

The grandeur and the energy level of first Kannada tele award function did not fall short of any film award function

Almost every night they make one laugh, cry and even touch one's heart through the medium of television. It was that time of the year when it was their turn to be honoured for their talent. The City on Sunday played host to the first award function for Kannada television stars called the *1st ACT Television Cable Varthe Tele Awards 2009*. The grandeur of the stage, the public turnout and the energy level of the evening did not fall short

of any film award show.

The evening began with an energetic performance by the Raghu Dixit Project. In his classic attire of sarong and t-shirt, Raghu Dixit sang *Hey Bhagwan, Mysore Se Aye Woh*. His two Kannada songs *Neene Belaku* and the ever-popular *Nina Poojege Bande* got everyone up and dancing to his tunes. This was followed by an acrobatic performance by Lourd Vijay's Dance Studio.

The *Jai Ho* performance



by the *Footloose* dance team had a very interesting fusion of Kathak, Bharatanatyam and Western movements. If there is glamour and drama, there has to be humour too. A group of actors had the audience rolling in laughter with their spoof act on a 'mega-serial'.

Sunder Raju, MD ACT Television, said, "We have some of the most talented artistes in television and through this stage, we are recognising their talent and contributions to the industry." Also seen giving out awards were Kannada actors Priyanka Upendra, Hema and Srinagar Kitty.

One of the first awards of the evening was the *Cable*

and Broadcast Award which went to Vijaykumar from Udaya TV, Surendranath from E TV, Nivedith Alva from Alva brothers Mediatek and Anil Shetty from N TV. From best make-up artist award to the best on-screen couple award, the function did not leave even one segment untouched.

While the award for the most popular couple on TV went to Radhika and Ranganath Bharadvaj, the Special Achievement Award went to Indushri and Dinku. The lifetime achievement award was given to H M K Murthy, Sibi Kabi Chandru, M S N Narasimhamurthy and Aparna.

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GROOVY A section of the audience.



STARRY Priyanka Upendra hands over an award.



DANCE ALONG Tele stars shake a leg.