

First Assamese Lady to receive Glory of India Award in UK



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On 18 July, 2009, **Rini Kakati** was presented with the prestigious "**Glory of India Award**" from the India International Society. The "Glory of India Award" ceremony was held at the St. James, Buckingham Gate, London. She is the first Assamese lady to receive this prestigious award.

An international organisation of global repute and influence, it represents the people of India, now nearing one billion living in India and millions more in other countries and Non-Indians of various nationalities, who support India. It espouses humanitarian causes, promotes universal brotherhood and especially works for India's development by campaigning for and mobilising NRI and foreign investment in India.

The award recognises those members of the Indian Diaspora from all around the world, who have etched their own distinct identity - socially, professionally and culturally by the virtue of their own excellence. These individuals have been proactive and instrumental in strengthening Indo-British ties and encouraging foreign investment in Indian projects and thus contributing to the economic growth of India.

Mrs. Kakati was recognised for her outstanding career and community work, socially, educationally and culturally spanning 35 years, started at the Area 4 Department of Social Services and Community Health in Brent Council. Her academic career started by opening up the Neighbourhood English classes, at Nicole Road Project Centre in Harlesden, also her highly respected and distinguished work in establishing a local nursery for the underprivileged and a drop-in-centre for the women and children at Church Road. In addition, Mrs. Kakati's many community and dedicated works were recognised. She was the first Asian woman Governor at Newfield Junior school. She is multi-lingual and her asset to help the community at large in today's multi-cultural Britain.

On 18 July, 2009, "Glory of India Award" presentation ceremony held in London, were attended by distinguished dignitaries from around the world, including the award presenters invited as guests of honour. Mrs. Kakati was bestowed her award by **Mr. M.V. Rajasekharan** (Former Union Minister of State for Planning, Govt. of India) the Right Hon'ble: **Mr. Marsha Singh**, MP (House of Commons and chief guest), **Baroness Sandip Verma** (Member of House of Lords) and guest of honour **Baroness Prashar of Runnymede** (Member of House of Lords)

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