



LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA - IIM, LUCKNOW
NATIONAL LEADERSHIP
AWARDS



Pranab Mukherjee confers the Lakshmiapat Singhania - IIM Lucknow National Leadership awards

~ Six business leaders felicitated by the President of India ~

New Delhi, November 30, 2012: JK Organisation in association with Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, announced the winners of the 8th **Lakshmiapat Singhania – IIM Lucknow National Leadership Awards** today. The awards were conferred on the winners by the President of India, Mr. **Pranab Mukherjee**.

The awards named after the key visionaries of JK Organisation, aim to honor exceptional talent and individuals who have contributed to the development and growth of our country through their pursuit of excellence.

Felicitating the awardees President Pranab Mukherjee said, "Late Lakshmiapat Singhania, in whose honour this award has been instituted, was a visionary and a business leader with outstanding qualities. His entrepreneurial spirit and contribution to Indian business and society at large is well known and bears no repetition."

It is thus appropriate that JK Organisation has teamed up with IIM Lucknow, which caters to nurturing leadership talents in the country, to honor exemplary leaders who have made a difference in the society, the President said.

The awards were presented in three categories- **Business, Science & Technology and Community Service**. The awardees were evaluated on the basis of excellence in work, high personal values, ethics, innovation and establishing balance of disparate forces operating in their respective fields.

President Pranab Mukherjee conferred the awards on **Mr. Azim Premji**, Chairman, Wipro Limited; **Mr. Vineet Nayar**, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of HCL Technologies Ltd.; **Prof. Man Mohan Sharma**, Former Director, Institute of Chemical Technology, University of Bombay, Mumbai; **Dr. Gajendra Pal Singh Raghava**, Head of the Bioinformatics Centre, Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh; **Smt. Amla Ruia**, Chairperson, Aakar Charitable Trust, Mumbai; **Ms. Leela Kumari**, Founder, Mahila Vikas Samity, Bihar.

List of awardees

Business Category:

- Leader Award- **Mr. Azim Premji**
- Young Leader Award- **Mr. Vineet Nayar**

Science & Technology:

- Leader Award- **Prof. Man Mohan Sharma**
- Young Leader Award- **Dr. Gajendra Pal Singh Raghava**

Community Service:

- Leader Award - **Smt. Amla Ruia**
- Young Leader Award - **Ms. Leela Kumari**

Shri Bharat Hari Singhania, Director, JK Organisation, highlighting the genesis of the awards said, *“We aim to persistently acknowledge the talent and efforts of the leaders who are driving the growth of the country through their immense contribution in their respective industries. These awards set a platform for India’s young leaders to work towards the betterment of society and lead the economies with their talent. We aspire to continue on the principles of Shri Lakshmipat Singhania, who has always inspired us to aim for excellence in all our endeavors.”*

Dr. J.J. Irani, Chairman, Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Management – Lucknow, states, *“The awards honour the contributions of those who are committed to a lifelong process of turning their dreams into reality. I greatly recognize the efforts of these leaders and young leaders and sincerely believe that recipients of these awards will pass on their legacies to the next generation, and make our country proud globally.”*

Mr. Devi Singh, Director, IIM Lucknow said, *“It is my privilege to honor outstanding individuals who have created a strong impact in the society. These six awardees exhibit all qualities of being a leader-realistic, polite and consistently driving towards the goal. “*

The criterion and the selection have been tailored corresponding to today’s requirement of inculcating and nurturing leadership talents in the country. The awards have gained prominence over time and are considered as a pertinent benchmark to acknowledge leadership across the various segments in our country.

The eminent jury members of the awards were **Shri Hari Shankar Singhania**, President, J.K. Organisation; **Shri Bharat Hari Singhania**, Director, JK Organisation; **Dr. Raghupati Singhania**, , Director, JK Organisation; **Dr. J.J. Irani**, Chairman, Board of Governors & **Dr. Devi Singh**, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow.

Some of the industry’s best have been bestowed with the **Lakshmipat Singhania – IIM Lucknow National Leadership Awards** in the last five years namely **Sh. Anand G Mahindra**, Chairman & Managing Director, Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.; **Sh. Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Chairman and Group CEO, Bharti Enterprises, **Sh. Kumar Mangalam Birla**, Chairman, Aditya Birla Group; **Smt. Mallika Srinivasan**, CEO Tractors and Farm Equipment, **Sh. Kishore Biyani**, CEO, Future Group, **Prof. C. N. R. Rao**, Advisor to Shri. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, **Sh. Ratan N. Tata**, Chairman, Tata Sons, **Smt. Ela Bhatt**, Founder, Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) etc.

About JK Organisation

The JK Organisation, founded over 100 years ago, is one of the most eminent industrial groups in India. Shri Hari Shankar Singhania led JK Organisation has multi-business, multi- product and multi-location operations with JK Tyre, JK Paper, JK Lakshmi Cement and Fenner (India), Umang Dairies and JK Agri-genetics as major companies. With an annual turnover of about USD 3.6 billion, the Group has over 10,000 distributors, retailers and service centers in addition to the exports spanning over 80 countries across 6 continents. With its operations spread in almost every state of India, the Group employs over 30,000 people. It is recognized as a dynamic force that is playing a key role in the resurgence of India as a business power worldwide. It has set-up and supported a number of Educational, Medical and Social Institution causes.

About Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow

This prestigious management institute was incepted 24 years ago with a mandate to help improve the management of corporate and non-corporate sectors and public system; is one of the top rated management institutions in the country. In line with today's requirements the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow (IIML) is in the business of producing, grooming and nurturing leaders, renaissance architects and change maestros through its basket of world class academic, research, training and consulting initiatives.

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