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## 26th ANNIVERSARY GLOBAL AWARDS – A Special Report

### Chairman's Message

Dear Reader,



Greetings from Priyadarshni Academy!

Priyadarshni Academy's 26th Anniversary Global Awards event at the Regal Room, The Trident, Mumbai, India, on September 19, 2010, scaled dizzy heights with a key team member of Mr. Martin Luther King, III, terming it as an awards event better than he had witnessed any where in the world. Mr. King himself was all praise for the event, and our own Mr. Naik who continues to take L&T to new heights, described the event as one which he had not imagined to be so good. Other awardees and those who attended the event had no less to say. This gives immense satisfaction to Priyadarshni Academy which continues to improve on all aspects of the awards program -- selection criteria, planning and event management - by burning midnight oil for over two months to organize the event.

The galaxy of awardees who received the award was primarily responsible for taking the event to a new level. For making such enviable choices, I am deeply indebted to the Global Awards Advisory Committee, headed by Dr. R. A. Mashelkar. There was

considerable debate about the large number of nominations received and the eventually short-listed names were as good as they come. Getting all the awardees to come and personally accept the awards on the day of the awards was a Herculean task and it took well nigh a year of skillful communication from a number of the Global Awards Advisory Committee members and the Academy Secretariat to receive confirmations.

A definite positive, as pointed out in the last issue of the Newsletter, was the selection of the award themes which emphasized inclusiveness and growth.

This issue captures the personalities who embellished the Regal Room on the 19th September and the magic moments for the awardees. I am sure you will enjoy the pictorial coverage of the event.

**Nanik Rupani**  
Chairman



A section of the audience at the 26th Anniversary Global Awards Function

## 26th ANNIVERSARY GLOBAL AWARDS FUNCTION



Prof. Anil Gupta, Executive Vice-Chair, National Innovation Foundation, Ahmedabad, receiving the Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Grass Roots Innovation.

"For pioneering and championing the grass roots innovation movement in India, and for establishing and leading the game changing Honey Bee Network and National Innovation Foundation, which created a new paradigm by building on the rich knowledge of poor people"

Mr. Ole Johansson, President & CEO, Wärtsilä NSD Corporation, Helsinki, Finland, receiving the Global award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Sustainable Energy Infrastructure

"For developing energy infrastructure in a sustainable and energy efficient manner"



Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Member, Atomic Energy Commission, Mumbai receiving the Global award for Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Nuclear Technology.

"For his leadership in the field of nuclear technology including safety related research; development of new state-of-the-art technologies leading to the assertion of India's nuclear sovereignty; masterminding the Indo-US Nuclear Deal and for his ongoing efforts to make India fully self-reliant in energy through the use of indigenous thorium resources"

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Mr. Martin Luther King, III, President & CEO, King Center for Non-violent Social Change, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, receiving Academy's First Ramakrishna Bajaj Memorial Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Human Rights

"For his continued quest for equality and justice for all people around the world through measures which are rooted in the tenets of nonviolent conflict resolution; and for bringing together through his Second Generation Global Peace Initiative heirs of 20th century peace makers to address some of the world's most compelling crises, including Darfur, the Middle East, and Burma"

Standing ovation by the audience for Mr. Martin Luther King III's speech



Mr. A. M. Naik, Chairman & Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai, receiving the Harish Mahindra Memorial Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to Corporate Leadership.

"For his global vision, missionary zeal, and unique leadership which enabled L&T, expand its horizons beyond domestic frontiers and blossom into a truly international conglomerate in the manufacturing domain; and for bringing recognition to L&T's Heavy Engineering Division as one of the top five manufacturing units in the world"

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Mr. Yoshihiro Nishida, Vice Chairman, Yokohama India Centre, Japan, receiving the Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Indian Business and Culture Abroad.

"For helping establish an organization in Japan, which, through mutual cooperation, has been promoting the expansion of business, cultural, and educational relations between India and Japan"

Mr. Raul Diez Canseco Terry, Director, Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola, Lima, Peru & former Vice President of Peru, receiving the Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Education.

"For spending more than 40 years of his life in building a comprehensive educational system and organization in Peru for school, college, and university students as well as many other institutions in the country; and also for bringing about eighty five agreements with international universities and institutions; and for his path-breaking contributions to fighting poverty through education"



Ms. Vidya Balan, Film Actor, Mumbai, receiving the Smita Patil Memorial Award for Best Actor.

"For her outstanding contribution to cinema within a very short span of time, from her performance in her debut film to essaying a wide variety of roles in successive films; for obtaining critical and commercial success; and for achieving selection of one of her films as India's official entry to the Oscar awards"

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Chief Guest, Mr. Ashok Chavan, Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, lighting of lamp. Others seen are (L to R): Mr. Anil Deshmukh, Honorable Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Chairman, Global Awards Advisory Committee & Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy.



Mr. Nanik Rupani welcoming the gathering



Chief Guest, Mr. Ashok Chavan addressing the audience



Dr. R. A. Mashelkar addressing the audience



Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Vice Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy, addressing the audience



Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Chairman of Council for Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), addressing the audience

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Mr. Ashok Chavan is seen releasing the Silver Jubilee Edition of Priyadarshni Academy's Profile titled '25 Glorious Years', while Dr. R. A. Mashelkar and Mr. Nanik Rupani are looking on.



"Success is Our Birthright" (Biography of Mr. Nanik Rupani) is released by Mr. Ashok Chavan. Others in the picture (L to R) are Mr. Anil Doshmukh, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar and Mr. Nanik Rupani



Mr. Martin Luther King, III, releases the book "Kautilya's Arthashastra" (English), while Mr. Anil Doshmukh, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Mr. Ashok Chavan and Mr. Nanik Rupani are looking on.



Dr. Sharda Nandram, Founder, Praan Solutions & Prof. of Entrepreneurship, University of Applied Sciences, Amsterdam, and author of the Dutch version of "Kautilya's Arthashastra" addressing the gathering after her book was released by Mr. Ashok Chavan



Mr. Nanik Rupani is addressing the invitees at the "Pre-event dinner in honor of the Academy's 26th anniversary Global Awardees, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Niranjn Hiranandani at the Roof Top, Trident Hotel on 18th Sep. 2010



Mr. Martin Luther King, III, is seen addressing the gathering at "Meet the Awardees" dinner at The Jewel of India, Nehru Centre, Worli, hosted by Mr. Neel Raheja and Mr. Ravi Raheja on 19th Sep. 2010. Mr. Nanik Rupani is seen at the extreme left and Mr. A. M. Nalk at the extreme right.

**PHOTO CORNER**  
**DEEPIKA PADUKONE INAUGURATES GEHNA JEWELLERS**



Seen at the inauguration of Gehna Jewellers, Bandra on 14th October 2010. (L to R): Mr. Sunil Datwari, Ms. Reena Rupani, Ms. Deepika Padukone, Film actor, Ms. Gehna Datwari, Ms. Kiran Datwari, Ms. Geeta Rupani and Mr. Nanik Rupani

**GIANT INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**



Mr. Nanik Rupani is addressing at the GIANTS International Awards Function at the Trident on the 17th Sep. 2010



Mr. Nanik Rupani is seen congratulating Mr. Abhishek Bachchan, film actor, an awardee at the GIANTS Awards Function, while Mr. Sivamani, Percussionist, another awardee is looking on.

**PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY'S CONTRIBUTION FOR BUILDING INSTITUTIONS**

In its cause towards promoting education, Priyadarshni Academy is donating Rs. 25 lakhs to Sachu Vaswani International School, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai for the construction of a modern Library in their premises.

**NANIK RUPANI'S HELP FOR THE GIRL STUDENTS OF RURAL AREAS**

Mr. Nanik Rupani and his family are establishing a Girls' hostel to accommodate 200 girls from rural areas at the campus of the Finolex Academy of Management and Technology, Ratnagiri in memory of Mr. Rupani's parents, MR. SETH KISHARAM LEKHRAJ RUPANI and MRS. RADHA KISHARAM RUPANI.



# MESSAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE FUNCTION

Rameshwar Thakur



RAJ BHAVAN  
BHOPLAL-402 012  
September 10, 2010

**MESSAGE**

It is a matter of pleasure that Priyadarshani Academy, Mumbai is organizing its 26th Anniversary Global Awards Function on September 19, 2010 at Mumbai and is bringing out a special souvenir to mark the occasion.

The Indian culture is enrich in ethics. It creates the mentality of devotion, help, love and cooperation in every field of society which are real wealth of human beings and should be honored always and everywhere. I appreciate the efforts and activities of Priyadarshani Academy, Mumbai in these concerns.

I wish the function all success.

*Rameshwar Thakur*  
(Rameshwar Thakur)

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L.K. ADVANI  
CHAIRMAN  
L.P. Parliamentary Party



September 8, 2010

**My dear Rupani Ji,**

Thank you for your letter dated 17th August 2010, apprising me about the 26th Anniversary Global Awards Function of Priyadarshani Academy, to be held in Mumbai on 19th September 2010. I am glad that a Special Souvenir is also being brought out on this occasion.

It is nice to know Global Awards function acknowledges and honours outstanding contribution of individuals in areas of education, human rights, medicine, environmental protection and various other fields. I well recollect that I had the pleasure of participating in one of such gala function earlier.

I congratulate you and your team on the occasion and wish the function all success.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

*L. K. Advani*  
(L. K. ADVANI)

Shri Naalk Rupani  
Chairman, Priyadarshani Academy  
Arcadia Building, Nariman Point  
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Date: 26-08-2010

**MESSAGE**

It is the prime duty of civilized society, to honor acknowledge and award, the outstanding contribution and commitment, by any individual for the betterment of any common but very special cause. The zeal and joy enjoyed for encouraging the needy and meritorious students as well as aspirant artists are remarkable for any socio cultural organization.

I am glad to know that Priyadarshani Academy is very auspiciously arranging an award function for those individuals who have been selected as awardees, in sphere of education, human rights, medicine, environment protection, corporate social responsibility and science technology on national and global levels.

I wish the glittering award function a great success and congratulate the recipients of the befitting award in the midst of International dignitaries and overseas Indian.

*Narendra Modi*  
(Narendra Modi)

To,  
Shri Naalkhaji Rupani - Chairman,  
Priyadarshani Academy,  
Arcadia Building,  
Nariman Point,  
Mumbai 400 021.

Narendra Modi  
Chief Minister, Gujarat State



CHIEF MINISTER  
GOA

**MESSAGE**

I am extremely happy to learn that Priyadarshani Academy, Mumbai a prominent Socio-cultural and educational organization is organizing its 26th anniversary Global Awards function at Mumbai on September 19, 2010.

The endeavour of the Academy to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of individuals in different spheres will inspire younger generation to perform better. The efforts initiated by the organization to honour the contribution of individuals in literary field, provide scholarships to meritorious and needy students and encourage upcoming artists in the performing arts is praiseworthy.

I convey my best wishes to this biennial Global unique event.


*Digambar Kamat*  
(DIGAMBAR KAMAT)  
CHIEF MINISTER





## MESSAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE FUNCTION

भूपिंडर सिंह हुड्डा  
**BHUPINDER SINGH HOODA**



प्रमुख मन्त्री, हरियाणा,  
 चण्डीगढ़।  
**CHIEF MINISTER, HARYANA,  
 CHANDIGARH.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Message**

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Priyadarshni Academy has decided to organize its 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Awards function on September 19, 2010 at Mumbai and a souvenir is being brought out to mark the occasion.

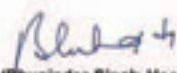
Such socio-cultural and educational organizations not only make a significant contribution in the fields of education, social welfare and several other areas of development, but also strengthen national integration and communal harmony.

I hope the efforts being made by the Priyadarshni Academy would go a long way in channelising the energies of the youth in right direction.

It's equally heartening that Priyadarshni Academy is also providing scholarships to meritorious and needy students and encouraging budding artistes in performing arts. The objective of the Academy to present annual literary awards to honour individuals for their outstanding contribution in various fields would inspire many others to take keen interest in academics and cultural activities.

I am sure, Priyadarshni Academy would continue to serve the society with more dedication and zeal.

My best wishes.



**(Bhupinder Singh Hooda)**

**K. ROSAIAH**



  
**CHIEF MINISTER  
 ANDHRA PRADESH**

**HYDERABAD**  
 24.09.2010

**MESSAGE**

I am happy to learn that the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Awards function of Priyadarshni Academy will be held at Mumbai on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 at Mumbai and bringing out a souvenir on the occasion.

It is heartening to note that the Academy besides presenting annual literary awards is also providing scholarships to meritorious and needy students and encouraging upcoming artistes in the performing arts. There is every need to acknowledge and felicitate outstanding personalities of various fields who are benefiting the society at large. I appreciate the Priyadarshni Academy for its endeavours especially in taking up such a prestigious programme at global level.

I congratulate the award winners. I am sure the recipients of these prestigious awards will rededicate their life's mission for the welfare of the society.

I wish the Global Awards function all success.

  
**(K.ROSAIAH)**

Sri Hanik Rajani,  
 Chairman,  
 Priyadarshni Academy,  
 Anand Building, Nariman Point,  
 MUMBAI-400 021.

विरभद्र सिंह  
**VRBHADRA SINGH**



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 नई दिल्ली  
**MINISTER OF STEEL  
 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
 NEW DELHI**

**MESSAGE**

I am happy to know that Priyadarshni Academy is going to organize the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Awards Function on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at Mumbai.

I extend my greetings and best wishes for the publication of Special Souvenir to mark the occasion.



**(Virbhadra Singh)**

**PRIYADARSHNI'S  
 NEW COORDINATOR**



**Mr. Hinesh Ramesh Doshi**

Applications are invited for Priyadarshni Academy's Annual Scholarships for the year 2010-2011. Last date for sending applications is December 15, 2010. Details are available on the website: [www.priyadarshniacademy.com](http://www.priyadarshniacademy.com)



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October 15, 2010

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PRESIDENT & CEO

Mr. Nanik Rupani  
Priyadarshni Academy  
1 Arcadia Building  
Nariman Point, Mumbai  
400 021

Dear Nanik,

Thank you, and please convey my deepest heartfelt thanks to the committee, for awarding me the *Ramkrishna Bajaj Memorial Global Award for Contributions to the Promotion of Human Rights*. I've been traveling non-stop since visiting with you in Mumbai, but I could not let another day pass without acknowledging this great honor from the prestigious Priyadarshni Academy. It was humbling to have been recognized with the other giants in their fields also honored on that day. Thank you also for the incredible hospitality that you and your staff extended during my stay.

Recognition by the Priyadarshni Academy has further deepened my resolve to bring about the *Beloved World Community*, a place where peace and equality reigns supreme for all of God's children... particularly those who have the least among us. This was the dream and life's work of my parents and I proudly carry forward their mission. I am inspired to know that the Priyadarshni Academy is an ally across the oceans in the vital, ongoing work for human rights.

Recent world events, from the bombings in Abuja, Nigeria during 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary independence celebrations to the ongoing imprisonment of human rights leader and 2010 Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, indicate that the global fight for human rights continues. It is so good to know you, a brother in this ongoing fight. I look forward to a long relationship with you and the Priyadarshni Academy as The King Center strengthens programs for human rights, international brotherhood and global peace.

Warmest regards,

Martin Luther King III  
President  
King Center for Non-Violent Social Change

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Raul Diez Canseco Terry

Lima, October 5, 2010

**Mr. Nanik Rupani**

Member of the Priyadarshni Academy  
Arcadia Building, Nariman Point  
Mumbai 400 021  
India

Dear Mr. Rupani,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and to the Priyadarshni Academy for awarding my carrier in the field of Education by conferring upon me the Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Education.

This trip to India will always be an unforgettable experience for me, because it gave me the opportunity to confirm that we all feel the same in every part of the world, from Latin America to India, since Education is a real and powerful road to get out of poverty.

Thank you very much. It is a great honor and privilege for me to be included on the list of distinguished persons who received an award from the Priyadarshni Academy.

I wish you and the Academy every success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

RAUL DIEZ CANSECO TERRY

Dear Mr. Rupani,

I would like to congratulate you on organising a spectacular Global Awards ceremony.

It indeed covered a comprehensive range of human endeavour from diverse fields of life which shows the breath and depth of vision being pursued by Priyadarshni Academy.

With best wishes always,

S.P.Shukla  
President  
Chairman's Office  
Reliance ADA Group

DEAR MR. VISHWANATHAN,

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ALL YOUR KINDNESS AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US DURING OUR RECENT VISIT IN MUMBAI.

IT WAS A GREAT HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO RECEIVE SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS GLOBAL AWARD FROM PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY.

THE WONDERFUL TROPHY IS SO BEAUTIFUL AND CONSIDERED TO BE A GREAT TREASURE FOR THE THREE GENERATIONS OF MY FAMILY AND MY PERSONAL HISTORY.

AGAIN THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING.

BEST REGARDS,

**YOSHIHIRO NISHIDA**



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