

Lakshmipat Singhanian - IIM, Lucknow National Leadership Awards 2010: Honoring the Country's Dynamic Leaders



Shri P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Home Minister of India, Shri Hari Shankar Singhanian, President - J.K. Organisation and Shri Bharat Hari Singhanian, Vice Chairman - JK Lakshmi Cement, along with the winners at the Lakshmipat Singhanian - IIM, Lucknow National Leadership Awards 2010

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The Lakshmipat Singhanian – IIM, Lucknow National Leadership Awards, in its 7th consecutive year, have aimed to recognise and honour exceptional individuals who have led the change for the betterment of the country and their fellow countrymen. The awards are given to the people who have made exemplary contributions in the field of Business, Science and Community Service & Social Upliftment.

This year's awards also coincided with the centennial year of Lala Lakshmipat Singhanian - a patriot, an industrialist and a philanthropist par excellence, who embodied the qualities of a true leader. A pioneer karmayogi in the fullest sense. His entrepreneurial achievements, organisational abilities and leadership qualities were truly remarkable. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil had released a postage stamp to honour Lala Lakshmipat Singhanian on his 100th Birth Anniversary in an earlier event at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Prof. Nouriel Roubini, world-famous economist, had delivered a memorable centennial lecture at Taj Hotel.

On the occasion of Lakshmipat Singhanian – IIM, Lucknow National Leadership Awards 2010, a commemorative book on the life of Lala Lakshmipat Singhanian was released by Shri P. Chidambaram, Hon'ble Home Minister of India. Lala Lakshmipat Singhanian was truly a man of many facets and the book covers all those aspects of the legend.

This year's awards in the leadership category were presented to - Shri Deepak Parekh, Chairman, HDFC; Prof. Roddam Narasimha, an internationally acclaimed scientist in the areas of aerospace and fluid dynamics, and Dr. Uma Tuli, who has championed the cause of differently abled children and adults, nationally as well as internationally, in activities such as participation in the Abilympics as well as the Republic Day Parade.

The awards in the Young Leaders category, were presented to - Shri Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director, Bajaj Auto; Dr. Amitabh Joshi, whose contributions to evolutionary biology and paleontology have unlocked the potential of newer and revolutionary thinking and

Shri Akhil S. Paul, Founder of Sense International (India), which is doing a commendable job of ensuring that the deaf blind are “seen and heard”.

The eminent jury consisted of distinguished personalities, headed by Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, and Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, which is ably supported by an advisory committee consisting of senior knowledgeable personalities from related fields.

“Ours is a large country with a huge population. So are our needs-enormous and diverse. If we simply look at the demographic structure and its challenges, along with the state of socio-economic conditions, it is evident that we truly have before us a gigantic task of nation building. There are numerous challenges on the way to collective growth and development. J.K. Organisation, Lakshmipat Singhania Education Foundation and the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, have joined hands to launch this humble endeavor in the daunting task of promoting leadership culture and ethos. In my view it is the right moment for showcasing leadership qualities.”

**- Shri Hari Shankar Singhania,
President, J.K. Organisation**