



SAEINDIA FOUNDATION

ANNUAL AWARDS FUNCTION

The Annual Awards Function of SAEINDIA Foundation was held on 9th January, 2013. The awards were given to recognize & motivate the young Women Engineers & to honor our Gurus & mentors for their contribution to mobility community at large. The Chief Guest for the event was **Mr. R C Bhargava, Chairman, Maruti Suzuki India Limited.**

Mr. R Dayal, President, SAEINDIA Foundation welcomed the guests and briefed the audience about the activities and achievements of the foundation. More than 100 invitees and guests from Corporate and Academia attended the First Annual Awards Function of SAEINDIA Foundation.

To recognize the talent of Young Women Engineers, who have contributed, to the mobility community in India, **Kalpana Chawla Awards** are given every year. A message from Mr. B L Chawla, Father of Kalpana Chawla, was also read. Few lines from the message are:

"Material interests are not the only guiding light. It is something you'd enjoy doing in the long run. Take the time to figure out how to get there. The quickest way may not necessarily be the best. The Journey matters as much as the goal. Listen to the sounds of Nature. Wishing you the best on your trek towards your dreams. Take good care of our fragile planet.





Also, she was ever grateful to her teachers' right from her school days to her Doctoral studies in US and kept in touch with all. When National Science Center Delhi asked her about an idea on what memento she would like to carry to space on their behalf, she suggested making a banner honoring the teachers of the world.

And I, like my dearest daughter Kalpana, believe that there is a Kalpana in each of you. You only have to find it! “

The awardees for the Kalpana Chawla Awards were:

- *Winner* - **Ms. S Niranjana** from **Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Tech., Coimbatore.**
- *1st Runners up* – **Ms. Kaveri Kala** from **Indira Gandhi Institute of Tech., Delhi.**
- *2nd Runners up* - **Ms. Anupama Madiyan** from **Indira Gandhi Institute of Tech., Delhi**



Dr. Pawan Goenka receives Engineering Excellence Award from **Mr. R. C. Bhargava**



Dr. Krishan Kumar receives Life Time Achievement Award from **& Mr. R. C. Bhargava**

Thereafter 2 individuals, Mr Murli Iyer from SAE International and Mr A D Sindwani were recognized for their contribution and support to SAEINDIA Foundation.

The highlights of the evening were the Annual Awards of SAEINDIA Foundation. The awards given and the awardees were :

- *Promotion of Automotive Education Award* was given to **Prof (Dr) MKG Babu**, Professor, RMK Engineering College, Chennai.



- *Engineering Excellence Award* was given to **Dr. Pawan Goenka**, President of Automotive & Farm Equipment Sectors, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd
- *Life Time Achievement Award* was given to **Dr. Krishan Kumar**



Invitees for the Function



Mr.R. Dayal, president SAEINDIA Foundation Delivering it is WELCOME Address

Mr. R. C. Bhargava delivered the key note address and he opined that private sector should be allowed to make forays into the education sector but it should not be for profit, a better interface between educational institutes and industry should exist. He gave a brief mention about the difference between the market conditions from a decade ago and now. Also, he urged SAEINDIA to focus on how to improve the quality of education, teaching and infrastructure in our country.

Mr Murli Iyer representing SAE International spoke about partnering of Industry, Academics and SAE to help the mobility community in India. He appealed to the Corporate sector to help and support SAEINDIA Foundation through which we can motivate and promote school and college students and young professionals in India, thereby sustaining the mobility community.

In Conclusion, a vote of thanks was delivered by Mr. I V Rao, Chairman SAE Northern India Section. He summarized the event and thanked the contributors and the organizing team.

- *Sanjay Thakar*
Secretary – SAEINDIA Foundation