

AIMA 13th Managing India Awards

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The All India Management Association had its 13th Managing India Awards to honour achievers and leaders. Jyotiraditya Scindia, minister of civil aviation and steel, presented the awards to India's management leaders and institutions for their contribution to nation building at a spectacular ceremony.

Scindia congratulated the awardees and called the awards a wonderful portrayal of Indian capability. "For me it is a sobering moment but also a moment of tremendous pride because we see in India today the capability of straddling multiple domains with ease," he said.

Scindia emphasized that India has seen massive structural shifts combined with sustained strategic efforts to create an ecosystem of partnership. "The philosophy today is that in your success lies India's success," he told India's business leaders.

Highlighting the achievements in the civil aviation sector, he pointed out that in the last 9 years, 74 additional airports, water drones and heliports have been built, which have doubled the number of airports to 148. He referred to the 75 per cent increase in the number of aircrafts in the country from 400 to 700.

Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman, Aditya Birla Group, received the Business Leader of the Decade Award. In his acceptance speech, Birla said, "It is a very special award because it recognizes longitudinal contribution over a period of ten years." He stressed that the last ten years had been a period of epochal change for India and the leaders of industry have had a chance to participate in that change and shape the future of the country. "The last decade has been an exciting one for Aditya Birla Group and in many ways has mirrored the rise of India," he said.

Birla shared six key learnings from his years in business. The first that a business leader's most important asset is one that is not reflected in



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the balance sheet. It is the people. The second- surround yourself with people who are smarter than you even if it gets uncomfortable at times. The third- create a superstructure

that sets your people up for success. The fourth- become more and more comfortable with knowing less and less about more and more. The fifth- scale is not the only thing, actually, it

is everything. The sixth- no short cuts, as nothing significant is achieved through short cuts.

TV Narendran, CEO and managing director, Tata Steel Ltd was honoured

with AIMA JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award on the occasion.

Sanjiv Bajaj, managing director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd received the Transformational Business Leader Award. He called the award important because it recognized the endeavour to transform a traditional banking and insurance sector that has not changed much in 200 years into a digitally-led, digitally-first avatar that is relevant to consumers of today.

Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus, TVS Motor Company was given the Outstanding Institution Builder Award for making the TVS group a major force in the domestic and international automotive markets. Srinivasan credited the award to all the present and past colleagues and Mrs Malika Srinivasan.

The Outstanding PSU of the Year Award went to National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) of the UPI fame. ABB India Ltd got the MNC in India of the Year Award. Samir Mehta, chairman, Torrent Group received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The Young Entrepreneur Award went to the founders of electric scooter maker, Ather Energy- Tarun Mehta and Swapnil Jain.

The Outstanding Contribution to Media Award went to Rahul Kanwal, news director, India Today and Aajtak.

In his acceptance speech he said that good journalism is not about making noise but about making sense. He pointed out that India is in the grip of unprecedented polarization in politics and media and argued that journalism should explore the truth instead of joining any side.

The jury for the awards was chaired by Sanjiv Goenka, chairman, RP Sanjiv Goenka Group. The jury was made up of eminent business leaders, including Shrinivas Dempo, Harsh Pati Singhania, Sanjay Kirloskar, Rajive Kaul, Sudhir Jalan, Preetha Reddy, Inderdeep Singh, P Balaji, Vineet Agrawal and Yezdi Nagorewala.

AIMA president, Shrinivas Dempo said that this year's Managing India Awards reflected achievements across the entire spectrum of Indian economy from conventional economy to avant-garde ventures, from young entrepreneurs to empire builders, from public sector to multinationals. "Each of our award winners has set new benchmarks of excellence and success, which the rest of us can emulate," he said.

The ceremony was attended by many of India's celebrated leaders from business, government, academia, media, and culture. The proceedings were live-streamed on AIMA's social media channels.



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