

Press Release

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**A TRIBUTE TO JAGJIT SINGH BY PRAYAS &
LAUNCHING OF ASHOK-PRAYAS – ‘HUNAR SE ROZGAR’ – COMMUNITY-BASED
ITDC-PRAYAS PROJECT AT 7.30 PM ON 23 Dec 11 AT ASHOK HOTEL,
CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI**

The Legendary singer, king of ghazals, Jagjit Singh is no more with us, but, his immortal voice will always remain resounding our homes and hearts for all times to come. The best ever versatile renditions of Jagjit Singh shall keep moving the deepest corners of our emotions and thoughts everywhere, particularly the millions of homes and programmes in the evenings.

Jagjit Singh was a remarkable human being, a man of parts and multifaceted personality with friends and admirers across the globe. He associated himself with thousands of individuals and organizations serving noble causes to help the poor and downtrodden.

Not many people would know that for several years he quietly remained the active and serving President of “PRAYAS”, one of the best known organizations for children in the country. As president of “PRAYAS”, Jagjit Singh took keen interest in the activities of the organization spreading over eight states and Union Territory of the country, including Delhi, Bihar, Gujarat, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. “PRAYAS” directly serves nearly 50000 children, youth and women in crisis and deprivation through 231 centres of education and vocational training, 11 homes for the homeless children and elaborate health care, sanitation, nutrition and economic empowerment programmes to support them.

This evening is being organized at the initiative of another outstanding artist and Ghazal singer, Pankaj Udhas, who also deeply associates himself with “PRAYAS” and the common cause to support the marginalized children and communities across the country. Most graciously, the dynamic Tourism Minister of India, Mr. Subhodh Kant Sahay, who has also been associated with Prayas for a long time, has joined hands alongwith his highly innovative Chairman & Managing Director, ITDC, Dr. Lalit K. Panwar, Prayas President, Mr. Shatrughan Sinha, a former Minister and nationally known activist and Prayas General Secretary, Mr. Amod K. Kanth, to create this memorable event combining the immortal songs of Jagjit Singh with the cause of marginalized children and youth. The launching of ‘Ashok-Prayas – Hunar Se Rozgar’, Community-based ITDC – Prayas Project in five ITDC Ashok hotels in Delhi (2), Guwahati (Assam), Ranchi (Jharkhand) and Patna (Bihar), marks the beginning of a highly innovative skill development and livelihood program.