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# CSI presented with international award

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The Alliance of Religious Conservation is an organisation established by Prince Philip of Great Britain. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon presented the award at a grand function held in Windsor Castle in London recently, in the presence of the Prince and other dignitaries. On behalf of the CSI Synod Ecological Concerns Committee chairman and CSI Madhya Kerala diocese Bishop Thomas Samuel, the award was received by Dr Philip John.

The award committee paid rich accolades to the noted contributions of the committee headed by Bishop Thomas Samuel and convenor Dr Mathew Koshy Punnakadu, for taking the message of environment conservation across the 21 dioceses under the CSI in the country through a slew of programmes.

Nine organisations in different parts of the world, who have contributed immensely for the conservation of the environment, were also honoured at the meet.

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