



### **Praj Announces Winners of Maha-Intrapreneur Award 2012**

**Pune, December 5, 2012:** Praj Industries, the global biofuels technology and process engineering Company announced the names of winners of the 'Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Awards 2012'. This unique award honors and recognizes '**Intrapreneurs**' or 'Corporate Entrepreneurs' for their efforts in accelerating the growth of their Organizations. The award is in its 4<sup>th</sup> successful year. This year too, 6 most talented 'Intrapreneurs' have been selected by a distinguished Jury<sup>1</sup>. Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB, Pune) and Karve Institute of Social Service (KInSS) are the knowledge partners for this initiative.

The awards will be presented in an award function on December 15th, 2012 at the hands of Chief Guest Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Director, Tata Sons in the presence of Mr. Deepak Satwalekar, former MD, HDFC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and Mr. Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries Limited.

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#### **The 3 Winners of the Category A - "Industry and Business" are:**

- **Jaya Panvalkar:** Sr. Director & Site Leader, NVIDIA Graphics, Pune
- **Mateesh Rai:** Director, Forbes Marshall, Pune
- **Vivek Kotru:** Director, Geometric Software, Pune

#### **The 3 Winners for Category Cat B- "NGOs, Semi Government, Society and Trusts" are:**

- **Sunil Pote:** President, Yuva Mitra, Dist. Nashik
- **Chandrika Chauhan:** President, Udyog Vardhini, Dist. Pune
- **Sunita Dhanawade,** Secy & Project Director, Astitva Samaj Vikas and Sanshodhan Sanstha, Sangola

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#### **Lifetime Achievement Award 2012**

**The Praj Mahaintrapreneur Lifetime Achievement Award is being conferred upon Dr. Shardchandra Gokhale.** Dr. Gokhale is an eminent Social Scientist of International repute. He has worked in the field of social development primarily in child welfare, leprosy and ageing. He is also a recipient of UN Scholarship. He has to his credit more than 30 books published in Marathi and English. He was the editor of the reputed Marathi Daily, Kesari and was a Trustee on the Sakal Trust. He was also Assistant Director, Social Welfare Department, Maharashtra State and Executive Director of Indian Social Welfare Institute. He was also the Hon. Professor at TISS. He has been honored with many National and International awards.

On this occasion **Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries** said, "Through these awards we have been able to recognize the excellence that a truly engaged and motivated employee can bring to their jobs whether in 'for-profit', 'not-for-profit', NGOs or Government organizations. The award is not just for the employee but it is also recognition for the organization which is promoting the practice of '**intrapreneurship**', knowingly or unknowingly"

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

The jury panel for both categories consisted of eminent personalities. They were truly excited with the showcasing of a range of talent.

### **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 SIIB Pune**

Symbiosis Institute of International Business (SIIB) was established in 1992 as an autonomous Institute. Today SIIB is a constituent of Symbiosis International University and is one of the highly acclaimed business schools in the country. It has been recognized as a B- School that combines an excellent academic foundation with a strong leadership perspective. The pioneering work in commencing focused MBA programs in International Business (1992), Agri-business Management (2004), and Energy & Environment (2009) has been lauded by industry. SIIB has a strong track record of excellent placements. Briefly, SIIB has a unique advantage to train young professionals, to take on the challenges of global commerce in the domestic as well as the international arena.

### **About KInSS Pune**

Karve Institute of Social Service is a school of social work established in the year 1963, in commemoration of eminent social reformer, Bharat Ratna Maharshi Dr. Dhondo Keshav Karve. Affiliated to University of Pune, the Institute offers academic programmes leading towards Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in social work. The Institute also offers Post Graduate Diploma in Governance and Management of NGOs. The Late B.D. Karve Research and Consultancy Cell of the institute undertakes research, consultancy and capacity building assignments in the field of social development and social work. Field action projects of the Institute have been initiated with a view to reaffirm its commitment to society and to offer professional services to various client groups.

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### **Backgrounder on Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award**

Praj believes that the innovative contribution of entrepreneurs is truly supported by intrapreneurs, to a great extent, and together they create a successful organization. To promote the practice of intrapreneurship, the Company, as part of its Silver Jubilee celebrations in 2008, launched the Praj Maha-Intrapreneur Award. Some of the past recipients of the Award include Dr. Anil Shasrabhudhe, Director, College of Engineering, Pune, Mr. Harsh Jajoo, CEO & MD, Can-Pack, Mr. Uday Godbole, Abicor Binzel (India), Mr. V. Balasubramanian, Executive Vice President, Zensar from the Corporate Sector and Ms. Kalpana Pant, Chaitanya; Dr. Yogesh Kulkarni, Executive Director, Vigyan Ashram, Prof. Hemant Abhyankar, Director, Vishwakarma Instt. of Technology in the NGO/Govt. and Semi Govt. Organizations. Lifetime Achievement Awards have been awarded to Dr. Vijay Kelkar, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar and to Mr. B. G. Deshmukh in the past.

1. **Jury:**

- **Category A: Industry and Business**

**Dr. Rajani Gupte** - Pro Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis International University, **Dr. Subhash Bhave**- Vice President, HR, Bharat Forge, **Mr Subodh Gore**, Managing Director, Hoerbiger India

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

**Mr. Anand Agashe** - Senior Journalist; **Geetali V.M.**, Editor, Marathi Publication.

**Mr. Rajan Navani**, MD, Jetline Group; **Ms. Sunita Gupta**, Prof. of Sociology, Fergusson College.