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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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My heartiest congratulations to all the awardees of 2009. I wish I was half as accomplished as some of you.

The fact that India is brimming with high achievers in every imaginable field is not news any more, and rest of the world has responded with some awe and respect. Three decades ago not many outside India knew the difference between IIT and BLT. Today, the very introduction of someone as a graduate of IIT or AIIMS makes everyone take notice. India's post independence investment in education has yielded great results.

Each one of us who was fortunate enough to be educated in India is grateful for the world class education that we were able to get for little or no cost. The ever increasing cost of education is no secret to everyone here. We at AIA invite you to come join us in investing in our community. It will return big dividends. We are short of people and short of funds.

To our young graduates, I am sure you will be all you can be and on your way hopefully you will find the time to be kind to others.

I am grateful to our Executive committee for their dedication and hard work, and to our numerous volunteers and donors who have been more than generous with their time and money. This event would not have been possible without their help and support. My sincere thanks to all of them.

Usha Kumar  
President,  
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