



We, the Members of the Rotary Club of Madras Besant Nagar,

(Affiliated to Rotary International District 3230)

are privileged to confer upon you, S B Khanthan,

“Award for Vocational Excellence”

For the Year 2010-11

Born into a family with traditional values and putting them into practice laid the foundation for developing the strong traits in you. The first sign of it came when you passed Chartered Accountancy with flying colours. And then in your work as an Executive in a company manufacturing and marketing consumer durables. However, neither the world of finance nor the harsh work schedule could limit your zest for some finer aspects of life.

Your initiation into the world of fine arts was probably genetic ... through the legendary Harikatha exponent, also your father the late Brahmashri T S Balakrishna Sastrigal. And later to the world of creative expression and celluloid, through your brother Mouli, another legendary director to discover some fine talent in cinema ... actor-director Visu and a few more.

Through Crazy Mohan, you were initiated into the world of humour. And again to the world of creative arts by renowned cinematographer P C Sreeram.

Enterprise led you to establish Studio Dream and the creative urge found expression in several advertising commercials, documentaries and corporate films. Including films for CII, Coca Cola, Centenary Film for Deloitte, Motivational Film for AREVA, HDFC Bank and several others.

You combined your penchant for films with your passion for music to create documentaries on several legends of the world of music ... Shri G N Balasubramanian, Umayalpuram Shri Sivaraman, Lalgudi Shri G Jayaraman, Ramnad Shri Krishnan and several others as well.

Your busy schedule was not an excuse in your duties as a responsible citizen to the society at large. A short film on asthma cure, a film on artificial limbs, time management and more followed. As did several television films, serials and stage plays along the way.

A life full of achievements and each one of them worthy of commendation. By friends and critics alike.

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President

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