Congratulatory Messages received from key people On Harish Sadani winning Ashoka's Changemakers Prize, US At online global competition In May 2010

Congratulations on your dedication, persistence and commitment to a socially just and respectful world.

■ Brook Friedman, Activist, Kununurra, Western Australia

Congratulations to you and MAVA for this wonderful accomplishment. Your work really is terrific.

■ Michael Kaufman, White Ribbon Campaign, Canada

Hope this award will encourage you to further scale up your works that you have been doing. I also look forward to hear from you and sharing about your works along with the learnings so that we also learn from you. Please do keep us informed about your works.

■ Laxman Belbase, Regional Program Officer, MenEngage Alliance & Regional Coordinator, Save the Children Sweden - South Asia

Heartiest congratulations. That is a great honour to our country.

■ Justice Dhananjaya Chandrachud, Mumbai High Court

This is wonderful news. I share this feeling of triumph for Harish and the MAVA team, as much for the "men's movement" in India. It needs all the momentum, wisdom, foresight and commitment to meet the undiminished challenges facing humankind and the whole planet. May we all make the right actions together towards real progress!

■ Mira Sadgopal, health activist

Congratulations! An award well deserved. Very happy for you.

■ Pouruchisti Wadia, Lawyers Collective, Mumbai

It is such a wonderful news........ Hearty Congratulations Harish and of course your strong committed team!!

■ Sudhir Sudhal, CRY – Child Rights & You

Congratulations on the Ashoka award.... A recognition for the difficult course you traverse...

■ Geeta Seshu, journalist

Hearty Congratulations! We are proud of you.

■ Jyoti Mhapsekar and all others at Stree Mukti Sanghatana

Your hard work and perseverance has been recognized finally!! MAVA's relevance continues even after 15-17 years as the challenge of changing men's attitudes continues. MAVA has managed to build a good team of motivated people and has remained very focused in its approach. Many new organizations should learn from you.

Once again congratulations and best wishes for future!

■ Roopashri Sinha, child rights activist

CONGRATULATIONS Harish. Well earned. Great work.

■ Sudhir Patwardhan, artist

It's really good and we are proud of you. CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!

-- All officers and staff of Maharashtra State Social Welfare Board, Mumbai

Congratulations! You really deserved it; I always thought you had a great and different idea.

■ Dr. Vani Kulhalli, psychiatrist, Mumbai

■ K.G.Inamdar, Company Secretary, Sudal Industries Limited

A PROPHET IS NEVER RECOGNISED IN HIS COUNTRY! A well deserved recognition worthy of your efforts. We are all there to support you.

■ Mahinder C Watsa, Noted Sexologist

Congratulations! You deserve it and the wonderful work that you are doing is so needed in our times today (always needed though). All the best and we wish you (and our India) much luck in making the change - or the violence against women with the 'each day more skewed sex ratio' will bring about other drastic changes in our country.

■ Marcella Dsouza and all at WOTR, Ahmednagar

Congratulations! I am glad that your perseverance and single-mindedness has reaped rich dividends in the form of the many 'yuva mitras' you have brought together and in the form of this recognition that your work has now got.

■ Anjali Kanitkar, College of Social Work, Nirmala Niketan

My heartfelt congratulations on a extremely well-deserved award. You have indeed put in a tremendous amount of hard work and it is good to know that this has now been acknowledged so handsomely.

■ Lt Col (Dr) Anil Paranjape, Institute of Health Management, Pachod