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SKOCH CHALLENGER AWARDS 2014



First row from L to R: Golok Kumar Simli, Principal Consultant, Passport Seva Project; Tanmoy Chakrabarty - Vice President and Global Head - Government Industry Solutions Unit, TCS Ltd; Prof Dinesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, University of Delhi; Rana Kapoor, President, ASSOCHAM; Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission; Deepak Parekh, Chairman, HDFC Ltd; Lord Meghnad Desai, Economist; Ramesh Ramanathan & Swati Ramanathan, Janaagraha. Second row from L to R: Dr Gursharan Dhanjal, Editor & COO, Skoch Group; Manisha Kochhar, Director, Skoch Group; Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group; Dr Deepak B Phatak, IIT-B, Mumbai & Director, Skoch Development Foundation; Kunal Chauhan, Vice President, Skoch Group

EDUCATION

Lord Meghnad Desai's research over half-a-century has ranged from Marxian analysis and economic crisis; through applied econometrics, poverty and famine; the role of private markets and the state; human development; liberalisation and globalisation; and, Indian development and reform. He was instrumental in establishing the Centre for the Study of Global Governance in 1992 at London School of Economics and Political Science. His work, Rediscovery of India - as independent India has repeatedly attempted to rediscover itself - says the history of Indian nation state begins in 1960, the rest of the past is prologue. He is one economist who challenges notions like Indian writing of Indian history is confined to Indian stories and that they very seldom look at world at large and that there is reluctance to admit the creative role played by the British. For Desai, India's diversity now needs to be celebrated as

unity and cohesion, discouraging western academics to talk about geographical break-up of the country. He lauds India's commitment to the democratic process despite all odds.

EDUCATION

The past few years have been trying for Dinesh Singh, Vice Chancellor of University of Delhi. He has singlehanded spearheaded unleashing of reforms - first time during last 70 years - in the university system that have stirred many a hornet's nest. The new Four Year Undergraduate Programme is aimed at overall development of personality, use of ICT in education and revamping the academic structural system of teaching-learning process. It also equally well helps teachers in each of its constituent colleges who will get to frame and teach their own courses and supervise research according to their own academic strengths. Dinesh, in another first, decided that all the 65,000 new

student entrants during 2013-14, get a laptop free-of-cost. The university has also started a theme train 'College on Wheels' called 'Gyanodaya Express' with wi-fi connectivity on-board, which carries 1,000 students and about 100 teachers for a 10-day education trip in an effort to enhance project based learning-teaching process. The train is already doing trips exposing them to places of academic



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interest like Benaras Hindu University, rich culture of Punjab or naval base in South India. There has hardly been a more exciting time to be a college teacher in University of Delhi - or a college student.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

It is rare to find an equally focused and zealous couple, committed to a common cause and scaling new heights together. Ramesh Ramanathan and Swati Ramanathan, husband-wife duo, have been working for over a decade towards bringing about change in India's urban systems and for governance reforms. They have been instrumental in bringing in much needed public participation and involvement in Government of India's flagship programme - JNNURM. They initiated the Annual Survey of India's City Systems, an objective measure of the state of our city systems, benchmarking them against some of the best cities in the world. Their efforts in launching online initiative to register a voter online led to cleansing of electoral process by deleting bogus and superfluous names. They together have been working towards improving the quality of spatial planning policies and design in India's cities and towns are focused on using technologies to improve citizen participation in India's cities.

GOVERNANCE

Waiting in long queues outside passport office, followed by hopping counters once inside, is passé. Online application, single-window service at a pre-appointed time is what has changed the entire experience of obtaining a passport. Passport Seva Project is one of the largest Mission Mode Projects under the National e-Governance Plan. The project being executed by the Ministry of External Affairs in Public-Private-Partnership with Tata Consultancy Services as the Service Partner, has successfully transformed the delivery of passport and related services in India. With 39 Passport Issuance Authorities, 77 state-of-the-art Passport Seva Kendras spread across 23 States and 63 cities, the project has expanded the reach of passport related services, ensured service delivery in a transparent manner along with greater security, reliability and within defined service levels. Clocking a citizen satisfaction of over 99.5 per cent, servicing 45,000 citizens daily, the system has processed over 15 million applications already. A 24x7 Call Centre handles close to 25,000 calls per day.

DEEPAK PAREKH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

Deepak Parekh is a man with a mission. He may well be the man who has steered HDFC to the pinnacle of mortgage success in India and it becoming a conglomerate with presence in banking, asset management, life insurance, general insurance, real estate venture fund and education Loans. He along with his special team proved to be an efficient crisis manager by prudently steering Satyam Computer Services - at the centre of the country's largest-ever corporate crisis. About customer care, Deepak has a very interesting word - 'affection'. This philosophy trickles all the way down to each of HDFC group employee dealing with a customer, the number of which stands at over 35 million today. HDFC is the largest mortgage lender in India with 4.6 million middle-class families having availed housing loan. His commitment to serve India is apparent, as the group has desisted from opening any significant branch network abroad as 'there is enough work to do in India'. The cornerstone of his philosophy is, if a company earns, it must also return to the society and companies owe a responsibility not just to shareholders but also to all its stakeholders. HDFC, under his guidance supports several social initiatives in the areas of education, child welfare, medical, and welfare for the elderly and the differently abled among several others. Having built an institution, Deepak is humble, as he believes that during the first 25 years a person should learn, earn for the next 25 and return back to the society for the remaining years of his/her life.



With grit and determination as weapons, forty MSMEs win in an unfair market



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Cotmac Electronics	Karna International	Kansal Engineering	ChemPharm Industries
IC Ice Make Refrigeration	Malayil Food Park	Uttam Bharat Electricals	Recliners India
Embiotic Laboratories	Pelican Rotoflex	Ankur Scientific Energy Technologies	OK Auto Components
Maharani Paints	Bevcon Wayors	Jyoti Apparels	Puzzolana Machinery Fabricators
Sravan Shipping Services	Lasante Healthcare	Tiku Ram Gum & Chemicals	
Faith Innovations	Big Cargo Logistics Company		

INDIA'S TOP THREE BANKS FOR MSMEs



R K Dubey, CMD, Canara Bank (Right) receives Skoch Achiever Award from Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Deepak Parekh in presence of Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group



Rana Kapoor, MD & CEO, YES BANK; (Left) receives Skoch Achiever Award from Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Deepak Parekh in presence of Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group



S R Bansal, CMD, Corporation Bank (Right) receives Skoch Achiever Award from Montek Singh Ahluwalia and Deepak Parekh in presence of Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, Skoch Group

The MSME sector contributes 9 per cent of GDP and is the most crucial link between India's economic growth and socio-economic progress. As per the 4th MSME sector report, this sector employs an estimated 59.7 million persons spread over 26.1 million enterprises. It is estimated that in terms of value, MSME sector accounts for about 45 per cent of the manufacturing output and around 40 per cent of the total export of the country.

But, policies and programmes often tend to overlook this crucial sector. Many MSMEs have risen against all odds to carve a niche for themselves. In recent years the MSME sector has consistently registered higher growth rate compared to the overall industrial sector. With its agility and dynamism, the sector has shown admirable innovativeness and adaptability to survive the recent economic downturn and recession. The Skoch Achiever Award seeks to recognise and honour such outstanding MSMEs to promote enterprise and entrepreneurship.

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Skoch Group has applied a decade of its learning from its field visits, conference and workshops related to MSMEs through a national programme called **ENCOURAGE - accelerating SME growth**. The programme aims at leveraging capabilities of the MSME sector so that they are also able to contribute more to the Indian economy on the one hand and cash on the benefits of capital market and access credit from financial institutions on the other. It is also a platform to bring MSMEs felt-needs to public policy. National Stock Exchange (NSE) has been the Presenting Sponsor for this programme for last one year. Yes Bank has recently joined as supporting bank.