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## Rolex Awards '06: Runa Khan Marre does Bangladesh proud

In a grand ceremony in Paris on December 10, the most prestigious awards in Europe was given to Runa Khan Marre. An Bangladeshi, she was among the winners of the prestigious Rolex Awards for Enterprise. She says a press release.

Her claim to fame lies in her pioneering work alongside her husband, Yves-Marie from France, of preserving the shipbuilding tradition of her country.



Runa Khan Marre

...an 600 water courses of a total... In just two decades, this conserva... rebuilding tradition was on the... disappearing. Runa's project involved reviving additional wooden boats and creating a 'Living Museum' to preserve the techniques of artisans, reviving the country's navigable waterways and preservation of this unique heritage.

Amplifying on the criteria for selection of the laureates, Philippe Masset (Rolex France) in the Salon des Horlogers in the Musee des Art Decoratifs said, "Over the last 30 years, The Rolex Awards for Enterprise have honoured special individuals. Men and women whose energy and creativity have been responsible for initiating extraordinary projects... They are of all ages and nationalities and backgrounds, but they have one thing in common: The Spirit of Enterprise that has enabled them to realise their dream."

The Rolex Award was created in 1976 on the 50th anniversary of the Rolex Oyster, in 1926, one of the most important innovations of the watch-making history. The jury met in 2006 last spring in Geneva, chaired by Patrick Heiniger, MD Rolex SA. Seventeen hundred projects from 117 countries were considered. From these after several days of intensive work the jury settled on five laureates and five associate laureates.