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# RITZ WOMEN OF MERIT SOIREE

It was a meaningful evening of glitz and substance as Mercedes Benz and RITZ, South India's premier lifestyle magazine came together to felicitate women achievers ahead of International Women's Day. Held at the sprawling and plush Trans Car Mercedes Benz showroom in Chennai on Saturday, March 7, 2015, the Mercedes Benz RITZ Women of Merit Soiree was hailed by everyone as a great effort at applauding talent. The March 2015 Special Edition of RITZ - featuring actress and producer Radikaa Sarathkumar, philanthropist and Managing Director of Sathyabama University, Dr Maria Zeena Johnson, designer and entrepreneur Jayadevi Cholleyil and real estate entrepreneur Pooja Jain - all dressed in clothes made exclusively for them by Jullaaha - was unveiled at the event by Aruna R Krishnan of RITZ and Abdul Qadir, MD, Trans Car India.

The path-breaking women who were felicitated at the event included Radikaa Sarathkumar, Jayadevi Cholleyil, Dr Maria Zeena Johnson, Pooja Jain, philanthropist Latha Kumaraswamy, businesswomen Geetha Nagu, Geetha Premkumar, Rekha Rangarajan, singer Shoba Chandrashekar, Vimmi Deepak, actress Taapsee Pannu, singer Chinmayi Sripada and actress Pooja Kumar. The evening was full of several very special and exhilarating moments. Radikaa spoke about how it is a challenge to be a woman and how she enjoys it nevertheless. Dr Maria Zeena Johnson, who is involved in various philanthropic efforts besides running the renowned Sathyabama University, spoke about the joy of giving and how she looked forward to celebrating her felicitation with her husband and family. Chinmayi graciously thanked RITZ for honouring her for the second time, the first being way back in

2009. Shoba Chndrashekar enthralled the audiences by singing in her mellifluous voice while Taapsee Pannu struck an emotional chord by talking about she endured and grew from being called an unlucky heroine and 'an iron leg' to becoming a sought-after star in several languages. Abdul Qadir made a very special presentation of the various initiatives undertaken by his group towards the education and empowerment of women, drawing widespread applause from the audience. The winners were crowned with floral tiaras made of orchids and the women loved wearing their crowns! Radisson Blu offered the best of their hospitality with mouth-watering canapés. Deccan Chronicle were the media partners of the event.

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Rekha Rangarajan receiving her citation



Latha Kumaraswamy of TANKER Foundation receiving her citation from Mrs Abdul Qadir



Abdul Qadir felicitates Jayadevi Cholayil of Jullaaha and Cholayil Group



Mr. Vikram Cotah, Vice President, GRT Group of Hotels, felicitates Mrs. Geetha Premkumar





Shoba Chandrashekar and Geetha Premkumar strike a happy pose



Pooja Kumar, Aruna R Krishnan, Taapsee Pannu and Pooja Jain pose for a photo



Mr. & Mrs. Abdul Qadir at the soiree



RJ Jane Jayakumar hosted the event and kept the audience engaged with her trademark wit and positivity.