thimpu, Bhutan, on April 27.

Dr Singh has decided to dedicate the award to his colleague Chandrakant Patil, who lost his life after being struck by lightning while working in Bihar's Saharsa district. The doctors were part of a team that went to Bihar in September 2008 to provide medical aid to people displaced by the flood.

"After Dr Patil's death, the team of doctors returned to Mumbai. But I felt he would have wanted us to continue so I rebuilt a team and worked in Bihar for the next six months," said Dr Singh. He hopes to use the award ceremony as a platform to reach out to doctors across Asia.