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## From the Chairman



Dear Reader:

We had a most satisfying quarter focusing our concerted energies on the Academy's most prestigious program in two years -- the Global Awards event. From a national awards event in the earlier years, the Academy took a big step forward in **1998** when it recognized the contributions of people in various disciplines from foreign shores. The Academy was the first NGO to do so in India. This year, the Academy took a further leap forward by making the awards all-Global.

The reason for taking this step is obvious. Indians have become global to the core by making their mark all over the world and in a number of different spheres. A globetrotter today would find that India is commonly mentioned in every country he visits, as a contributor to global knowledge and growth. This was not the case even five years ago, and the recognition is only growing. It won't be long before India as a nation takes on more global responsibilities for the benefit of mankind. She needs to take the right initiatives and at the right time, to reach the big targets.

The step to change all our awards to 'global' raised the responsibilities of the Academy. We needed to be doubly sure that the Indians whom we selected fitted into international parameters. After numerous brainstorming sessions, at the end of the exercise of selecting recipients, we felt that these parameters were more than fulfilled. And, the 800-strong audience which thronged the Regal Room on September 19, 2006 and applauded each one of the awardees, provided testimony that the parameters were in line.

We were indeed honoured to have Shri Kamal Nath, Honourable Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India, as the Chief Guest; Shri Jayantrao Patil, Minister for Finance and Planning, Government of Maharashtra, as the Guest of Honour; and Shri Suresh Prabhu, MP, and former Union Minister for Energy, Government of India, and Shri Nana Chudasama, Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai, as the Special Guests. We were particularly delighted to have Smt. Indira Mahindra, wife of late Harish Mahindra, and Ms. Radhika Nath, her daughter, with us to witness the presentation of the Harish Mahindra Memorial Global Award for Corporate Social Responsibility. The event was covered live on the national DD News Channel, and as deferred live on the DD Sahyadri channel, and reached millions of viewers.

This issue is devoted to all the awardees who came personally, in spite of their busy schedules, to receive the awards. Their achievements are immense and they made significant and poignant statements. A comprehensive photo-story showing them receiving the awards and carrying extracts of some of their important statements is included in this special issue. I hope you will enjoy browsing through it.

Sincerely yours,

Nanik Rupani  
Chairman

## MR. JIGNESH SHAH IS CHAIRMAN OF PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY'S COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF ORIENTAL STUDIES



Mr. Jignesh Shah, Chairman and Managing Director, Financial Technologies India Ltd., and recent recipient of Priyadarshni Academy's Global Award for Outstanding Contribution to Innovative Entrepreneurship (see story inside), is the Chairman of Priyadarshni Academy's recently established Committee for the Promotion of Oriental Studies.

The committee will launch publications on India's ancient masterpieces which have relevance to today's society. The objective is to delve deep into the classics and through publishing recreate awareness and interest in them among the public.

"Kautilya's Arthashastra: Its Contemporary Relevance" was published in 2005, when the Academy's Chairman, Shri Nanik Rupani, was the President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber. The seeds for publishing the book were, however, sown after discussing possibilities with several members of Priyadarshni Academy. The publication is the first of its kind in bringing out the contemporary relevance of Kautilya's masterpiece and has come in for high praise from leaders from all over the world. And great interest has been expressed in similar volumes. This is the interest that Priyadarshni Academy wants to build on.

Mr. Shah has keen interest in sharing the wisdom of India's ancient masterpieces with the world. He appreciates the wisdom contained in *Kautilya's Arthashastra*. Mr. Shah is convinced that the practical value of Kautilya's wisdom can greatly benefit people from all walks of life, from all over the world.

Globally recognized as a pioneer and innovator in creating technology driven commodity and financial market infrastructure, Mr. Shah is a serial entrepreneur who has taken his Financial Technology Group from Rs 5 lacs in 1995 to Rs 10,000 crores in 2006, putting India on the global map of financial and commodity markets. He is well known for his practical business acumen at the grass roots level and is often described as '*The Face of New Generation Indian Entrepreneurs*'.

Mr. Shah was honored with the prestigious MEDC 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award for 2005-06 by Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh. He also received the '*USA India Business Leader of the Year Award*' for 2005-06 by USINPAC in Washington DC, at the hands of Senator *Hillary Clinton*, for his contribution in helping integrate rural India with global markets.





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the Academy over the years and were instrumental in building it. He also recognized the presence of some leading lights. He cited Swami Vivekananda saying a hundred years ago that "India is sitting on a throne of knowledge. We have with us Shri Narayana Murthy and other achievers who have demonstrated the reality of Swami Vivekananda's statement." Shri Rupani suggested to Shri Kamal Nath that NGOs and their leaders be involved as ambassadors of India and given roles in nation-building as they had the attributes to help change the destiny of this country by playing a part in India's growth.

Ms. Vidya Makhijani, Chairman & CEO of Namaste America, with which Priyadarshni Academy had signed a Memorandum of Understanding for exchange of programmes on education, culture and society, received a copy of the MOU from Shri Kamal Nath. Bouquets were presented to Shri Kamal Nath, Shri Jayantrao Patil, Shri Suresh Prabhu, Smt. Indira Mahindra, Shri Nana Chudasama, Shri Niraj Bajaj, Dr. L. H. Hiranandani, and Shri Prakash Hinduja.

Dr. Ram Tarneja, Chairman of the Global Awards Advisory Committee, spoke about the selection of awards. He expressed gratitude to all his colleagues on the Committee for supporting him, and described the importance and relevance of the fields in which awards were given and the criteria for selections.

**Shri Narayana Murthy**, who received the award for contribution to the IT sector in his brief response, said, "I have a firm belief that this society has given me much more than I have been able to give it. This Award is yet another



*Global recognition for service to IT Sector ! Mr. N. R. Narayana Murthy seen receiving the Priyadarshni Academy's Global Award from Mr. Kamal Nath.*

affirmation of that belief. Your act of kindness, generosity, and affection will certainly be a great motivator for me to work harder and smarter. I thank you for this great honour."

**Shri Jignesh Shah** said, "It is a great pleasure to receive the award from an NGO. It gives me and my team great encouragement to drive our mission which we call 'Brand India Mission'. We have been using IT with great effect. And what we believe is that time has come when India must not only be recognized as the source of optimal or cheap labor, but as a world-class story with global valuations and global respectability. Using IT, we have created a commodity exchange. In less than 1000 days of the government allowing us to establish a commodity exchange in India, we could reach 1000 towns and a turnover of 10000 crores. Ours is in the first ten commodity exchanges out of 110 in the world. It is the second largest in the world in terms of gold trading and third largest in silver trading. This is in spite of the fact that there is no currency convertibility and the fact that banks, mutual funds, and FIIs are not allowed to trade in commodities, and further that India is yet to trade in options. This is the power of Retail India which we call Bharat."



*Recognition for Innovative Entrepreneurship ! Mr. Jignesh Shah, Chairman & Managing Director of Financial Technologies (I) Ltd. seen receiving the trophy from Mr. Kamal Nath, Union Minister for Commerce & Industry who is flanked by Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani.*



*Honour for outstanding public service ! Mr. Subir Raha, former Chairman & Managing Director of ONGC receiving the Global Award for his exemplary service to the Oil Sector in India.*



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**Shri Subir Raha** stated that “for more than three and a half decades, it has been a pleasure to serve India in different capacities and to work with colleagues -- juniors and seniors in a land of great opportunities. I am grateful to all of them who have taught me, helped me and led me.”

**Ms. Kareena Kapoor** said that she had flown in to receive the award and that the award had made her teary-eyed because it was the Smita Patil Memorial Award. “You don’t know what this means to me. Smitaji has been an artist in the film industry with great, deep regard, respect and honour. She gave us some wonderful performances which I have grown up watching and studying and dreamt in my sleep that probably one day I would be able to give performances like her. This award has made me realize that dreams of young, girls somewhere do get fulfilled. I dedicate this award to all the young girls who dream of joining Bollywood, dream of coming and making a mark.”



*Global recognition for Bollywood Star ! Ms. Kareena Kapoor, leading film personality of Bollywood receiving Smita Patil Memorial Award for Best Actress from Mr. Kamal Nath.*

**Mr. Noel Hon** began with a “Dhanyavad”. “It is indeed encouraging to be recognized for the work we do at the Singapore Kindness Movement, and a privilege for me to join the eminent personalities assembled here today. I would like to express my appreciation to the people of India for being such warm, gracious hosts. Thank you, also, to Priyadarshni Academy for honouring the Singapore Kindness Movement. This award is not mine alone, for I am just a facilitator. It belongs to every volunteer, child, teacher, parent, SKM Council and Secretariat member, and all who have contributed to the Movement’s activities, programmes, and campaigns for the past nine years. This number runs into the thousands. For your recognition and belief in the Singapore Kindness Movement’s role and purpose, I thank you.



*Honour for “Mr. Kindness”! Mr. Noel Hon, Chairman, Singapore Kindness Movement receiving the Global Award for outstanding Humanitarian Services from Mr. Kamal Nath*

The Singapore Kindness Movement was first conceived when then-Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong in his 1996 New Year message stressed the need to balance economic progress with a more caring, gentler society. Mr. Goh, who is now Singapore's Senior Minister, urged Singaporeans to upgrade not just their homes but also their social behaviour. By practicing basic qualities like care, consideration, and compassion - part of what he subsequently called a nation's heartware - we create more pleasant homes for our children and ourselves. To this end, the Movement was officially launched in January 1997. Our objectives are:

- ♦ To encourage Singaporeans to be kinder and more considerate;
- ♦ To raise public awareness of acts of kindness;
- ♦ To influence and raise the standards of social behaviour in our society.

“We cannot achieve these aims on our own. We, at the Singapore Kindness Movement, therefore work closely with youth organizations, schools, ministries, private corporations, the media, and members of the public to implement our programmes and further our campaigns.

‘Similar movements have sprung up in many countries around the world. This is perhaps a reaction to the increasingly materialistic world that we have become. We cannot over-emphasize the need for greater kindness and social responsibility. With this in mind, the Singapore Kindness Movement, along with seven other countries (Australia, Canada, Japan, Scotland, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States), co-founded the World



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Kindness Movement on 13 November, 1998. Today there are 20 members in 17 countries in the World Kindness Movement and, SKM continues to play an active role in its evolution by serving as its secretariat. India is represented in the World Kindness Movement Forum.

"Acts of kindness should be intrinsic to our daily lives. Everyone has the capacity to make others happy. All it takes is a simple smile, a nod of acknowledgement, or a wave of appreciation to make someone's day. **At the end of his speech, Mr. Hon presented Shri Nanik Rupani a plaque and a scroll on behalf of the World Kindness Movement, in recognition of Priyadarshni Academy's activities, which Shri Rupani received at the hands of Shri Kamal Nath.**

**Amb. Olara Otunnu** paid tribute to the Academy for its very important work, especially its emphasis on educating young people. He also paid tribute to the people of India. Africa, his continent, he said, had much to learn from India especially in the following three areas:



Global recognition for Human Rights activism ! Mr. Olara Otunnu, President, LBL Foundation for Children, New York receiving the award for outstanding contribution to Human Rights. Looking on are : Mr. Nanik Rupani, Dr. Ram S. Tarneja, Mr. Suresh Prabhu and Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani.

- In building democratic practices.
- In building national cohesion while celebrating diversity in terms of religion, ethnicity and cultures.
- In social and economic progress.

Amb. Otunnu continued: "I wish to dedicate this award to the children and women being destroyed in situation of war, and particularly at this moment, to the children and women of Darfur and Northern Uganda.

Mr. Otunnu made an urgent plea to world leaders to help stop the children and women of Darfur from being subjected

to ethnic cleansing, rape, massacres and forced displacements. He also urged the audience present at the Global Awards programme to do so.

Mr. Otunnu passionately added: "We must retrieve a path of principled application of human rights. If we do not commit to one set of human rights for all victims, we undermine the credibility of human rights discourse for all victims. Human rights cannot be applied selectively, with an eye to political gain, for some rather than for all. We must denounce and act to stop genocide wherever it occurs, regardless of the ethnicity of political affiliations of the populations being destroyed. Let us hope in unison and send forth this message from Mumbai and from the land of Mahatma Gandhi."

**Mr. Raj Loomba** said: "There is no greater honour for me than being recognized by my own country, and by my own people. The Award is precious to me because everything I have done has its origin in the culture and value that India and its people have given me and my family. I shall treasure this moment for the rest of my life.

Mr. Loomba said that he drew inspiration for his work from his mother who, when widowed at a young age, spent all the resources her husband left to educate all the members of her family.

"To her, *dharam* did not simply mean a prayer at a temple. She was a devout and religious woman. Dharam meant caring for others. It meant providing fulfillment for her children. It meant providing education which would eradicate the cycle of social deprivation that the widowed family suffered. She was adamant that she would break the shackles of social exclusion and ensure that her children were educated and grew up in a healthy environment.



Recognition for service to widows ! Mr. Raj Loomba, Pioneer of International Widows Day and U. K. Chairman of Loomba Trust receiving Global Award from Mr. Kamal Nath, Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Jayantrao Patil, Maharashtra Minister is also seen in the picture (Extreme right).



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*All eyes are on the awardees! A section of the dignitaries attending the Global Awards Function. (Seen on the front row are : Mr. Rahul Raheja, Mr. Dinesh Khanna, Ms. Radhika Nath, Mrs. Indira Mahindra, Mr. Subir Raha, and Mr. Jignesh Shah.)*



*Another section of the celebrity audience ! Global Awardees are seen seated on the first row*

"It was a practical example of the strength and value of her beliefs which she often described as Dharam. This is a lesson that has shaped my life. It has stood the test of time.

"Today, the charity which is set up in her memory, the Loomba Trust, educates over 4000 children in all 29 states of India, including 500 children who lost their fathers or parents, in the Tsunami in 2004. There cannot be a better tribute to my mother than to follow in her footsteps.

"Education is the foremost thing. Education of the children of widowed mothers must remain the foundation of my charity. That is my paramount aim. In this, I am assisted by Ms. Cherie Blair, our Prime Minister's wife, and Lord Dholakia, one of our trustees, who is here today. Education must be the foundation on which we build a decent, healthy world. We can help children distinguish the right from the wrong. Education can help to break the disadvantage of poverty. It can help break barriers of discrimination. So, that is the start I have made.

"Shortly, I fly to New York. We are celebrating Diwali at the United Nations. This is the first time in the history of the UN that India's national festival will be celebrated, and the Loomba Trust is organizing it. And all the funds, which we will raise there, will be used to educate the children of poor widows in this country. I also go to South Africa. We are launching the Loomba Trust in Johannesburg. We will be starting a program of educating children in South Africa.

"I want to ensure that the UN establishes an International Widow's Day, which we have designated as 23<sup>rd</sup> of June every year. Together we can fight the stigma attached to widows. Together, we can ensure that the world will not forget them. Together, we can make the world a better place to live in. Let

useducate the children of poor widows and give their mothers a chance to live a life of dignity."

**Prof. Arindam Chaudhuri** responded by saying, "I have met a lot of managers, CEOs, and industrialists, but one person, whose dedication to Indian culture and ethos has been tremendous in all my interactions with him, has been Shri Nanik Rupani. I am today inspired by Shri Otunnu, Shri Hon, Shri Dillon, such brilliant social luminaries. Economists always talk about the philosophy called the survival of the fittest. But, we need to look forward to a better world which the Otunnus, Hons, and Dillons are visualizing. We need to talk about a new philosophy called the survival of the weakest. Only by focusing on the survival of the weakest will the dreams of the awardees present here will come true. And, it is only when the poor have the purchasing power that the industry can grow and be successful, and we can talk about a peaceful and equal world."



*Recognition for the "Great Indian Dream" ! Prof. Arindam Chaudhuri, Management Guru and Founder of the Great Indian Dream Foundation receiving the Global Award for contribution to Management discipline from Mr. Nana Chudasama, Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai and World Chairman of Giants International. He is flanked by Mr. Nanik Rupani, Mr. Kamal Nath and Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani.*



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**Dr. H. S. Dillon** responded in a humble manner to the presentation of the award. He had been playing an extremely active role in trying to bring about difficult changes in his country through the number of challenging roles he has



Global recognition for an Overseas Indian! Dr. H. S. Dillon, a prominent Indian in Indonesia, receiving the Overseas Indian Award from Mr. Kamal Nath, Union Minister and Mr. Jayantrao Patil, Maharashtra State Minister in the presence of Mr. Nanik Rupani, Dr. Ram Tarneja and Mr. Niranjana Hiranandani

played and continues to play. "From the very outset, let me set out that a great deal has transpired in my country over the last decade. Rising from the Asian crisis, we have engendered much greater transparency and freedom of the press. In fact, for the first time in our history, we now have a directly-elected President. The centre has devolved considerable authority to the regions, and the growth rate is decent." Dr. Dillon stated that, while he continued with his efforts to bring about positive changes in Indonesia, he had been blessed coming across many great souls, from all walks of society, quietly serving humanity. "The current assembly, with so many such people, is certainly a celebration of life. Ladies and Gentlemen, you have given me such strength and fortitude today, that I will never stop trying."



Dr. B. K. Goyal receiving the Global Award for outstanding contribution to Medicine at the hands of Mr. Kamal Nath. Also seen in the picture, Mr. Niranjana Hiranandani

**Dr. B. K. Goyal**, the next awardee, stated, "The medical profession is the most blessed profession and only individuals, by special sanction of God, become doctors. It is the responsibility of doctors to respond to their unique profession by serving the society. Dr. Goyal too quoted Swami Vivekananda, who, when asked to define the philosophy of life in one sentence said, 'Give, Give, Give'. This is the philosophy that my colleagues follow and must follow."

**Mr. Toru Hasegawa** began his speech in Hindi thus: "Namaste, is prakar, puraskar pakar, mein adhyaksh Nanik Rupani thatha sabhi vyakthiyoko danyavad dena chahtha hun." He continued: "When I was first informed of this award, I considered politely declining, because even though we have had a long relationship with India since 1963, our motorcycle business has not yet made a significant contribution here. However, my feelings changed when I learned that the award is not only based on our activities in India."

Mr. Hasegawa continued: "Yamaha's efforts reflect an evaluation of our work around the world and our efforts to promote better communication between people. We are thinking globally and acting locally. We operate a number of factories in many countries and provide products to customers in more than 180 nations. Here in India, in line with this basic policy, we are focused on building an integrated business encompassing product development, manufacturing and marketing."

"In order to realize our corporate vision, we pass on to the next generation the spirit of challenge and commitment to high quality and superb performance we inherited from our predecessors."



An Honour for Corporate Social Responsibility! Mr. Toru Hasegawa, Chairman & Director, Yamaha Motor Co. Ltd., receiving Priyadarshni Academy Global Award instituted in the memory of Late Mr. Harish Mahindra from Mr. Kamal Nath, in the presence of Ms. Radhika Nath, daughter of Mr. Harish Mahindra.



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**Dr. Unna Huh** began by saying : One of the world's most revered poets to whom India has given birth, Rabindranath Tagore, once said, 'In the golden age of Asia, Korea was one of its lamp-bearers. And that lamp is waiting to be lighted once again for the illumination of the East.'

I have always considered that global IT education is the key to reduce information gaps among countries. As the first President of International Parliamentarians' Association for Information Technology, I put my utmost efforts into narrowing the world's information gap.

"Since I took the position of ICU President two years ago, I have been actively involved in global IT education and devoted myself to educating future IT leaders, who will contribute to narrowing the world's information gap. India has been making impressive progress, that is, over 7% of economic growth every year, thanks to its knowledge-based industries, such as the world's most advanced IT technologies in software. Moreover, by the year 2020, India is expected to take up 15% of the world's IT industry, further elevating its status as an IT superpower.

"Furthermore, India is ranked Korea's 11th export partner and 24th import partner, and our partnership is becoming even stronger. The trade between the two countries is growing fast, especially in the areas of cell phones, automobile parts, and ships, and is expected to increase from the current \$6 billion to \$10 billion by 2008.

"As a strong supporter for Korea's educational collaborations as well as technological and cultural exchanges with India, ICU is set to begin a dual master's degree program with I<sup>2</sup>IT

(International Institute of IT in Pune) next year. I sincerely hope that this dual degree program will further strengthen the partnership between Korea and India by facilitating intellectual and cultural exchanges between the members of the two institutions.

"I am certain that India along with Korea will be a *Lamp of the East* that will illuminate the world as the new center of global economy with its IT technologies and industry. Once again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the organizers and supporters of this function and all those who are present today. My special thanks go to the Chairman of Finolex, Shri Prakash Chhabria, and I<sup>2</sup>IT Director, Dr. Moorthy, for their consistent and kind support for the cooperation between ICU and I<sup>2</sup>IT and myself. May Priyadarshni Academy enjoy continued success for a long time to come and may there be everlasting friendship between Korea and India."

**Chief Guest Shri Kamal Nath** said: "It is a privilege for me to participate in today's Awards ceremony, especially as the awardees are from different countries and professions. Priyadarshni Academy, rightfully, over the last 22 years, has recognized those who have selflessly committed themselves to society. 22 years is a long time in the life of an institution, especially in the life of a selfless institution. How much has changed in 22 years! How much Priyadarshni Academy has changed -- from giving awards to two or three 22 years ago to a galaxy of awardees today from across the continents representing different strengths and diverse commitments to society. In 22 years, how much has our country changed!

Shri Rupani, you said that NGOs should be involved in nation building. Over 22 years, our country's growth has not been state-driven. It is non-government driven growth. It is the private sector which has been driving the growth of the country. But, most of all, what has changed is ourselves. It's not only that the world's perception of India has changed. Our perception of ourselves has changed. That's the biggest thing that is happening. We no longer live in an India today where we no longer think in terms of a better life for our children and our grandchildren. We are in an India today where we are looking for a better life for ourselves.

"How do we simulate the future? A future where a country is on a growth path as never before. When the world looks at India, the world is looking at a young nation, a nation where 60% of our 1.1 billion population is below 25 years. A nation which is not only young, but a nation which is growing younger. This devolves on us a challenge for change. Paradigm shifts are taking place. Not one paradigm shift but several paradigm shifts at the same time.



Honour for an IT pioneer! Dr. Unna Huh, President, Information & Communications University, South Korea, receiving the Global Award for outstanding contribution in IT Education. Also seen in the picture are : Mr. Nanik Rupani, Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani and Mr. Jayantrao Patil



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"When we look at the next 22 years, we look at them with confidence and hope, and I can only say that all those who have invested their time in Priyadarshni Academy and devoted their time to it, deserve to be congratulated and complimented. For me, it is a privilege to be here."

Shri Niranjana Hiranandani, Vice-Chairman of the Academy said, "This is the world of the bold and the beautiful. This is the new India where we can share honours with Narayana Murthy, and Kareena Kapoor, and move across the oceans to the U.S., Indonesia, or to any corner of the world."

"We have friendships and partnerships, associations and feelings which cross all boundaries, and successes and problems which are universal. We have energy problems which cause war between nations, and poverty and widows. Priyadarshni Academy has wanted to bridge the hearts of people. Priyadarshni wants to award and celebrate the goodness of life and the greatness of the universe by bringing about cohesion. Today, in the newspapers we read about death, destruction and war. Instead, we want to read about peace, happiness and growth for all of us which is what we are aspiring. I would like to mention that you award winners are the gurus of our next generation who will show and teach them what they should be doing."

In his brief and entertaining speech **Shri Nana Chudasama** praised the work of Shri Rupani, who has done a remarkable job, and that of Priyadarshni Academy.

**Shri Suresh Prabhu**, who has been associated with the Academy for a long time, spoke tellingly when he said that the Academy is now honouring Indians who have been recognized by the world as well as those who are doing so well in the rest of the world. This award function is looked forward to by many people to get to understand in which areas knowledge is spreading.

**Shri Jayantrao Patil** had a number of significant statements to make: He first congratulated Shri Nanik Rupani who had given a stature to the Priyadarshni Academy Awards and to the Academy itself. "And it is that stature all of us must try to attain. I am pleased that the event is organized in Mumbai so that the city has an opportunity to understand the work of such international figures."

"I am touched by Shri Raj Loomba's work. He mentioned about education. If India has to eradicate poverty, that is the only solution we have. If we have to fight against poverty, I



*In recognition of invaluable support to Priyadarshni Academy! Mr. Chandru Raheja seen receiving Appreciation Memento from Mr. Kamal Nath.*

think education should be India's priority in the new century. The knowledge across the globe needs to be acquired by Indians. The support Shri Loomba is giving to the students from all the 29 states in India is commendable.

"Also, we have here stars of the new century. Jignesh Shah is somebody who is a new star on the Indian economic horizon and needless to say Shri Narayana Murthy has achieved something which every Indian would like to achieve."

"India has now become a Global player. Shri Kamal Nathji goes to WTO conference and India can afford to say that we want such and such concessions in WTO. If we are not getting them, India is able to walk out of the conference. I think India in the last 40-50 years never had this courage, but today with players like Shri Narayana Murthy, Shri Prahlad Chhabria and others here, we have acquired the strength to say that India wants to be a Global Power. Yes, there is competition between India and China. Today, China is growing at the rate of 10-12%. And, India is proposing a



*Honour for sustained support to Priyadarshni Academy! Mr. Rahul Raheja is receiving Appreciation Memento on behalf of Mr. Suresh Raheja, Chairman, K. Raheja Universal Pvt. Ltd. From Mr. Kamal Nath*





Sadguru Sri Mangeshda of Sadguru Mangeshda Kriya Yoga Foundation is seen presenting the first Kriyasheel Global Award to Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy on October 24, 2006 at Bhaidas Hall, Vile-Parle



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy, is seen greeting former US President, Mr. Jimmy Carter from Habitat for Humanity International at the Habitat India get-together organized in Khandala. Mr. Gul Kriplani, former President of Rotary Club of Bombay is also seen in the picture. Mr. Carter visited India to lend support to building pre-fabricated low cost housing for the poor.



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy is seen (Second from left) at the reception ceremony of Korea Product show organised by KOTRA on November 22, 2006 in Mumbai. Seen from left are Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER, Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director-General, RIS, Dr. Joon-Han Kim, President and CEO, POSRI, and Prof. Yoon-Yong Lee, Yeongsan University.



Mr. Nanik Rupani is releasing the Souvenir brought out on the occasion of the Annual Convention and Award Function organized by Federation 1A, Giants International at the IMC Hall in Mumbai on December 8, 2006. He was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Seen in the picture are : Mr. Hemant Majumdar, Central Committee Member, Giants International, Mr. Narayan Verma, Deputy World Chairman, Giants International, Ms. Sharmishta Shah, President, Federation 1A, Giants International and Mr. Y. P. Trivedi, Past President, IMC.



Mr. Nanik Rupani is seen with Mr. Eliyahu Yishai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry, Trade and Labour, Israel, and Mr. Daniel Zohar Zonshine, Consul General of Israel in India at the reception organized in honour of Mr. Eliyahu Yishai on the eve of his visit to India on December 4, 2006 at Mayfair Rooms, Worli.



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy is seen with H. E. Mr. Festus Mogae, President of Botswana at a luncheon meeting held on December 12, 2006 at Hotel Taj Mahal. Mr. Jitendra Sanghvi, Senior Secretary of IMC is also seen in the picture.