

8TH TEACHER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Teacher's Achievers of the year announced:

Samaresh Jung, Harsh Mariwala, Prasoos Joshi, Karan Johar and Jagjit Singh awarded the Teacher's Achievement Award for defining excellence

New Delhi, November 27, 2006: The winners of the Teacher's Achievement Awards were awarded for their significant contribution in their respective fields at a glittering ceremony held in New Delhi on Saturday night. The Teacher's Achievement Awards, instituted by Beam Global Spirits & Wine, the world's fourth largest spirits company, honoured individual excellence in the fields of Business, Sports, Entertainment and Communication as well as for Lifetime Achievement.

The Teacher's Achievement Award for the Business Category was bagged by Marico Industries Ltd Chairman and Managing Director Harsh Mariwala. Rifleman Samaresh Jung won the award for the sports category. McCann Erickson India & Southeast Asia Regional Creative Director Prasoos Joshi bagged the award under communications category whereas box office magician Karan Johar received the award in the entertainment category. The ever melodious Jagjit Singh was honoured with the Teacher's Lifetime Achievement Award 2006. A special recognition was given to Arjuna Award winner Ashok Singh Malik for his contribution in the field of golf.

Welcoming the guests, Beam Global Spirits and Wine Managing Director, Global Duty Free and Developing Markets Rupert Patrick said; "Teacher's Achievement Awards are an ode to the invincible spirit of triumph. I am glad that my Indian team has successfully showcased their commitment in recognizing the achievers across genres over all these years."

Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Singh Malik said; "I am overwhelmed, I thank Teacher's and the jury for having conferred this award. Along with Arjuna Award, this is among the most coveted award I have been given."

On receiving the award for the Sports Category, Samaresh Jung, said: "I was not prepared for this! I thought first being nominated was great but winning is better. I thank Teacher's Achievement Awards, the jury, my coaches and my association. I thank them all for this award."

While accepting the award in the Business category, Harsh Mariwala said; "I thank Teacher's, jury for this award. It is not an individual who gets this award. I thank my colleagues as well."

On winning the award under the communications category, Prasoos Joshi, said; "This is a special award and the award is as good as the jury. I thank all the people I learnt advertising from. I thank my team and above all I thank Teacher's."

Karan Johar while receiving the award under the entertainment category said; "I thank everyone associated with Teacher's Achievement Awards. This award is for my body of work. It is a great acknowledgement for all the blood, sweat and tears we put in and makes us want to do better. Thank you Teacher's for making me feel



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special."

"Usne chookhar mujhe pathar se phir insaan kiya, muddaton baad meri akhon main phir aanso aaye" said the Gazal king Jagjit Singh while being honoured with Teacher's Lifetime Achievement Award. He further added, "I thank the Teacher's family for reminding me that I achieved something. I request Teacher's to reserve an award for me 3-4 years later; I will continue working and strive to do better."

Concluding the ceremony, Beam Global Spirits and Wine (India) Managing Director Harish Moolchandani said; "As the sixth annual Teacher's Achievement Award comes to an end, I congratulate all the winners this evening and I hope the celebration of this 'Spirit of Achievement' continues years to come."

Attended by the cream of country's notables like Boman Irani, Prahlad Kakkar, Ritwik Bhattacharya, Anjali Bhagwat, Subir Raha, Atul Wassan, Atul Kasbekar, Gauri & Nainika Karan, Abhinav Bindra, Michael Ferrera, Kashi Memani, Krishnamachari Srikanth, Ramesh Sippy, Josy Paul, Anuja Jung and many more, the awards entertained the audiences with compelling performances by Taufiq Quereshi who unfolded the magic of music from the enticing Teacher's bar. The aerial act by Isha Sharvani took audiences' breath away as she swayed on the stage with some supple moves. The evening was turned intriguing by the gorgeous Pooja Bedi who engaged Karan Johar, Boman Irani and Prasoon Joshi in a live chat show that probed into what special quality turns an ordinary person into an achiever. The curtain for the event was a fusion act of Farooque Shaikh and Ganesh Kumaresh as they amalgamated poetry and music into a mesmerising performance.

The glittering night that lightened up Delhi through an evening to remember, brought the curtains down in basking glory of the achievers promising to return next year as an ode to the invincible spirit of triumph.

About Teacher's Achievement Awards

Since its inception in 2001, Teacher's Achievement Awards has recognised achievers in diverse categories such as photography, science, theatre and the creative and performing arts. The first ever Teacher's Achievement Award, held in 2001, was awarded to Mr Anjan Chatterjee who is an acclaimed Restaurateur & Advertising professional as well as to Mr Gaurav Bhardwaj, a renowned photographer. Feroz Khan, the internationally acclaimed theatre director, producer and actor - was the recipient of Teacher's Achievement Award 2002. He is the man who put Indian theatre on the world map with his highly successful plays like Mahatma v/s Gandhi and Tumhari Amrita. He bagged the Teacher's Achievement Award for Theatre. Nagesh Kukunoor, the young chemical engineer turned film director who redefined Indian cinema with small budget blockbusters like Rockford, Hyderabad Blues, Bollywood Calling and more recently the critically acclaimed Iqbal and Dor, was the winner of the Teacher's Achievement Award for the Creative and Performing Arts in 2002.

The winners of the third edition of the Teacher's Achievement Awards held in 2003 were Naina Lal Kidwai (Business), Shiamak Davar (Entertainment), Mahesh Bhupathi (Sports), Vikram Chandra (Communication) and Yash Chopra (Outstanding Achievement Award).



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The winners of the Teacher's Achievement Awards held in 2004 were B.S. Nagesh (Business), Shankar Ehsaan Loy (Entertainment), Rahul Dravid and Lt Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Sports), Karan Thapar (Communication) and Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Lifetime Achievement Award).

The winners of Teacher's Achievement Awards held last year in Mumbai were Subir Raha (Business), Sonu Nigam (Entertainment), Anjali Bhagwat (Sports), Ram Madhvani (Communication) and Y.C. Deveshwar (Lifetime Achievement Award).

Teacher's Achievement Awards Throws Light on Excellence

Delhi basks in the shine of a glittering ceremony

New Delhi, November 25, 2006: A red carpet that traced the footprints of individuals who made a mark - the Teacher's Achievement Awards 2006 is this and much more. Attended by the cream of Delhi's notables, the awards, instituted by Beam Global Spirits & Wine, the world's fourth largest spirits company, seek to honour individual excellence in the fields of Business, Sports, Entertainment and Communication as well as honour the most supreme of achievers for Lifetime Achievement.

Commenting on the awards, Beam Global Spirits and Wine (India), Managing Director Harish Moolchandani said: "As the annual Teacher's Achievement Award presents honours for the sixth successive year, I look back with pride at having been associated with such exacting standards of excellence through the years. What shines across all these years is the celebration of the 'Spirit of Achievement'. I hope this successful journey continues. Our nominees this year, as every year before, are individuals who have redefined excellence, setting standards not only for achievement, but the standards of honour they maintained in the path to success. We at Teacher's feel privileged to be associated with every one of them."

The 22 nominees across the four Awards categories - Business, Sports, Entertainment and Communications - include some of the best-known names in the given fields. But before the honours are given out, the ceremony will see event hosts Simone Singh and Aly Khan building the excitement of the evening with a number of glittering performances. Taufiq Quereshi will unfold the magic of music from the enticing bar décor. The aerial act by Isha Sharvani promises to take the breath away. And the evening should turn intriguing as the gorgeous Pooja Bedi engages the nominees with a live chat show that probes into what special quality turns an ordinary person into an achiever. The curtain for the event will fall with the fusion act of Farooque Shaikh and Ganesh Kumaresh as they amalgamate poetry and music into a mesmerising performance.

In the marathon for the Sports award are India's top woman shuttler and eight-times national champion



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Aparna Papat, shooter Abhinav Bindra, the youngest to have represented India at the Olympics, ace soccer star Baichung Bhutia, rifleman Samaresh Jung who was named Best Athlete at the Commonwealth Games 2006, champion shooter Anuja Jung, squash prodigy Ritwik Bhattacharya and golfer and gold medallist at the Asian Games 2002 Shiv Kapur.

The nominees in the Business category include: Air Deccan Managing Director Captain Gopinath, the man behind the "anyone-can-fly" revolution in India; Balaji Telefilms Creative Director Ekta Kapoor, the prodigal producer who has rewritten the script of Indian television entertainment; Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd CEO and Managing Director Malvinder Singh, the man responsible for turning an Indian pharmaceutical company into a global conglomerate; Apeejay Surrendra Group Director Priti Paul, the driving force behind Oxford Bookstores, India's most dynamic chain of bookstores, and Marico Industries Ltd Managing Director Harsh Mariwala, who transformed a traditional commodity driven company into one of India's leading branded FMCG conglomerates.

The distinguished nominees in the Communications category include some of the most respected names in the advertising world today - Rediffusion/DYR National Creative Director K.S.Chakravarthy, 'Chax' as he is popularly known in the advertising industry, the first Indian to be awarded the Cannes Lion; Brand David Chairman & National Creative Head Josy Paul, notorious for his radical ways and honoured for his cutting edge thinking; Leo Burnett National Creative Director KV Sridhar, the man who continues to inspire youngsters with his drive to push creative standards in advertising; McCann Erickson India & Southeast Asia Regional Creative Director Prasoon Joshi, renowned for his unique ability to connect with the common Indian and an eminent figure in the advertising as well as film worlds; and Lowe India National Creative Director R Balakrishnan, a man respected for his talent in creating advertising that sells.

The glamorous chase for the Entertainment category include box office magician Karan Johar; maverick director Nagesh Kukunoor, internationally acclaimed sitar player Anoushka Shankar, Mr. Versatility and renowned actor Boman Irani, and the prodigal singer, Sunidhi Chauhan.

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