**27th IMC LADIES’ WING JANKIDEVI BAJAJ PURASKAR 2019**

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Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

A warm Welcome to all to the 27th IMC Ladies’ Wing Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar 2019

May I request you all to occupy your seats and switch off your mobile phone or put it in silent mode as we are about to begin the function.

~~You are the primordial force~~

~~The first flare of radiance~~

~~The supreme glow in the sky~~

~~You are the origin of sound~~

~~Flowing through the world~~

~~You are the source of bliss~~

~~Taking new form and feeling~~

~~In many a heart and mind~~

~~The sun, moon and stars shine~~

~~In the sky of your bosom~~

~~Life ripples in the breeze~~

~~You are the first and foremost poet~~

~~The master of all poets to come~~

~~Your chants resound in this world and beyond~~

As a tradition we begin this function by offering our prayers to the Almighty through an invocation. Dhwani will sing the invocation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for us.

*Dhwani sings………..*

It is my privilege to be here today in the midst of inspiring people to acknowledge and celebrate the spirit and dedication of late Smt. Jankidevi Bajaj.

I extend a very warm welcome to our respected Chief Guest Mr. Prasoon Joshi - Chairman, McCann Worldgroup, Asia Pacific / CEO & CCO McCann Worldgroup, India

–It’s an honour to have you amidst us.

We are pleased to welcome our Awardee Smt Ruma Devi …..Thank you ….for accepting the award and being with us here today.

May I now request Mrs. Vanita Bhandari to present her welcome address…

*Mrs. Bhandari delivers Welcome address,*

Thank you Mrs Bhandari, may I further request you to present a token of our gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Prasoon Joshi.

May I request Mrs. Nayantara Jain – Chairperson JBP Committee to present token of our gratitude and appreciation to Smt. Ruma Devi.

The Bajaj Group, representing India’s leading Bajaj family, have instituted and supported this Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar for an uninterrupted twenty seven years. The Puraskar has now assumed considerable national importance.

Instituted in 1993, the Puraskar is awarded to a deserving candidate, who is carefully and judiciously picked from a host of contenders, by a panel of judges.

Our panel of eminent judges has worked diligently to declare this year’s winner. Let us appreciate their valuable contribution.

May I request the JANKIDEVI BAJAJ PURASKAR Committee 2019 members to felicitate our judges who are present here today as I introduce them to you?

***Shri. Mukul Upadhyaya – Chairman, Panel of Judges***

Shri Upadhyaya is the CEO of Touchstone Advertising and Marketing Service. He has been associated with Bajaj Electricals Ltd for over 3 decades and is a valued personality in the advertising industry.

May I invite Mrs. Anuja Mittal, - Vice President of IMC Ladies’ Wing to present a token of gratitude to ***Shri. Mukul Upadhyaya***

***Prof. Rupa Shah***

Prof. Rupa Shah has had a distinguished career in the field of education. She was the Vice-Chancellor of the SNDT Women’s University from 2001-2005. She is currently part of the Governing Bodies of over 25 educational institutions across the country. She has published several papers on Education and Women Studies.

***Shri Pradip Shah***

Shri Pradip Shah is the Chairman of IndAsia Fund Advisors Private Limited - a corporate finance, private equity, and investment advisory business. He is also the co-founder of [www.Grow-Trees.com](http://www.Grow-Trees.com), a web-enabled social initiative, and Universal Trustees Private Limited.

***Shri Deepak Satwalekar***

Shri Deepak Satwalekar is the Venture Advisor at Nexus Venture Partners. He has been the Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Co. Ltd and Managing Director of Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC). He has also been a consultant to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (HABITAT).

***Dr. Poornima Advani***

Dr. Poornima Advani is a Director and Partner at The Law Point and also is a renowned expert in criminal jurisprudence and family law. She is a Former Chairperson, National Commission for Women. She pioneered efforts to focus national attention on the enforcement of existing women-related legislation, and on the need for gender-sensitization of all organs of the state and of civil society.

***Ms. Saumya Roy***

Saumya Roy is a journalist and social entrepreneur. She has written for Outlook, Mint, Forbes, Bloomberg News, and The Wall Street Journal website. She set up Vandana Foundation, a nonprofit that supports livelihoods of the poorest of poor in urban and rural Maharashtra.

May I Invite Members of the Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar Committee 2019 to present a token of gratitude to Prof. Rupa Shah, Shri Pradip Shah, Shri Deepak Satwalekar, Dr. Poornima Advani and Ms. Saumya Roy.

*Felicitation of all the jury members*

We are obliged that all our eminent judges despite their busy schedule have given their valuable time to serve on the panel as Judges for the Puraskar.

An audiovisual will now introduce us to the time and life of Smt. Jankidevi Bajaj and the work done by Smt Ruma Devi.

*A/V presentation ……..*

The Ladies’ Wing is privileged to encourage and facilitate development of business entrepreneurship in rural India by recognizing selfless and outstanding contribution of women who work for rural economic development. This has been the sole objective of the IMC Ladies’ Wing Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar.

We are here today to honor her spirit and that in the winner of the award today – Smt Ruma Devi.

Now, May I invite Smt. Nayantara Jain to read the citation for Smt. Ruma Devi the winner of the 27th IMC Ladies’ Wing Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar 2019

*Ms. Nayantara Jain reads…………….*

May I request our Honourable Chief Guest Mr. Prasoon Joshi to present the Puraskar to Smt. Ruma Devi.

The award comprises of a cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs, a citation and a certificate.

*Ceremony takes place…….*

(Note: During the award ceremony the press cameramen block the view for the audience to view the ceremony. So after the press moves away request the awardee and chief guest to pose again for the audience if possible)

May I invite Smt. Ruma Devi to say few words and share a few glimpses of her journey.

*Ruma Devi …… (Response Speech)*

Thank you, Rumaji, We wish you all the best and success in all your noble endeavours.

With great honour and pride, May I now invite our Chief Guest Mr. Prasoon Joshi to deliver the keynote address for the 27th IMC Ladies’ Wing Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar 2019

*Prasoon Joshi speaks*

Thank you Sir

May I now invite the Vice President of the IMC Ladies’ Wing, Smt. Anuja Mittal to deliver a vote of thanks?

*Anuja Mittal give’s vote of thanks and invites guests for refreshments to Jamshed Guzder terrace*

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