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Celebrating Mangaluru & Mysuru's Visionary Entrepreneurs and Industry Leaders

Some of Mangaluru and Mysuru's most accomplished entrepreneurs, top business leaders, and visionary achievers came together for a spectacular evening of recognition and celebration at the fourth edition of the Times Business Awards held on 26th February 2026 at The Avatar Hotel & Convention in Mangalore, the event was a grand showcase of talent, innovation, and business growth, drawing the crème de la crème of the corporate and entrepreneurial community from across the region. This prestigious gathering celebrated individuals and companies that have consistently set benchmarks in their respective industries, embodying the spirit of growth, resilience, and forward-thinking leadership.

The awards ceremony highlighted winners across 25 categories, honoring leaders who have made remarkable contributions to South India's business landscape. Guests were treated to a dazzling evening where accomplishments were applauded amidst an atmosphere of elegance, sophistication, and grandeur. Adding star power to the celebration, Saina Nehwal, India's badminton icon and a global trailblazer, graced the event, felicitating winners and inspiring attendees with her motivational words, while also sharing anecdotes about her love for Karnataka's local delicacies and her journey to becoming a world



Saina Nehwal



champion. The inauguration of the event was marked by a ceremonial lamp-lighting by prominent dignitaries from Mangalore, including Dr. Haji U.K. Monu, founder and chairman of Kanachur Institute of Medical Sciences; CA S.S. Nayak, renowned Chartered Accountant and mentor to MSMEs and start-ups; Mr. Abhinav Bansal, chairman of CII and managing director of AK Bansal Group; Ms. Lata M, regional manager of State Bank of India, Mangaluru; Rev. Father Pravin Martis, vice chancellor of St. Aloysius Deemed-to-be University; Mr. Lanchulal, chairman of Astra Group and veteran actor and producer in Tulu and Kannada cinema; and Mr. Dion Jake Monteiro, director of Rohan Corporation.

The event featured an engaging panel discussion with leading minds

WINNERS AT TIMES BUSINESS AWARDS 2026

Winners	Categories
KANACHUR MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE	EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY HEALTH ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
YENEPOYA TECHNOLOGY INCUBATOR	EXCELLENCE IN STARTUP INCUBATION & MEDTECH PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
KONGO PLYWOOD AL-BADRIYA WOOD INDUSTRIES -	EMERGING PREMIUM PLYWOOD BRAND OF THE YEAR
MIRACLES OF MILAGRES CREDIT SOUHAARDHA CO-OP LTD	OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN CREDIT COOPERATIVE SERVICES
LANCHULAL K (ASTRA GROUP)	BUSINESS & ENTERTAINMENT PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR
SLV BOOK HOUSE	TRUSTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES BRAND IN THE REGION
ROHAN MARINA ONE (ROHAN CORPORATION INDIA PVT. LTD)	LUXURY SEASIDE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR
VITU REALTY	FUTURE READY REALTY BRAND
FAS- INERGEIA SOLAR PVT LTD	EXCELLENCE IN INTEGRATED RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE SOLUTIONS
PRANAV SHETTY (G M GLOBAL SCHOOL)	YOUTH ICON IN HOLISTIC SCHOOL EDUCATION
NEW VIBRANT SCHOOL	EMERGING CENTRE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & FUTURE LEADERS
UR PROPERTIES	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR - RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS
BINDU JEWELLERY	TRUSTED JEWELLERY BRAND IN THE REGION
SHAM INSTITUTE	EXCELLENCE IN CAREER-DRIVEN PROFESSIONAL SKILL EDUCATION & PLACEMENTS
SKF ELIXER INDIA PVT LTD	EXCELLENCE IN PADDY PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY & RICE MILLING SOLUTIONS
AMBIKA GROUP OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (PUTTUR)	EXCELLENCE IN VALUE BASED EDUCATION
FAROOKH ACADEMY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION (FAME)	EMERGING INSTITUTION SHAPING KARNATAKA'S FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS
RAVINDRA SHET (S. L. SHET DIAMOND HOUSE)	LEGENDARY FAMILY JEWELLER WITH A VISIONARY BUSINESS LEGACY
VK FURNITURE & ELECTRONICS	TRUSTED RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL FURNITURE BRAND
CA S. S. NAYAK	LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT IN MENTORING MSMEs AND EMERGING STARTUPS
ECR GROUP OF INSTITUTION	EXCELLENCE IN AVIATION AND LOGISTICS PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
SKF ELIXER INDIA PVT LTD	EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING & WATER TREATMENT SOLUTIONS
A.J. HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE	EXCELLENCE IN PATIENT CENTRIC SUPER SPECIALITY HEALTH CARE
TANDOOR EXPRESS - MANGALORE	EXCELLENCE IN COASTAL & MANGALOREAN CUISINE & CULINARY INNOVATION
B.M. BHAT - DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP	IN SOCIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

shaping South India's business ecosystem. Panelists included Dion Jake Monteiro from Rohan Corporation India Pvt. Ltd, Dr. M Vijay Kumar from Yenepeya Technology Incubator, Suraj Kumar Shetty from FAS Inergeia Solar Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Subash Kashyap Jha from New Vibrant School, Mr. Pranav Shetty from GM Global School, K Lakshman Kamath from Vitu Realty, and Dr. Rohan Monis, Chief Administrative Medical Officer at Kanachur Institute of Medical Sciences. The discussion explored emerging trends in entrepreneurship, innovative business models, sustainability, and strategies for scaling enterprises in today's competitive landscape, providing the audience with invaluable insights and inspiration.

Conceptualized and organized by Optimal Media Solutions, a division of Times Internet Ltd., the awards serve as a platform to spotlight outstanding achievements and acknowledge businesses on a rapid growth trajectory. Partners across sectors contributed to the event's success, including Smart Infrastructure Partner Vitu Realty, Clean Energy Partner FAS Inergeia Solar Pvt. Ltd, Start-Up Ecosystem Partner Yenepeya Technology Incubator, Social Impact Partner Astra Group, Emerging Academic Excellence Partner GM Global School, Future Leaders Education Partner New Vibrant School, Premiere Plywood Partner Kongo Plywood, and Hospitality Partner The Avatar Hotel.

As the evening progressed, attendees mingled in an informal setting, enjoying gourmet food, signature cocktails, and the impeccable hospitality of The Avatar Hotel.



The event celebrated not only achievements but also the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and social responsibility that drives South India's business community forward. It was a testament to the dedication, vision, and perseverance of entrepreneurs and industry leaders who continuously push boundaries, inspire growth, and redefine success across sectors.

The fourth edition of the awards was a true celebration of excellence, recognizing those who are shaping the present and future of business in Mangaluru, Mysuru, Hubli, and beyond. It reinforced the region's reputation as a hub of talent, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit, leaving attendees motivated, inspired, and ready to reach new heights.

The Charismatic Emcee Contributing India's Live Events and Motorsports



Shruti Goradia began her journey as an emcee in 2013, quickly establishing herself as a dynamic and dependable voice on stage. Over the past 12 years, the Bangalore-based freelance anchor, presenter, and actor has hosted numerous shows and videos across India, spanning corporate events, brand launches, expos, weddings, concerts, and large-format live productions.

In 2018 and 2019, she expanded her creative repertoire into the Kannada film industry, playing lead roles in Sankashta Kara Ganapathi (streams on Amazon Prime) and Night Out, further strengthening her on-camera presence.

Shruti has carved a strong niche in the world of motorsports, hosting prestigious properties such as the Indian Supercross Racing League 2025, the Indian Racing League & Formula-4 Indian Championship(2024), along with drag races and equestrian showcases across the country.

A passionate automobile enthusiast with a deep love for aviation and horses, she brings both authenticity and energy to every sporting platform she anchors.

Her passion for food also led her to work in the F&B industry, reflecting her diverse interests beyond the stage. With a blend of experience, charisma, and subject knowledge, Shruti continues to be a powerful and engaging presence at every event she hosts.

Research Methodology

The objective of this research was to conduct a survey, assess and evaluate the probable nominations and recommend the final list of recipients for the coveted Times Business Awards - Mangalore.

The survey had these modules, i.e. Desk Secondary Research, Approach for sharing fact files, and a Factual survey (Participatory Survey) to arrive at the analysis & identify the results of business entities / personalities and Performers and Individuals in different categories.

The kind of work done by the nominees with focus on innovation and value propositions, contribute to the business world, society and nation at large, Vision for the further addition of value to business world, society, and nation in future.

The study was conducted in Mangalore starting the 2nd week of January 2026.

SOME CAVEATS/ASSUMPTIONS:

- Best efforts were made to reach the maximum business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals in different categories.
- If the nomination for any specific category was not received, those categories were dropped and categories with single nominations were given unanimously.

Only those Business Entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals were considered who have submitted their participatory factual sheet.

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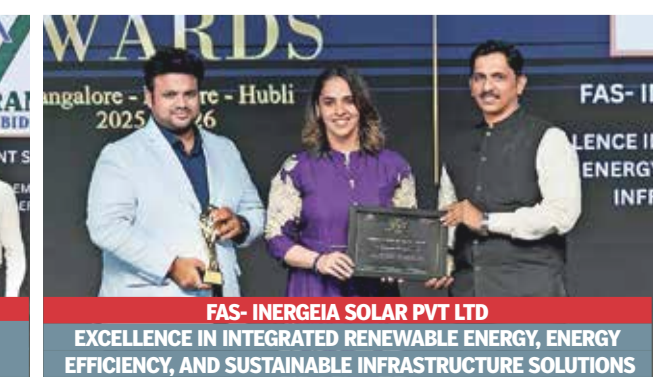
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