



Young visionary

The **Rolex Awards for Enterprise** 2014 recently recognised five young visionaries from Africa, India, Europe and the Middle East for their innovative approach to solving problems that the society faces today. One of the five young laureates, **Neeti Kailas** from India, was awarded 50,000 Swiss Francs for her project, Sohum Innovation Lab, which has developed an affordable and easy-to-use device to detect hearing loss in infants. In developing countries such as India, it is commonly

believed that, if a person is hearing impaired they can't speak, which is not true. If hearing loss is detected at infancy itself, it is possible to train the child in speech. Kailas' project is a unique solution, which will enable mass-screening for hearing impairment in newborns in resource-poor areas and will consequently help in prevention of speech loss. She was chosen by an international jury of eight eminent experts, who shortlisted her from among 1,800 applicants across the world. ♦

Where there's a wheel...

We need as a society to remove the stigma about differently-abled people, says **Deepa Malik**, founder, **Will on Wheels Foundation**. "Adversity provides an opportunity in life," she adds. Malik, a paraplegic athlete and an Arjuna Award winner for 2012, feels "There is a need to set goals in life and achieve them." Differently-abled persons can excel in life if they are provided with the right opportunity and encouragement. Malik, who spoke about grit and determination at an interactive session organised by the Hyderabad Chapter of Young Indians, narrated her own life experiences, adding that the base thought in life should be positive. Young Indians is an organisation of young industrialist and businesspersons, promoted by the Confederation of Indian Industry. ♦



Fashion icon **Sabyasachi**, recently unveiled his latest flagship store at Kala Ghoda, in Mumbai. Billed as his largest store till date, the interiors are a reflection of Sabya's passion for décor. As testament to this are the various vintage hand painted chandeliers, over 400 bottles painstakingly collected from the bylanes of Hyderabad and Lucknow, 52 antique rugs and a multitude of beautifully framed period calendar art from the 1920, among various other objets d'art. The 8,200 sq ft store is home to his wedding collectibles, ready-to-wear saris,

Reflection of passion

