



Praj Announces Winners of Maha-Intrapreneur Award 2011

Pune, November 30th, 2011: Praj Industries, global biofuels technology and engineering Company announced the names of winners of the 'Maha-Intrapreneur Awards 2011'. This award honors and recognizes the efforts of 'Intrapreneurs' or 'Corporate Entrepreneurs' who put in their hard-work and efforts in accelerate the growth and profit of their companies. This year too, amongst a very competitive group of contestants, 6 most talented 'Intrapreneurs' have been selected by the distinguished jury¹. The awards have been instituted by Praj in association with Symbiosis Institute of Business Management (SIBM,Pune), who are the knowledge partners in this initiative.

The awards will be presented in an award function on December 24th, 2011 at the hands of Chief Guest Dr. Abhay Firodia, Chairman and Managing Director, Force Motors Limited & President, MCCIA in the presence of Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries Limited.

The 2 Winners of the Category A – Industry and Business are:

- Harshvardhan Jajoo: CEO & MD, CAN- PACK India Pvt Ltd, Aurangabad
- P.C. Nambiar: Director – Group Exim, Serum Institute of India Ltd.

The Two Winners for Category Cat B- NGOs, Semi Government, Society and Trusts

- Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe: Director, College of Engineering, Pune
- Yogesh Kulkarni: Executive Director, Vigyan Ashram, Pabal, Dist Pune

2 winners for the 'Women Intrapreneur Awards 2011' under each category are:

- Cat A – Shobha Santosh: Director, Fujitsu Consulting India, Pune
 - Cat B - Meera Badve: Founder Director, Niwant Andh Mukta Vikasalaya, Pune
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Lifetime Achievement Award:

A Lifetime Achievement Award is being conferred on the well known Economist Dr. Vijay Kelkar, who has held prominent positions in the Central Government including the Planning Commission (1973-77) and Commerce Ministry (1977) as Economic Adviser. He was the Secretary to the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister between 1985 and 1988. In 1994, he was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum. He was made Finance Secretary in 1998. Dr. Kelkar recently completed his term as Chairman, Finance Commission, Government of India.

On International Fora, he was Executive Director in the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was the Director & Coordinator, International Trade Division of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Geneva, Switzerland, 1991-1994. Dr. Vijay Kelkar has been elected Chairman, Board of the Forum of Federations, Ottawa, Canada, with effect from January 1, 2010.

He is currently the Chairman of National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Mumbai. He was conferred the Padma Vibhushan in January 2011, for his distinguished and exceptional service to the Nation.

Rewards for the Award Winners

Each Awardee in Category A will be presented a trophy of "Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award", "Certificate of Appreciation" and Fellowship of upto Rs. 100,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) to attend Executive Development Programme from any reputed institute in India.

Each Awardee in Category B will be presented a trophy of "Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award", "Certificate of Appreciation" and Rs. 100,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) will be awarded to the individual winners/ organization.

On this occasion Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries said, "Every year the bar of this award gets raised by the quality nominations that we receive from across industries. We have received very encouraging response for all the award categories including for the 'Women Intrapreneur Awards'. Tough times need tough people. Intrapreneurs provide the shock absorbers to an organization with fresh ideas and by building great teams."

Applications were received from various industries like Manufacturing, Service, Engineering, Projects, Automobile, Packaging, Pharma, Chemical, IT, Insurance and organizations like NGOs, Educational Institutes and Hospital etc.

The jury panel for both categories consisted of eminent personalities. As shared by them, they had a tough time in selecting the winners as the entries were from amongst the best of professionals in their own fields.

1. Jury:

- Category A: Industry and Business

Ms Meher Pudumjee – Chairperson of Thermax, India Limited, Mr. Prakash Kulkarni- Ex MD, Thermax India Limited, Mr. Sudheer Tilloo – Management Consultant, Mr. R.R. Deshpande - Executive Director, Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd, Pune and Mr Nilay Ghosh- Management Consultant,

- Category B: NGO/Educational Institutes/Trusts/Semi-Government

Mr. Pradeep Bhargava - Managing Director, Cummins Generator Technologies Pvt.

Ltd,

Mr. Daljit Mirchandani- Advisor, Praj Industries Limited, Mr. Anosh Malekar - Resident Editor, Pune Mirror and Ms. Anjali Maydeo- Senior Lecturer, Karve Institute of Social Service,

About Praj Industries Limited

Praj is a global Indian company that offers innovative solutions to significantly add value in bio-ethanol, bio-diesel and brewery plants and related wastewater treatment systems as well as process plant & equipment for customers, worldwide. Praj is a knowledge based company with expertise and experience in Bioprocesses and engineering. It delivers know how, License, engineering design, plant & equipment, project management, commissioning and customer care and turnkey projects. Led by an accomplished and caring leadership, Praj is a socially responsible corporate citizen. Praj is listed on the Bombay and National Stock Exchanges of India.

About SIBM, Pune

Established in 1978, Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune is in its 30th year of service to the student community. The flagship brand of Symbiosis, it is recognized as one of the best B-schools in the country. SIBM, Pune is also ranked fourth among Indian business schools consistently for 3rd year by Business Today magazine. SIBM, Pune provides Corporate Education through its diploma programs to various corporates, Indian and MNCs alike. Combining theory with practical business, classroom teaching with Management Development Programmes, SIBM, Pune offers its students a classic mix of academic and business knowledge.

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Backgrounder on Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award

The Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award was launched in 2008 during the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Praj Industries. In order to promote 'Intrapreneurship' Praj organized 'The Maha-Intrapreneur 2008' program where six distinguished 'Intrapreneurs' shared their experiences.

On the same day Praj also bestowed 'Maha-Intrapreneur 2008' award upon three successful professionals who are at the fore-front of their profession - Dr. Sivaram, Director, NCL, Pune, Mr. Prakash Kulkarni, Ex MD, Thermax India Limited and Dr. Dhananjay Kelkar, Medical Director, Dinanath Mangeshkar Hospital & Research Centre and a Trustee of Jnana Prabodhini Medical Trust, Pune for their entrepreneurial approach leading to exemplary achievements in their respective professions