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IDS 2006 Annual Banquet
to celebrate an

IDS Catalyst

Keynote Speaker: **Vikram Akula**, Founder and CEO of SKS Microfinance
(recipient of the TIME100 "2006: The People Who Shape Our World" Award)

Date: Sunday, October 15th

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Ashyana Banquet
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Donation: \$100/person

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Recognized for his vision and leadership as the Founder and CEO of SKS Microfinance, one of the world's fastest growing microfinance institutions, **Vikram Akula** has been named by TIME Magazine as one of "The People Who Shape Our World" for 2006. The annual list that celebrates the lives and ideas of the world's most influential people, and includes global leaders such as Bill Clinton, Bill & Melinda Gates and George W. Bush.

SKS is one of the fastest growing microfinance organizations in the world, having disbursed over \$52 million (Rs 240 crores) in loans to 221,000 women clients in poor regions of India.

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