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Unique opportunity for Bengalureans to say "Thank You"™ to the real stars of our city by
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Over the last many years Bengaluru City has seen unprecedented growth " with a consequent loss of culture, heritage and most importantly the sense of belonging in our proud and heritage-rich city. It is time to bring back the sense of belonging in the city and therefore would be very appropriate to recognize those in the various government, Civic agencies, NGOs, RWAs, Corporates and citizens that have been working to keep the spirit of Bengaluru alive despite the growth challenges.

Launched in 2009, Namma Bengaluru Awards urges the citizens of Bangalore to nominate their heroes and exemplary individuals or organizations who have contributed and made a difference to the city with their selfless service. The awards, over the last two years, have become an instrument for citizens to say "Thank You"™ to the real stars of our city. It has evoked considerable interest and enthusiasm among Bengalureans whose overwhelming response resulted in more than 14,000 nominations in 2010.

With its focus on heritage and deep rooted concept of Neighbourhoods, Bangalore boasts of abundant stories of committed and self-less individuals and organizations who have worked for their sheer love and commitment to the city. The Namma Bengaluru Awards provides a unique platform to Bangaloreans to recognize and nominate such individuals, organizations and honour them.

Every citizen of the city - be it a school or college students, resident, RWAs, media, employees etc can participate in the awards. For example, School students can nominate their teachers, College students can nominate their professors, Residents can nominate their Resident Welfare Associations, Bus commuters can nominate the Bus driver / conductor, Patients can nominate Nurses / Doctors, Citizens can nominate their local Police constable or Police Inspector, Residents of a ward / constituency can nominate their Councillors, MLAs or MP, RWAs can nominate the Pourakarmikas who keep their area clean, Employees can nominate their organizations etc.

In short, the Namma Bengaluru Awards are an opportunity for the citizens to express their gratitude and honour the services of the individuals and institutions working selflessly and dedicated to make a positive contribution to our city without seeking recognition or returns.

The uniqueness of the Namma Bengaluru Awards is in its concept and simplicity. Any Bengalurean can nominate any individual for the Award and the winner of the award is selected on the quality of work done and not by the number of nominations received. Even one single nomination by the citizen can help decide the winner.

Namma Bengaluru Awards, 2011 will be adjudged by an eminent panel of jury members consisting of eminent personalities such as Former Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde, Dr Anil Menon, Padmashree Anitha Reddy, Mr Ashok Kamath, Mr Ashok Soota, Dr Ashwin Mahesh,

Mr K Jairaj, Mr R K Misra, Major Gen Nanjappa, Mr Pradeep Kar, Mr Prithvi Reddy, Dr Ruth Manorama, Mr Sajjan Poovayya, Prof GS Siddalingaiah, Ms Subhashini Vasanth, Dr Sudarshan Ballal, Ms Vasanthi Hariprakash, Ms Victoria D Souza, Mr Vinod Hayagriv, Mr HS Balram and Mr Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

NGO's supports Namma Bengaluru Award Winners

Bangalore Cares and Samhita Social Ventures, two non-governmental organisations have joined

hands with the Namma Bengaluru Foundation to provide unconditional support to Namma Bengaluru Award winners and will partner with them and guide them to execute their noble ideas and help them in scaling up their initiatives.

NBA 2011 " Categories

This year's awards will be conferred in 7 primary categories. They are:

• Citizen

• Government Employee

• Elected Representative

• Social Entrepreneur

• Group/Organisation

• Government Organisation

• Namma Bengalurean of the year Award

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Let us pay tribute to unsung heroes

Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Namma Bengaluru Awards Jury said "At a time, when citizens are being buffeted by news every day of corruption and increasingly feel let down, Benglureans have a reason to be proud " Proud of its heroes who are devoted to our city and its residents. On our part as Bengalureans, it is important that we recognize, salute, respect and be inspired by these heroes for their extra ordinary contributions to the society.

Send in your nomination

Nomination forms are free and are widely distributed across the city at various outlets. Nominations forms can be collected and submitted at select Coffee day outlets, Foodworld, Cuppa outlets. It is also available online at <http://www.namma-bengaluru.org>

Internationally renowned audit and process firm KPMG have been appointed as advisors to ensure transparency in the process of nomination and selection of the winners.

About Namma Bengaluru Awards

The Namma Bengaluru Awards were instituted with an aim to recognize extra-ordinary contributions to Bengaluru by ordinary citizens of the city and perhaps is the first of its kind in India where citizens of the city vote nominate their choice for winners. Last year Awards evoked tremendous interest and enthusiasm among Bengalureans and over 14,000 nominations were received for 8 categories.

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NBF is built on the pillars of Responsible Advocacy, Creative Partnership and Constructive Activism. It will partner with citizens, civic organizations, NGOs, RWAs and other stakeholders in the common objective of drawing up a blueprint for a better developed, well planned and well administered city. Namma Bengaluru Foundation believes that citizens need to come together in order to make a real difference in society. Namma Bengaluru Foundation's mission is to create a strong platform for a true people's movement built around the issues of governance, planning, infrastructure and administration.

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