



Javed Akhtar the new Chairman of revamped IPRS

New board comprising of authors and publishers in place

Press Release:

Mumbai, 6th April, 2017: Fresh elections were held after more than a decade in the revamped IPRS, in which both the authors (music composers and lyricists) and publishers (music labels) participated. These elections have the backing of the entire author and publisher community in India. Renowned poet and writer, Shri Javed Akhtar was unanimously elected as the Chairman of the new board.

The revamped IPRS has adopted a new working constitution and is fully in sync with the Amended Copyright Act. The primary objective of this constitution is to ensure rightful royalty flow to all the rights owner, while simplifying licensing process for the end users.

Shri Javed Akhtar said, *“IPRS has turned over a new page and a new chapter has started, where there is no WE and THEM, only US. Writers, composers and publishers have risen above the past conflicts and have a taken a pledge to work together for the enhancement of Indian Music Industry’s reach and prosperity. “*

“This is a historic moment for the music industry, and will act as catalyst of growth for all stakeholders. We look forward to IPRS achieving new heights under the leadership of Javed saab” said **Vikram Mehra, Managing Director, Saregama India Ltd.**

The newly elected members on the board are Javed Akhtar, Shridhar Subramaniam, Aashish Rego, Kumar Taurani, Rajinder Singh Panesar, Devraj Sanyal, G.V. Prakash Kumar, Ganesh Jain, Anupam Roy, Mandar Thakur, Sahithi Cherukupalli and Vikram Mehra.

About IPRS: The Indian Performing Right Society Ltd. (IPRS) owns, administers and currently controls the Performing Right in Musical Works and Literary Works assigned to it by its owner members. IPRS is engaged in the business of exercise and enforcing copyrights assigned to it and making music accessible to the public by issuing /granting of licenses to the users of music for utilization of musical works and literary works and collects royalties in pursuance of such licenses. IPRS represents Publishers, Authors and Composers of Music from all over India and is affiliated with similar Societies in other countries of the World to represent International Music as well.