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## News Makers

[Mrs. Naina Lal Kidwai](#)



Mrs. Naina Lal Kidwai, Chairman Award Programme Foundation becomes International Trustee, first woman and first India to be honoured at the IAA. The International Award Association (IAA) is a registered charity, with a board of directors (trustees). The Trustees are responsible for determining all important aspects of policy, as well as reviewing the Association's performance and strategy.

Naina Lal Kidwai is Group General Manager and Country Head of HSBC in India, which employs 38,000 people comprising Banking services, Insurance, Asset Management, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets, Retail broking, HSBC Software Development (India) Private Limited and the Global service centres (BPOs servicing HSBC's operations in the UK, EU and USA). The Bank achieved a compounded annual growth rate of 46% over the last 3 years and HSBC acquired a retail broking company and started a Life Insurance Joint Venture company and microfinance in India.

An MBA from Harvard Business School, she has been recognised in India and abroad with several awards and listings for leadership and business. Repeatedly ranked in the Fortune global list of Top Women in Business, in the Wall Street Journal 2006 and the Financial Times 2009 and listed by Time Magazine as one of their 15 Global Influentials 2002. She received the Padma Shri from the Government of India for her contribution to Trade and Industry She is a non executive director on the board of Nestle SA . She sits on several boards and committees of the Government of India , industry associations and charities in education and microfinance.

[Vice admiral Suren P Govil](#)



Vice admiral Suren P Govil PVSM, AVSM, MBE our out going Executive Trustee and Chairman NAA, was honoured at a civic reception in Sydney, for sixteen years of distinguished service to the Award Programme in India. Admiral Govil has successfully built the Award Programme structure in India, and leaves behind a rich legacy of experience and professional acumen not only with the Award in India, but at the world level.

Vice Chief, Naval staff (Retired), 39-year career in the Indian Navy. As Vice Chief, he was directly responsible for naval plans. Admiral Govil is a member of the Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), United Service Institution (USI) of India and Saturday Discussion Group and until recently was the Chairman of the Board of Management of the USI Research Centre. 15 years of voluntary service to the IAYP, the architect of the program in its current form. At his behest the National Constitution was adopted on 1st March 1994. This led to the formation of a single National Award Authority (NAA) of India and the appointment of the first National Director. A 15 member Governing Council of the NAA was formed and Mr. Vikram Mehta (India's first Gold Award Holder) elected as its first Chairman.

Are we fit for the future?

## Editorial

As the RTW starts on the 23rd, the excitement in our OAC office has reached a peak. The office is consumed by the hustle- bustle of the award volunteers who are checking the last minute details and agendas of the workshop.

Rahul Shankar, an award volunteer has provided us with an interesting insight as to what went on at the Tenth International FORUM in Sydney, between 28th October 2009 and 1st November 2009. He is a Bronze, Silver and Gold Award holder and also the Peter Cruddas Social Innovation Initiative regional intern for Asia Pacific. He was the fourth zone representative for India at the IGE 2008 and is presently in his IIIrd year studying Information Technology.

Also the PATHWAYS World school in Gurgaon conducted the Regional Round Square Conference '09. A report has been given by Kalyani.

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## Report for TAW

Pathways World school conducted Regional Round Square Conference '09 (Sub Junior) and the theme of the conference was "Countryside Calling". Mr. Sandeep Dutt, National Director, IAYP, was the Guest of Honour.

The delegates from various



The International Award Association conducts an International Forum as a triennial event, for countries that run the Award so as to widen its reach of understanding & thus take it forward. This year it was hosted by the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Australia and the Forum took place in Sydney between 28th October 2009 and 1st November 2009, the theme being "Fit For the Future".

To synchronise with the theme's message, 21 youth delegates were invited from around the world. I had the honour being invited as a youth delegate, to be a part of this youth team and also to represent India. The forum began with a gala opening at the most famous landmark of Sydney – The Opera House on the 28th. Hosting over 200 delegates (which included National Directors, Chairpersons, trustees, fellows, youth delegates and supporting staff) the Australian Team did an excellent job co-ordinating the events and making sure it went smoothly with everyone enjoying their stay in Australia. Following an impressive opening ceremony, the days to come were filled with 18 workshops under the following themes – Communicating And Engaging, Growing through Connecting and Enabling Future Growth. These workshops discussed key issues such as partnerships with youth/ government organisations, sustainability, Gold Award Holder's Network and Social Innovation. Having been chosen as the Regional Intern for Asia-Pacific for the 'Peter Cruddas Social Innovation Initiative', I was part of the Social Innovation workshop's expert panel and provided inputs on how social innovation is a tool to extend the reach of the Award in a country. With the IAA planning on partnerships with the UN's Sports for Development programme, the field of partnership does have a bright future for the Award. All these workshops were focussed to enable the Award to achieve the theme of the forum.

In July I was appointed as an intern of the Peter Cruddas Social Innovation Initiative and since then, I have been rooting out stories from around the region about young people who have transformed the society using the Award. I had the opportunity to meet Mr. Peter Cruddas, a Global Benefactor and sponsor of this initiative at his CMC Markets Office in Sydney. I was proud to present stories from our country and the region as a whole, on how young people are



creating social change through the Award.



I was joined by our vibrant National Director, Mr. Sandeep Dutt and the inspirational Vice Admiral Suren Govil, who was recognised by HRH The Earl Of Wessex, for his 16 year long service and contribution to the Award both in India and internationally. The forum saw many firsts and lasts. Youth delegates had been invited for the first time, which is an excellent initiative as the Award is for the youth, and must be represented by them. It is the last time we

will be seeing greats like our Admiral, Mrs. Jyotsna and Regional Trustee John Pascoe at Award related events. We young people must learn from their contributions, and also understand how we must contribute voluntarily and with dedication. Finally, I wish to end my article with the message and a question – Are we fit for the future? With that being our goal, let us arise, awake and not stop till the goal is reached!

– **Rahul Shankar,**  
Regional Intern Asia-Pacific

schools arrived at Pathways World school on November 12, 2009. Each school was, then, divided into their respective Barazzas which was an ice breaker session. Though the cultural evening was dampened by the fact that it had started to rain nevertheless the audience had a lot of fun in watching the various schools perform.

On November, 13, 2009, the first event was Children's Day celebrations conducted by Pathways teachers. This was followed by a Formal inauguration of the Regional Round Square Conference (Sub Junior). Later in the day, the delegates went on a hike to Raisina Valley and a few villages. Then, in the early evening, a movie, "Land of Vanishing Lakes" by Ishani Dutta, who is a Media Research Associate with Indian Institute of Mass Communication, was shown. This was followed by discussions in respective Barazzas. The day came to an end with some classic fun and games around a campfire.  
**by Kalyani.**

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