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Please find attached the Press Release about **Vanashri award Govt of Maharashtra 2007** being released to media also.

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Press Release- for immediate dissemination

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Jain Hi-Tech Agri Institute honoured by Maharashtra Vanashree award

- ***CM Prithviraj Chavan gives away the award in Pune.***
- ***Jain Irrigation honoured again for its contribution in forestation, waste land development and social awareness.***

Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd (JISL) Jalgaon has bagged the first rank in the Maharashtra State Vanashree Award of the year 2007 given by the Rural Development and Water Conservation and Social Forestry Department of Government of Maharashtra. Jain Irrigation's Chief Agronomist Mr. V.B.Patil received this award on behalf of the Company from Maharashtra Chief Minister Mr. Prithviraj Chavan in a grand ceremony held at Yashda Training Centre in Pune recently. The award consists of an amount of Rs 50,000/- in cash and a citation.

Water Conservation Minister Dr. Nitin Raut, MLA Mr. Vinayakrao Nimhan, Chief Secretary of Water Conservation Department Mr. V. Giriraj, Divisional Commissioner of Pune Mr. Dilip Bund and senior officers from the Social Forestry, Water Conservation, and Rural Development Department of Government of Maharashtra were also present at the function.

"Every day, the imbalance in the environment has resulted in many bad effects for the humanity. Due to pollution, the proportion of carbon in the environment is continuously increasing. The Indian culture has given religious angle and stress on tree plantation. It is now essential to understand this holistic approach. Tree plantation and conservation should become a people's movement", said Prithviraj Chavan Chief Minister of Maharashtra while speaking at the Vanashree Award distribution ceremony at Pune. He added that "energy, water, and soil should be equally paid attention. All people have come to accept the benefits of drip irrigation for effective water management". He stressed on more use of drip irrigation for tree plantation. "The Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) is fully focused on the tree plantation and conservation activities" he said. He appealed to rural youths and

charitable institutions to come forward for this noble task.

The winners for Vanashree Award for the year 2007 and 2008 were given awards in this prize distribution ceremony. Jain Irrigation's Jain Hi-Tech Agri Institute (JHAI) has been awarded first prize. JHAI created an ideal model of the forestation and waste land development at Jain Hills in Jalgaon. The forestation and the bio-diversity preserved here has become an attraction for the foreigners also. Maharashtra Government has evaluated efforts of JHAI for forestation and water conservation work and rewarded the JHAI with the first prize.

The Company has since its inception undertaken several initiatives for maintaining the ecological balance with the invaluable guidance given by JISL's Founder Chairman Bharvarlalji Jain. "Maharashtra State Vanashree Award is reward for this work," JISL Vice-Chairman Ashok Jain said. The Company has been able to plant and develop more than 90,000 trees around Jain Hills and Jain Valley. Most of these trees are Neem trees, which are very significant for the environment. A big nursery has been developed at Jain Hills. Due to this Jain Hills and Jain Valley area is identified as an ideal model of social forestry and water conservation, said Ashok Jain.

Since ages, nature has developed the bio-diversity of trees. Among them, large numbers of species are becoming extinct. JHAI is trying to protect this bio-diversity and make it available to the society. These trees are valuable for maintaining the ecological balance and sustainability of the land. It has planted such rare trees like Rakta Chandan, Halad-Kunku, Aaonla, Hirda, Beheda etc, at Jain Hills and also went a step further to develop a nursery of these species.

There are about 60 important trees on the verge of extinction like Bakul, Hirda, Beheda, Kashid, Arjun, Audumbar, Bel, Halad-Kunku, Putravanti, Sar, Khairni, Anjan and Palas available in this nursery. In terms of numbers, nearly 42, 650 saplings are available at the JISL. JISL has been making sincere efforts to promote sapling plantation as one for each person.

About Jain Irrigation Systems Limited:

Jain Irrigation is a diversified Company with a market capitalization of Rs. 7,500 crores approx. Jain's product portfolio includes Irrigation Products, Piping Products, Plastic Sheets, Dehydrated Foods, Fruit Puree and Juice concentrates. Jain Irrigation has pioneered drip irrigation for small farmers in India and has a lion's share in India, which is one of the fastest growing micro irrigation markets. Jain has a growing presence in the renewable energy segment and is the largest player in applications of solar energy in agriculture and rural areas. Solar Pumps, Water heating systems and various PV appliances

have made big inroads in the market. The company's focus will grow in this sector. JAIN has 22 manufacturing plants in 4 continents, 94 sales offices and 52 depots in 120 countries. 7068 components are manufactured at their own plants. They are the only integrated irrigation-solution provider in the world. They have a workforce of over 7,000 people. Out of these, more than 1,500 are engineers, agronomists and field officers, working closely with the farmers.



Photograph: Mr Prithviraj Chavan, CM Maharashtra conferring the Vanashri award to JISI's chief Agronomist Mr. V.B.Patil at Pune recently.