



Ms Sonia Gandhi presenting the Manav Sewa Award '95 to Ms Preeti Singh (visually handicapped), instituted by SAPNAA, voluntary social organisation on Saturday.

## Sonia gives away Manav Sewa awards

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NEW DELHI, Dec 31 — Mrs Sonia Gandhi gave away Manav Sewa awards 1995 to Ms Preeti Singh and Mr Javed Abidi here on Saturday.

Sapnaa, a voluntary social organisation involved in the field of re-habilitation of the handicapped since 1984, was registered as a body in 1987 by mediaperson Ms Sheila Chaman.

The Manav Sewa awards were instituted by the organisation in 1991 to reward and acknowledge all those who have contributed in an outstanding manner for the upliftment and the welfare of the disabled and the handicapped. These were dedicated to the memory of late Rajiv Gandhi.

This year the two awardees are Ms Preeti Singh who despite her visual disability has shown remarkable courage and helped in the counselling and rehabilitation of others in her predicament and Mr Javed Abidi whose undaunting efforts were instrumental in seeing the recent Disability bill passed in Parliament.

A new scheme for girls and women in the field of computers was announced by the president of Sapnaa, Ms Sheila Chaman