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**Honors**

**'Access to Freedom Award' for Khanna**



Standing at the podium, Stuart Schulman, chairperson, Kingsborough Community College, presenting Khanna, left, with the 'Access to Freedom Award.' (Photo: Courtesy, SATH)

The Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality (SATH) presented chef Vikas Khanna with the 'Access to Freedom Award' at the Kings Borough Community College in Brooklyn, New York, on Nov. 30. The award is given annually at the ASTA World Travel Congress, according to a press release.

It recognizes the individual or organization that has made contributions in the past year in creating economic opportunities for persons with disabilities in the travel industry. Khanna is also a recent recipient of the 58th annual JOB (Just-One-Break) award at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Manhattan.

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● **DNA IDENTIFICATION:** Department of Health contracts ReliaGene Technologies to help identify Katrina victims



● **CINEMA:** Actor Aamir Khan ties the nuptial knot with ? Lagaan? assistant director Kiran Rao at his Bandra home



● **SPORTS:** Ganguly, Khan and Patel make a comeback to the team for the Test series in Pakistan from next month

**OPINION:**

**After the Calamity  
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One year ago, the Indian Ocean tsunami struck 14 countries, killing an estimated 223,500 people and leaving 1.8 million homeless. In the Indonesian territory of Aceh, more than 2,000 schools were destroyed; villages along 500 miles of coast were obliterated. Partly because the disaster struck over the holiday season and affected Western tourists, it triggered an unprecedented outpouring of generosity. Counting some \$2 billion worth of debt relief, outsiders pledged upward of \$6 billion to rebuild Aceh; they pledged more than \$2 billion for Sri Lanka. For once, the challenge was to spend the money rather than raise it. Having been inundated with donations in the first week after the tsunami, the disaster-response charity, Doctors Without...

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