

## **Delhi-based artist wins Singapore Art Museum award -Press Trust of India, 2011**

New Delhi, Nov 18 (PTI) City-based artist Sheba Chhachhi has won a Signature Art Prize given by Singapore Art Museum for her large-scale public installation 'The Water Diviner'.

While Rodel Tapaya of the Philippines won the grand prize of 45,000 Singapore dollars, Chhachhi along with Daniel Crooks (Australia) and Aida Makoto (Japan) pocketed the SGD 10,000 jurors' choice awards.

Together with the three jurors' choice award winners, the prize-winning works are ground-breaking in their negotiation of cultural heritage and contemporary forms of expression. They are all worthy of recognition as being among the best art works from the region," said a statement from the jury panel.

Drawing on the symbolism and importance of water in the Indian culture, the installation by Ethiopia-born Chhachhi is complemented with a video that uses projections of still images and transparencies to create an immersive environment. The names of the winners were picked up from a shortlist of 15 artists of 14 countries and territories across Asia Pacific for the APB Foundation Signature Art awards, co-sponsored by Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation.

"The Water Diviner is an unusual immersive installation. It's an honour to win the jurors choice award for this work at the Asia Pacific Breweries Foundation Signature Art Prize which honours an unusual art practice which is about creating experiences. The Water Diviner tries to address and bring into mainstream a crucial issue facing India and the region," said Chhachhi.