



NBF on inappropriate conduct of a nominee

We are saddened and shocked at the inappropriate conduct of one of nominees to the Govt official category of the 9th Edition of Namma Bengaluru awards 2018.

Never in the long history of recognizing the heroes of our city by a jury of reputed Bengalureans have we experienced this relentless lobbying for the award, then followed by this immature malicious conduct by a nominee who did not make it to the final winner. There were multiple communication by this nominee to lobby both to jury, NBF team and trustees

In the eyes of the NBA jury, which is composed of reputed Bengalureans, everyone nominated or shortlisted is a winner. The jury has been continuously humbled and awed by the selfless work of multiple citizens and institutions.

The following are facts:

- This person had engaged with jury extensively and did not mention a word of these newly discovered “views” at any stage of her interaction.
- On the contrary, her various communication including her letter and WhatsApp messages reiterate the prestige and respect that the NBA awards are seen with and her desire to get the award.
- Her views have surfaced only after the jury had decided the final winner.
- She was never offered this award and So there was no case of her turning it down.
- The winner is chosen by the jury through a robust deliberative process befitting the respect and credibility built by the NBA and NBF over the years. (The jury process for selection is a robust, deliberative process and audited by leading auditing firms like KPMG and E&Y over the years).

Through all these dramatics her disappointment is obvious. Sadly, we are not able to address this for her except to reiterate our view that all nominees are winners.

The jury decided on the eventual winner based on her outstanding and brave contributions to Bengaluru. In any event, we hope good sense prevails because 81 NBA awardees over the years don't deserve to see the award demeaned in this manner. Needless to say, if this conduct of lies continues we will pursue legal measures to protect the hard-earned reputation and integrity of the awards and foundation.

About Namma Bengaluru Awards

The Namma Bengaluru Awards is Namma Bengaluru Foundation's effort to recognize and honour ordinary citizens doing extraordinary work towards making Bengaluru a better place

to live in. These awards truly are the city's way of saying 'Thank You' to its Real heroes. This initiative also aims to encourage citizens to emulate the efforts of these heroes to make meaningful differences to fellow Bengalureans.

About Namma Bengaluru Foundation

Founded and supported by Rajya Sabha member Shri. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Namma Bengaluru Foundation works towards making Bengaluru a model city, with well-planned infrastructure, well laid out neighbourhood community models and people-driven governance measures. NBF aims to be the voice of the people; a voice that needs to be heard for Bengaluru to become a truly Global City.

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Annexure : List of Jury members