

Prized moment

Like previous years, this year also AIMA honoured personalities from different walks of life for outstanding contribution in their respective fields

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Our country needs visionary business leaders to manage India's transition to a knowledge economy, said the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, Chief Guest at the fourth edition of the AIMA Managing Awards 2013, which was held yesterday (April 11) in New Delhi.

All India Management Association (AIMA) recognises and honours achievers in the fields of entrepreneurship, management, social development, media and entertainment. All the people awarded have set benchmarks of excellence in their own right.

The proceedings of the coruscant evening started with the welcome address by D. Shivakumar, President, AIMA and Sr Vice-President - IMEA, Nokia.

Introducing the Entrepreneur of the Decade Award for Mukesh D Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd., N.K. Singh, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, JD (U), said that Mukesh Ambani is an iconic leader, who personifies extreme innovation, impeccable excellence and flawless execution.

Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, BJP, announced Pawan Munjal, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd., as the Business Leader of the Year.

H.M. Nerurkar, Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd., announced the Entrepreneurs of the Year, awarded

jointly to Shyam S Bhartia, Chairman and Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group, and Hari S Bhartia, Co-Chairman and Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group.

Prannoy Roy, Executive Co-Chairperson and Editor-in-Chief, NDTV, received the Outstanding Contribution to Media Award, which was introduced by Gautam Thapar, Past President, AIMA, and Group Chairman and CEO, Avantha Group.

Reading the citation for BHEL as the Outstanding PSU of the Year, Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, said that BHEL is a single source with multiple solutions for the infrastructure and industrial sectors in India. The award was received by B.P. Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL.

Introducing Tata Motors Ltd. as the Indian Multinational of the Year, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee Kiran Bedi said that the foundation of the company's growth over the last 68 years is a deep understanding of economic stimuli and customer needs. Karl Slym, Managing Director, Tata Motors Ltd., received the award.

While Gurcharan Das, author, commentator and former CEO, Procter and Gamble India, introduced Bhaskar Bhat, Managing Director, Titan Industries Ltd., as the Transformational Business Leader of the Year; Paul Tse, President, Asian Association of Management Organisations, read the citation for the Emerging Business Leader of the Year given to Vivek Jain, Managing Director, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., Inox Group.



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President of India, Pranab Mukherjee with AIMA Managing India Awards 2013 winners and AIMA office bearers. (Seated L-R) H M Nerurkar, Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd.; D Shivakumar, President, AIMA and Sr Vice President - IMEA, Nokia; Mukesh D Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd.; Preetha Reddy, Sr Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospital Enterprise Ltd. (Standing L-R) Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; Bhaskar Bhat, Managing Director, Titan Industries Ltd.; Vivek Jain, Managing Director, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., Inox Group; Pawan Munjal, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.; Karl Slym, Managing Director, Tata Motors Ltd.; B P Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL; Hari S Bhartia, Co-Chairman & Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group; Shyam S Bhartia, Chairman & Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group and Prannoy Roy, Executive Co-Chairperson and Editor-in-Chief, NDTV

Preetha Reddy, Sr. Vice-President, AIMA, and Managing Director, Apollo Hospital Enterprise Ltd., delivered the vote of thanks.

The jury for the award this year was chaired by Sanjiv Goenka, Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, and comprised D Shivakumar, President, AIMA, and Sr Vice-President - IMEA, Nokia; Harshavardhan Neotia, Managing Director, Bengal Ambuja Housing Development Limited; Inderdeep Singh, President and Managing Director, Continental Device India Ltd; Shivinder Mohan Singh, Executive Vice-Chairman, Fortis Healthcare Limited; Vineet Agarwal, Joint Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd., and P Dwarakanath, Treasurer, AIMA, and Director, Group, Human Capital, Max India Limited.



(L-R) Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; D Shivakumar, President, AIMA and Sr Vice President - IMEA, Nokia; Pranab Mukherjee, President of India; Preetha Reddy, Sr Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospital Enterprise Ltd. and H M Nerurkar, Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd.



(L-R) Mukesh D Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd.; N K Singh, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, JD(U); Kiran Bedi, Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and Paul Tse, President, Asian Association of Management Organisations



Pawan Munjal, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd.; Gautam Thapar, Past President, AIMA and Group Chairman & CEO, Avantha Group and Shyam S Bhartia, Chairman & Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group



Prannoy Roy, Executive Co-Chairperson and Editor-in-Chief, NDTV and Mukesh D Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd



Karl Slym, Managing Director, Tata Motors Ltd with Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, BJP

Achievers Inc.

With grit, determination and leadership qualities, the winners of AIMA Managing Awards 2013 have not only excelled in their respective areas, but have also given a new direction to brand India

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All the dignitaries awarded by AIMA are people who have carved out a niche for themselves in different fields of life. These visionaries, overcoming all odds and challenges, are steering our country towards achieving new heights. Recognising the contributions made by them, this year, too, AIMA felicitated some of the achievers of our nation.

Speaking about the contribution of the awardees, the President of India, Pranab Mukherjee, said, "I congratulate all of them for contributing to the country's progress. I am sure they will ignite the minds of other managers and entrepreneurs to think big towards nation building."

The Entrepreneur of the Decade Award was bestowed on Mukesh D Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Ltd., who has set new benchmarks in innovative thinking and leadership qualities.

The phenomenal value creation at RIL can be solely attributed to Mukesh Ambani's incisive focus on innovation and his progressive leadership of India's most valued company.

Decoding his success mantra as a business leader, recipient of the Business Leader of the Year Award, Pawan Munjal, Managing Director and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd., said, "Focus, determination, a commitment to excellence, staying connected with the customer and humility are the few attributes which have helped me in my journey as a business leader."

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award was shared by Shyam S Bhartia, Chairman and Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group, and Hari S Bhartia, Co-Chairman and Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group. Giving advice to young Indian entrepreneurs, Shyam S Bhartia said, "If you strongly believe in your plan, work hard to get together a cohesive and motivated team to crystallize your

plan; go ahead and implement it without fear of failures."

On the other hand, Hari S Bhartia thanked AIMA, on behalf of the Jubilant Bhartia Group, for presenting this prestigious award. "This award reflects the values of the Group and recognition of the hard work being done by our employees across the world," he said.

Talking about the role media has played in nation building over the past two decades, recipient of Outstanding Contribution to Media Award, Prannoy Roy, Executive Co-Chairperson and Editor-in-Chief, NDTV, said, "The media has made politicians answerable to the people of India. Indian media has also brought information to the voters of our country. All this is making our nation a more vibrant and informed democracy."

This year BHEL got the award for Outstanding PSU of the Year. Analysing the role of BHEL in powering India's growth, B.P. Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL, said, "Engineering is the basic character of BHEL. This, coupled with our manufacturing prowess, has been contributing to nation building endeavours for almost half a century."

In answer to the question of how should Indian multinationals move to the next level to become global leaders, Karl Slym, Managing Director, Tata Motors Ltd., adjudged the Indian



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Gurcharan Das, author, commentator and former CEO, Procter and Gamble India and Shivinder Singh, Executive Vice-Chairman, Fortis Healthcare

Multinational of the Year, said, "We have unique strengths and competitive advantages from operating in the Indian environment and from the local employees entrepreneurial culture, it is important that we use

this to play to win on the global stage."

Confirming the fact that change is always led by people in a business, Bhaskar Bhat, Managing Director, Titan Industries Ltd., recipient of Transformational



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Business Leader of the Year, explained, "To be a change leader in present times, it is important to understand people's aims and aspirations."

Vivek Jain, Managing Director, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Ltd., Inox

Group, after receiving the Emerging Business Leader of the Year Award, said, "Our source of inspiration has always been evolving opportunities in a constantly-changing business environment."