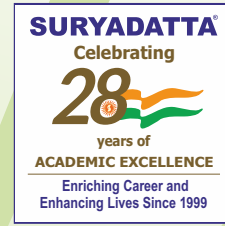
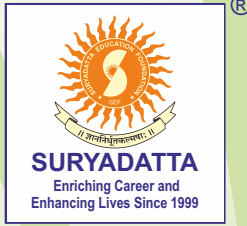


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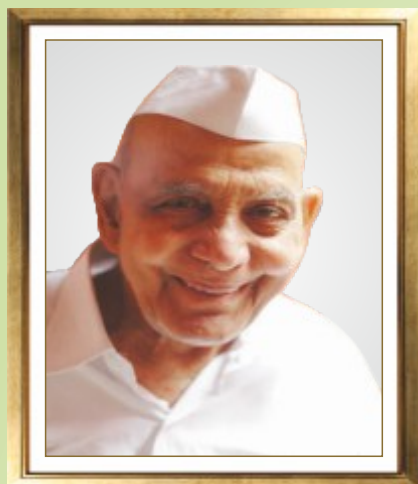


**CELEBRATING 28<sup>th</sup> SURYADATTA® FOUNDATION DAY CEREMONY  
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**on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

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by Hon. President of India



**PERSONAL**

February 11, 2013

Dear Prof. Dr. Sanjay Chordiya & Mrs. Sushama Chordiya

Please accept warm greetings and congratulations for the function organized on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2013 for presentation of "Suryadatta National Lifetime Achievement Award" and "Suryadatta National Awards 2013".

Due to health problem, I am sorry I could not give full justice to the programme. I have also missed an opportunity to listen to the speeches of the eminent awardees.

Being part of your organization, I was hesitant to accept the award. However your love did not allow me to refuse the same. This programme also provided me an opportunity to meet several friends including Manindarjit Singh Bitta and others.

Love and affection of friends like you has always remained the strength in my life. I am sure that I will continue to receive the same in future.

I have my dream about Suryadatta Group of Institutes. Within few years, this Institute should be "Harvard" of India. Please try to fulfil my dream.

With warm regards and best wishes for Suryadatta Group of Institutes,

Yours sincerely,

Mohan Dharia

**DR. MOHAN DHARIA**  
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**PERSONAL**

March 7, 2013

Dear Prof. Dr. Sanjay Chordiya,

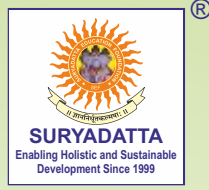
**Sub: Suryadatta National Awards 2013 : Post Event Coverage**

I have received your letter No. sEF / SGI / 4965 dated 5<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2013 on the subject. I am grateful for sending me post event coverage documents for our record. I expect that you will fulfil my dream of carrying your Institute as "Harvard" of India in the years to come.

With warm regards and best wishes for Suryadatta Group of Institutes,

Yours sincerely,

Mohan Dharia



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Uday U. Lalit**

Former Chief Justice of India

Keynote Speaker



**Hon'ble Shri Shyam Jaju**

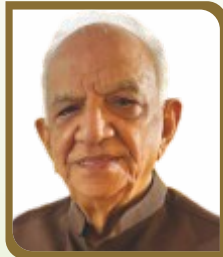
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Bharatiya Janata Party

Guest of Honor



**Hon'ble Air Marshal  
Bhushan Gokhale (Retd.)**

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**Hon'ble Shri T. S.  
Krishnamurthy**

Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Guest of Honor & Awardee



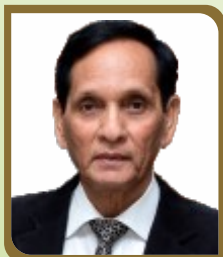
**Padma Shri  
Ashok Saraf**

Renowned Indian Cinema  
Iconic Actor

Distinguished Guest



**Shri Raza Murad**  
Indian Cinema Actor



**Prof. Sharadchandra Darade**  
Dean (MIT)



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Saturday  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2026



**Time**  
Networking Session for  
2026 Awardees, Chief Guest,  
Guest Honour & Keynote Speaker  
5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
5:45 pm Proceed to Auditorium  
Commencement of Ceremony  
5:50 p.m. Onwards



  
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#### **For Excellence in the field of Spiritual Science & Welfare of Mankind across the globe**

A pioneering Jain Sadhvi who has courageously embraced a non-conformist path rooted in spirituality, selfless service and education. The first Jain Sadhvi in history to be bestowed with the title of Acharya and a recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri. She is the founder of Veerayatan, a non-profit international organization dedicated to humanitarian upliftment. We honor her enduring commitment to Gandhian ideals of service, simplicity and universal welfare.

## 🌀 SURYADATTA NATIONAL LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2026 🌀

### Presented to



#### **Justice Uday U. Lalit, Former Chief Justice of India**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Law & Judiciary**

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit a distinguished jurist, he was elevated directly from the Bar to the Supreme Court in 2014, one of the rare instances in Indian judicial history. He has served as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Prior to his elevation, he had an eminent career as a senior advocate, representing high-profile cases, serving as Special Public Prosecutor for the CBI and acting as amicus curiae in several significant matters.



#### **Padma Shri Ashok Saraf**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Indian Cinema**

Padma Shri Ashok Saraf has had a distinguished career spanning over five decades in Marathi and Hindi cinema. He is celebrated for his impeccable comic timing, versatile performances, and significant contribution to family-centric and socially relevant cinema. He has also made notable contributions to Indian television and theatre, earning admiration across generations. The Padma Shri honours his lifelong dedication and enduring influence on Indian entertainment.



#### **Shri Vithal Kate**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Laughter Yoga Therapy & Social Service**

Shri Vithal Kate is a revered figure in Pune's wellness community and a pioneer of the laughter yoga movement. He established Pune's first laughter club in 1997, with a vision to promote laughter as a natural therapeutic tool for managing stress and lifestyle-related ailments. He is the Founder of Navchaitanya Hasyayog Pariwar, Pune, through which he expanded the initiative from a single group into a citywide network.



#### **Shri Shekhar Gaikwad, IAS (Retd.)**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Public Service**

Shri Shekhar Gaikwad is a senior IAS officer of the 2002 batch, widely recognised for his innovative & people-centric governance in Maharashtra. With over three decades of administrative experience, he has held key leadership roles including District Collector, Municipal Commissioner, Sugar Commissioner & Additional Director General - YASHADA. He is acclaimed for path-breaking initiatives in food security, water conservation & land governance, several of which have received national recognition.



#### **Shri Rakesh Bedi**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Indian Cinema & Television**

Shri Rakesh Bedi is a veteran Indian film, television & theatre actor, widely celebrated for his exceptional comic talent and versatility. An alumnus of FTII, Pune, he is renowned for his impeccable timing and relatable "common man" persona. He rose to prominence with his iconic portrayal of Omi in the cult classic Chashme Buddoor (1981). His memorable television work includes Yeh Jo Hai Zindagi, Shrimaan Shrimati, & Yes Boss and in 2025, he earned acclaim for his dramatic performance in Dhurandhar.



#### **Shri Vilas Kumar Thanmal Palresha**

#### **For Excellence in the field of Corporate Excellence - Infrastructure & Real Estate**

Shri Vilaskumar Thanmal Palresha, Founder of the VTP Group, is a pioneering force behind one of Pune's most respected real estate conglomerates. Since 1985, his visionary leadership has driven the Group's growth and diversification across multiple sectors. Under his guidance, VTP Realty has emerged as a market disruptor, redefining micro-markets through thoughtful design, quality construction and timely delivery. His legacy reflects innovation, trust and sustained excellence in real estate development.



#### **Shri Subhash Sehgal**

#### **For Excellence in the field of India Cinema - Writer, Editor & Director**

Shri Subhash Sehgal is a veteran film professional with over five decades of contribution to Indian cinema. A gold medalist in Film Editing from FTII, Pune, he is a renowned editor, filmmaker, poet and lyricist associated with iconic works such as Ramanand Sagar's Ramayana, Gulzar's Lekin and Ijaazat and Ek Chadar Maili Si. With more than 250 films to his credit as an editor, he has also produced and directed notable films. He is a recipient of the Filmfare Award and three National Film Awards.

**Presented to****Shri Ashok Kumar Thakur****For Excellence in the field of Education - Innovation in Teaching & Learning**

Shri Ashok Kumar Thakur is a visionary educator, social entrepreneur and Founder of Muni International School. A former Indian Army soldier, he left a successful business career to pioneer the Muni Methodology, transforming traditional education into a values- and skills-based learning model. His innovative, low-cost, high-impact approach has enabled quality education for underprivileged children and gained recognition from global bodies such as UNESCO and the Ashoka Foundation.

**Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar****For Excellence in the field of Science & Technology**

Dr. Anand N. Bhadalkar is a senior scientist with the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of Gujarat. He has made contributions to science-led policy, research facilitation & innovation ecosystems in the state. His work has played a key role in strengthening institutional frameworks & promoting technology-driven development. Widely respected for his dedication to scientific excellence & inclusive advancement, Dr. Bhadalkar continues to inspire & mentor the next generation of scientific leaders.

**Adv. Pramod Adkar****For Excellence in the field of Social Service & Community Development**

Advocate Pramod Adkar is a distinguished legal professional and cultural organizer based in Pune. He is widely recognised for his sustained efforts in preserving and promoting Marathi literary and cultural traditions. As the driving force behind Rangat Sangat Pratishthan and the Founder of the Adkar Foundation, he has created inclusive platforms that nurture emerging artists & community participation. His work uniquely blends legal expertise with dedicated social service & community development.

**Prof. Surekha Katariya****For Excellence in the field of Literature**

Prof. Surekha Katariya is a retired Vice Principal of BJS. She is a writer, poet, motivational speaker, communication skills trainer, & renowned storyteller. Her books Pravachan Kala, Bhashan Kala Sadhana & Awishkar have been selected for study by Swadhyay Sangh students. Her book Anand Yatri received the 1st Award of Sahitya Bhushan. She has organized 16 Stree Sahitya Kala Sammelans, in which around 1,000 women participate every year. She has written & published hundreds of documentary film scripts.

**Shri Prakash Gandhi****For Excellence in the field of Entrepreneurship and Spiritual Service**

Shri Prakash Gandhi is a distinguished entrepreneur and founder of Prakash Gandhi Jewellers, a respected name in the jewellery industry. Alongside his professional success, he is deeply committed to spiritual and community service. As a trustee of a Jain Mandir, he actively contributes to its administration, preservation and religious initiatives. His life and work reflect a harmonious blend of entrepreneurship, spiritual values, philanthropy and dedicated service to the Jain community.

**Dr. Bimal Chhajer****For Excellence in the field of Medical Social Service**

Dr. Bimal Chhajer specializes in Non-Invasive and Preventive Cardiology, with a strong focus on lifestyle-based reversal of heart disease. He is trained in Yoga Therapy & Stress Management as therapeutic tools for cardiac care. He received advanced training under Dr. Dean Ornish (USA) in lifestyle medicine. Founder of the globally recognized SAAOL (Sci. & Art of Living) Heart Program, he has treated over 4.5 lakh heart patients successfully without surgery. Dr. Chhajer has been honored with several accolades.

**Shri Sanjay Puri****For Excellence in the field of Global Policy Administration**

Sanjay Puri, Founder of Knowledge Networks, is a dynamic business leader and a recognized authority in the fields of Generative AI and U.S.-India relations. As the host of the Regulating AI and Chief AI Officer (CAIO) Connect podcasts, he has established himself as a prominent thought leader in the AI space. Through these platforms, he fosters meaningful conversations that challenge misconceptions, encourage innovative thinking and explore the profound societal impact of artificial intelligence.

**SURYADATTA NATIONAL AWARDS 2026****Shri Mahesh Suryavanshi****For Excellence in the field of NGO - Temple Management & Social Service**

Mahesh Suryavanshi is the Treasurer of the Shrimant Dagdusheth Halwai Public Ganpati Trust in Pune. He manages one of Maharashtra's most affluent and revered Ganesh mandals. He has transformed the trust from a religious entity into a center for social welfare and philanthropy. He oversees the financial and administrative health of the trust with diligence. His leadership follows a "service-first" philosophy, actively promoting the trust's initiatives.

**Dr. Krishnadeo Giri****For Excellence in the field of Healing through Yoga and Spiritual Education**

Dr. Krishnadeo Giri, popularly known as Yogsadguru, is a distinguished Yoga Guru and healer, celebrated for his transformative work in holistic wellness through Yoga & Spiritual Education. He pioneered Martial Yoga, a unique system blending traditional yoga with self-defense, meditation & natural therapies to promote physical, mental and spiritual health. Dr. Giri has authored multiple books & conducted global workshops, inspiring countless individuals toward self-healing, conscious living and spiritual growth.





## Presented to

**Ms. Upasana Singh****For Excellence in the field of Indian Cinema & Stand-up Comedy**

Ms. Upasana Singh is a versatile Indian actress and stand-up comedian, celebrated for her exemplary comic timing and memorable performances. She has worked across Hindi, Punjabi, Rajasthani and Gujarati films, as well as Indian television, earning widespread acclaim. She gained fame for her iconic role in *Judaai* with the unforgettable line "Abba Dabba Jabba" and is widely loved for her portrayal of Pinky Bua in *Comedy Nights with Kapil*. Her unique style and charisma have made her a household name.

**Shri Abhijit Kunte****For Excellence in the field of Sports - Chess**

Shri Abhijit Kunte is a celebrated Indian Chess Grandmaster and influential coach, renowned for his strategic mastery and deep theoretical preparation. He earned the Grandmaster title from FIDE in 2000, becoming India's fourth GM and helping establish India as a global force in chess. He is admired for his solid positional understanding, resilience and methodical approach in long, challenging games. Through his coaching and mentorship, he continues to inspire the next generation of chess players.

**Adv. Aashutosh Srivastava****For Excellence in the field of Law & Judiciary**

Adv. Aashutosh Srivastava, the founder of A. A. Associates, is a prominent lawyer practising before the Supreme Court of India. With a distinguished legal career that spans over 19 years, he has gained widespread recognition for his expertise in high-profile legal matters across multiple jurisdictions. He is highly regarded for his handling of complex legal cases, which include corporate litigation, financial frauds, criminal law, enforcement cases and arbitration matters.

**Dr Surendra Kumari****For Excellence in the field of Social Welfare**

Dr. Surenda Kumari from Himachal Pradesh is a social worker and President of the Women's Wing, currently serving in the Water Resources Department. She has dedicated her life to serving the elderly, the underprivileged and women, bringing hope, dignity and empowerment to countless lives, earning recognition and awards for her impactful social contributions. Her lifelong commitment to social welfare reflects a rare blend of compassion, dedication and transformative action, inspiring others.

**Ms. Rakhee Gugale****For Excellence in the field of Yoga**

Ms. Rakhee Gugale is an accomplished international yoga instructor & founder of Ved Brahma Yoga Classes, holding an M.A. in Yoga. She specializes in holistic health, Rhythmic Yoga & Traditional Yogasana, combining wellness with therapeutic practices. She has earned silver medals at the Asian Level Yoga Competition & gold medals at the Pune District Yogasana Sports Championship. Her evidence-based, holistic approach empowers individuals to achieve physical, mental & spiritual well-being.

**Dr. Kanak Saha****For Excellence in the field of Science & Technology - Astrophysics**

Dr. Kanak Saha is a distinguished Indian astrophysicist and Professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune. He is internationally acclaimed for his contributions to galaxy formation and evolution, including the landmark discovery of one of the earliest galaxies using India's space observatory, AstroSat. In recognition of his outstanding scientific work, he was awarded the prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in 2021.

**Shri Paras Nath****For Excellence in the field of Indian Classical Music - Flautist**

Shri Paras Nath is a highly acclaimed Indian flutist (bansuri player) and composer, renowned for seamlessly blending Hindustani classical music with contemporary global sounds. Hailing from a distinguished Varanasi-based musical lineage of over 250 years, he inherited a rich legacy under the guidance of Late Pandit Shiv Nath, Pandit Amar Nath, and his brother Pankaj Nath. He has led historic performances, including directing over 1,200 sitarists for a Guinness World Record event.

**Shri Darasing Khurana****For Excellence in the field of Global Social Service**

Shri Darasing Khurana is an internationally recognised actor and youth advocate with a global footprint in mental health, youth empowerment and social impact. He made history as the first Asian Commonwealth Global Youth Ambassador to engage leaders across 56 Commonwealth nations. As founder of the Pause Breathe Talk Foundation, he is transforming access to affordable mental health care for young people across India, while also supporting UNICEF, DATRI and global well-being initiatives.



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#### **Dr. Pramod Tripathi**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Medical Science : Holistic Health & Lifestyle Management**

Dr. Pramod Tripathi is a renowned figure in the field of health sciences and holistic wellness, widely recognized for his pioneering work in diabetes reversal and preventive healthcare. He is the Founder of Freedom from Diabetes, through which he has developed innovative programs that integrate Ayurveda, Yoga, Nutrition, & modern medical practices. His dedicated efforts have created a lasting impact on public health awareness, inspiring people to take charge of their well-being with confidence & discipline.



#### **Shri Ashish Mane**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Bravery & Courage - Mountaineering**

Shri Ashish Mane is a distinguished Indian mountaineer from Maharashtra, renowned for his exceptional high-altitude Himalayan expeditions. He is the first mountaineer from Maharashtra to successfully summit five of the world's fourteen eight-thousanders, a rare & historic achievement. His notable ascents include Mount Everest, Lhotse, Makalu Manaslu & Kanchenjunga. A key member of Giripremi, Pune, he has significantly contributed to major Indian civilian mountaineering expeditions & adventure sports.



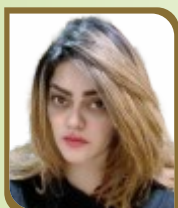
## SURYADATTA NATIONAL YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS 2026



#### **CA Mohit Dhand**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Banking & Finance - Fintech & Strategy Planning**

CA Mohit Dhand is a seasoned finance professional, fintech innovator and first-generation entrepreneur with over 15 years of expertise in risk assurance, banking and financial advisory. He is the Founder and Director of CashnTech Private Limited, a Pune-based B2B fintech platform addressing MSME working-capital gaps through technology-driven supply chain financing. A serial entrepreneur and financial strategist, he now leads CashnTech, Thinkitive Global Consulting and ZetaMone.



#### **Ms. Preety & Pinky Dave - Duo**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Performing Arts**

Ms. Preety & Pinky Dave are a celebrated Indian Indipop singing duo, renowned for their harmonious playback vocals, vibrant Garba performances, and versatility across multiple Indian languages.

They began their musical journey at a young age and over a career spanning more than two decades, have lent their voices to numerous Bollywood films including Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein, Chalte Chalte, Har Dil Jo Pyar Karega and Mumbai Mirror.



Their iconic track "Piya Piya O Piya" became a youth and wedding anthem, while albums like Jhoomo Jahan showcased their unique pop-folk fusion. Widely acclaimed as the "Dandiya Queens of India," they perform extensively in India and abroad and have received multiple awards for their enduring contribution to festive and cinematic music.



#### **Ms. Hetavi Shah**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Sports - Swimming**

Hetavi Vinay Shah is an accomplished long-distance swimmer from Mumbai, Maharashtra. She has garnered attention for her endurance and consistency in open-water swimming at a young age. She holds a record for participating in the maximum number of long-distance open-water swimathons as a teenager. Between 2013 and 2019, she completed 16 swimathons, covering substantial distances (often citing 62 km events) in various locations including Mumbai, Porbandar, Goa, West Bengal and Malvan.



## SURYADATTA NATIONAL LITTLE MASTER AWARDS 2026



#### **Master Rishi Shiv Prasanna**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Science & Technology**

Master Rishi Shiv Prasanna is a child prodigy from Bengaluru, Karnataka, known for his exceptional intelligence & early achievements in technology. He received the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for Innovation in 2023. With a verified IQ of 180, he became one of the youngest Indian members of Mensa at 4 years and 5 months. He is also one of the youngest Google-certified Android developers. Rishi has developed three apps, including IQ Test Apps for kids and CHB for COVID assistance.



#### **Master Raghav Malpani**

##### **For Excellence in the field of Classical Instrumental Music - Piano**

Raghav Malpani, a 9-year-old from Pune, is an extraordinary musical prodigy who has garnered global recognition for his talent as a pianist. At an age when most children are just beginning to explore their interests, Raghav has already mastered complex compositions, demonstrating remarkable dexterity and musical understanding. He has been honored with the title of "Youngest Pianist" by several record books, reflecting his exceptional achievements.



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