



## **SADHGURU**

### **Chief Guest at Jamnalal Bajaj Awards 2019 Ceremony**

Born: September 3, 1957

Ranked amongst the fifty most influential people in India, Sadhguru is a yogi, mystic, visionary and a bestselling author. Sadhguru has initiated powerful yoga programs for human transformation and wellbeing and path-breaking outreach projects to uplift rural communities. He was conferred the "Padma Vibhushan" by the Government of India in 2017, the highest annual civilian award, accorded for exceptional and distinguished service.

Probing and passionate, insightful, logical and unfailingly witty, Sadhguru's talks have made him a speaker and opinion-maker of renown. With his astute and incisive grasp of current issues and world affairs and his unerringly scientific approach to the question of human well-being, he has been a primary speaker at the United Nations (UN) World Headquarters, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Headquarters, a regular at the World Economic Forum, and a special invitee at the Australian Leadership Retreat, Indian Economic Summit, Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED) and Google, to name a few. He has also been invited to speak at leading educational institutions including Oxford, Stanford, Harvard, Yale, Wharton and MIT among others.

In the past few years, Sadhguru has launched mega ecological initiatives in India to address challenges such as water scarcity, agrarian distress and land degradation. Recognised globally for their impact, these initiatives have become game-changers by establishing a global blueprint for economic development that is ecologically sustainable. Sadhguru has been invited by the UN, UNE (United Nations Environment) and UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) to explore how these initiatives can be replicated globally.

Sadhguru's celebratory engagement with life includes an active involvement in fields as diverse as architecture and visual design, poetry and painting, ecology and horticulture, sports, music and aviation.

Three decades ago, Sadhguru founded Isha Foundation, a non-profit human-service organization, with human well-being as its core commitment. Isha is supported by over nine million volunteers in more than 300 centers worldwide.

