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## MUMBAIKARS OF THE YEAR

**KATRINA KAIF**  
Delivered hit after hit despite controversy and criticism. Google's most searched celebrity two years running — no mean feat.



As 2009 draws to a close, we pick the nine who made a difference

**SACHIN TENDULKAR**  
Completed 20 years and 30,000 runs in international cricket, while also taking on Bal Thackeray. A true Mumbai son!



**AAMIR KHAN**  
Has a penchant for the dramatic. His one film in the final week of the year, banished all memories of a dismal 2009 for Bollywood.



**JANHAVI ACHAREKAR**  
Young, enterprising and insightful — her book *Window Seat* comprised a collection of short stories revealing the trials and tribulations of everyday life in Mumbai. Lauded by critics, she's one to watch in the future.



**VINITA KAMTE**  
Had to deal with the trauma of losing her husband to the terrorists on 26/11, took on the police force to find answers. For her book *To The Last Bullet*, and her inner strength, she makes this list.



**KRISHNA HEGDE**  
Against the dynastic politics of the state, truly worked his way to the post of MLA from a constituency considered toughest for the Congress.



**YOU**  
Yes you, the common Mumbaikar. You made noise. You brought change. You will do one better in 2010.



**UDAYA KUMAR**  
IITian's design for the new look rupee note was shortlisted in the final five. You could soon be carrying his work in your pocket.



**SARFRAZ KHAN**  
The 12-year-old scored an incredible 439 runs in a Harris Shield match. Touted as the next Sachin, coaches are purring over this youngster.

