

## PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY GLOBAL AWARDS - 2018

### *A dazzling and memorable evening to remember!*



Dear Friends,

The 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary biennial Global Awards function of Priyadarshni Academy took off on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Trident Hotel with distinguished awardees, prominent dignitaries as guests of honor and a wonderful audience representing a wide cross section of society's who's who in attendance.

It was an enchanting evening, if I may say so! And indeed, it was my pleasure and privilege to initiate the proceedings of the evening, by welcoming the eminent awardees and distinguished guests of honor and the eclectic audience.

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, who was all praise for the Academy's yeoman service to society, lit the lamp to inaugurate the function.

Global Awards were presented to Ms Anu Aga, Ms Neelam Makhijani, Ms Anushka Sharma, Prof M.M. Sharma, Mr Ronnie Screwvala and Ms Elisabeth Rehn for outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

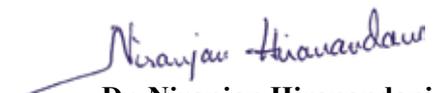
The Awardees extolled the excellent work of the Academy and said they felt extremely honored by these Awards which endorsed their contribution to society.

Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways and Coal who flew down from Delhi especially for the occasion also praised the noteworthy contribution of Priyadarshni Academy over the last 34 years.

Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, who could not attend the function, sent in a recorded video message congratulating the Academy on completing 34 years of extraordinary service to society.

For our Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Shri Nanik Rupani, it was indeed a very proud moment - for it is he - who has nurtured the Academy for all these 34 years with such loving care and dedication. He recounted with great satisfaction how the Academy had crossed many milestones over the past three decades.

All in all it turned out to be a wonderful evening for all those in attendance!

  
**Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani**  
 Chairman

### **Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani takes over as Senior Vice President, ASSOCHAM**

**NEW DELHI/ MUMBAI, 16 OCTOBER 2018:** Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, founder & MD, Hiranandani Group, has taken over as the Senior Vice President of industry chamber Assocham.

The announcement was made at the Annual Day Celebrations held in New Delhi on 16 October 2018, during which the adjourned meeting of the 97th AGM was held, a new managing committee was reconstituted and the new office bearers assumed office.

"Assocham has always played a transformational role, and it will continue to empower Indian enterprises by focusing on critical and relevant issues. I understand that Affordable Housing will be on the priority list of the chamber, and I look forward to playing my role in giving the segment the right sort of support," said Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani.

Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani has held senior positions in various industry bodies – he has been President, CREDAI-Maharashtra Chamber of Housing Industry (CREDAI-MCHI); Chairman - Real Estate & Infrastructure Committee & Past President of Indian Merchants Chamber (IMC); Advisor of the Real Estate Committee of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI); Former Chairman of Advisory Council of Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI).

He has also been Member of the Task Force for reforms in Housing & Urban Development of Government of India. The National President of NAREDCO, he is known as 'Builder Extraordinaire' and as the Man responsible for changing the skyline of Mumbai.



## Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal and Suresh Prabhu laud the achievements of Priyadarshni Academy!

Priyadarshni Academy hosted a glittering function to mark its 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Global Awards at Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, Mumbai on September 19, 2018 where a galaxy of prominent personalities graced the event that honours eminent persons for their outstanding contributions in their respective fields.

Apart from the awardees and dignitaries, an eclectic audience comprising the who's who of society was present at the function.

Chief Guest Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Shipping; Road Transport & Highways; Water Resources; River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, lit a lamp to mark the inauguration of the function.

It was an enchanting evening and Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Chairman of the Academy, initiated the proceedings by welcoming the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, eminent awardees and the colorful audience.

Chairman Emeritus, Mr. Nanik Rupani, recounted how 34 years ago the idea of Priyadarshni Academy took shape in his mind and how his nurturing this idea had made it the world renowned NGO, that it has become in the last three decades. For him, it was indeed, a very proud moment and a dream come true.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari and Mr. Piyush Goyal presented following awards.

- Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Education for Underprivileged to Ms. Anu Aga, Chairperson and Founder Trustee, Teach For India, Mumbai, India
- Pralhad P. Chhabria Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to Child Development to Ms. Neelam Makhijani, Country Director, ChildFund India, Bengaluru, India
- Smita Patil Memorial Award for Best Actor to Ms. Anushka Sharma, Actor, Mumbai, India
- Harish Mahindra Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Peace and Crisis Management to Ms. Elisabeth Rehn,

Hon. Minister of State, Finland

- Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Innovative Entertainment and Community Development to Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, Founder Director, Swades Foundation, Mumbai, India
- Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Science and Technology to Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Eminence, Institute of Chemical Technology

To commemorate the achievements of Priyadarshni Academy over the last three decades, a book titled **“34 Years of Service to Humanity”** was released by Chief Guest Mr. Nitin Gadkari.

Mr. Piyush Goyal apprised the audience that he had been an observer of Priyadarshni Academy's impressive growth over the years and the remarkable contribution it had made to society in all these years. He congratulated the Academy for its visionary zeal and its noble intent of contributing to the upliftment of the needy; and for honoring prominent personalities for noteworthy contribution to society.

Mr. Nitin Gadkari, lauded the role of Priyadarshni Academy for the last 34 years and congratulated it for its remarkable journey over the last three decades.

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry; and Civil Aviation, could not attend the event but sent a recorded congratulatory message stating that he had always been a participant in the celebrations of Priyadarshni Academy and though this time he was not present in person, his heart was with the Academy.

The function was conducted with great finesse by Ms. Reena Rupani, the Master of Ceremonies, who regaled the audience in her inimitable style.

Mr. Prabodh Thakker, Vice Chairman of the Academy, proposed a vote of thanks thus bringing down the curtain on this glittering evening attended by the who's who of Society.

## Global Awards 2018 Photo Gallery



Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Shipping; Road Transport & Highways; Water Resources; River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, lighting the lamp. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy's Global Awards Advisory Committee; Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy; and Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman Emeritus, Priyadarshni Academy



Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani welcoming the gathering



Mr. Nanik Rupani addressing the audience



Dr. R. A. Mashelkar addressing the audience



Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani and Mr. Nanik Rupani presenting a bouquet to Mr. Nitin Gadkari



Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani presenting a bouquet to Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways and Coal. Also seen in the picture is Mr. Nanik Rupani



*Ms. Anu Aga, Chairperson and Founder Trustee, Teach for India, Mumbai, India, receiving Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Education for Underprivileged from Mr. Nitin Gadkari. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Piyush Goyal*



*Ms. Elisabeth Rehn, Hon. Minister of State, Finland, receiving Harish Mahindra Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Peace and Crisis Management from Mr. Piyush Goyal. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Mr. Nitin Gadkari and Mr. Nanik Rupani*



*Ms. Neelam Makhijani, Country Director, ChildFund India, Bengaluru, India, receiving Pralhad P. Chhabria Memorial Global Award for outstanding contribution to Child Development from Mr. Piyush Goyal. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Mr. Nanik Rupani, Ms. Anushka Sharma and Ms. Aruna Katara, President, Hope Foundation and Research Centre (Hope Foundation)*



*Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, Founder Director, Swades Foundation, Mumbai, India, receiving Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Innovative Entertainment and Community Development from Mr. Nitin Gadkari. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Ms. Zarina Mehta Screwvala, Mr. Piyush Goyal and Mr. Nanik Rupani*



*Ms. Anushka Sharma, Actor, Mumbai, India, receiving Smita Patil Memorial Award for Best Actor from Mr. Nitin Gadkari. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Piyush Goyal*



*Prof. M. M. Sharma, Emeritus Professor of Eminence, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, India, receiving Priyadarshni Academy Global Award for outstanding contribution to Science and Technology from Mr. Piyush Goyal. Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar and Mr. Nanik Rupani*



*Mr. Nitin Gadkari releasing Priyadarshni Academy's book titled "34 Years of Service to Humanity". Also seen in the picture are (L-R) Dr. R. A. Mashelkar; Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani; Mr. Rahul Karad, Trustee & Vice President, MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions; Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Piyush Goyal*



*Ms. Reena Rupani, Master of Ceremonies*



*Mr. Vijay Karia, Chairman & Managing Director, Ravin Group, receiving Chief Patron trophy from Mr. Nitin Gadkari while Mr. Nanik Rupani looks on*



*(L - R) Ms. Kiran Datwani, Mr. Nanik Rupani, Ms. Munira Chudasama, Ms. Shaina NC, Ms. Geeta Rupani and Ms. Malti Jain*



*Mr. Piyush Goyal addressing the audience*



*A view of the colorful audience*



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Since the last 25 years, it has been honoring and felicitating Government Officials who have contributed to its promotion in a big way.

Recently, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Aashirwad celebrated its 27<sup>th</sup> AASHIRWAD RAJBHASHA PURASKAR

in association with the National Films Development Corporation (NFDC) at the Nehru Planetarium.

Mr Nanik Rupani, Chairman Emeritus of Priyadarshni Academy, who was the Honorable Chief Guest at this prestigious function gave away the Awards to a host of recipients while stating that much of our rich literary heritage has found expression through the medium of Hindi language and we should make all efforts to preserve our rich cultural treasures through this beautiful language.



Mr Nanik Rupani, Honorable Chief Guest being presented a memento



Mr Nanik Rupani addressing the audience at the function organised by Aashirwad

## DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GANGA REJUVENATION

An interesting talk on the development of Infrastructure in the country and Ganga rejuvenation was given by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Honourable Minister for Shipping, Road Transport & Highways, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at the IMC Chamber of Commerce

and Industry, Mumbai. Shri Nanik Rupani, IMC Past President, addressed the audience and lauded the role of Shri Nitin Gadkari for developing Infrastructure of the highest standards in the country, during his tenure. On behalf of IMC, a cheque of ₹25,00,000/- was presented to the Minister for the Clean Ganga Fund.



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Mr. Nitin Gadkari and Mr. Raj Nair at the Indian Merchants Chamber for a presentation on Infrastructure by Mr. Nitin Gadkari



Mr Nitin Gadkari and Mr Nanik Rupani seen with other guests at the Indian Merchants Chamber. At extreme right is Ms Reena Rupani



Mr. Raj Nair presenting a cheque of ₹ 25,00,000 on behalf of IMC to Mr. Nitin Gadkari. Also seen in the picture are Mr. Nanik Rupani and Mr. Ram Gandhi




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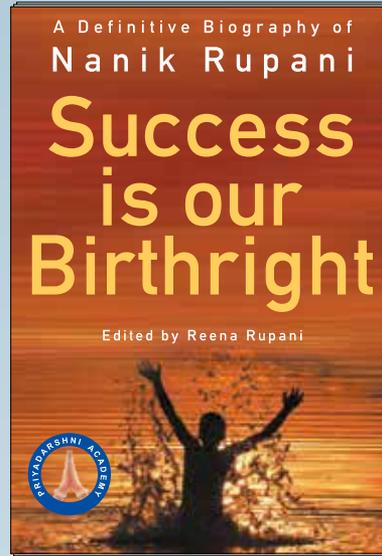
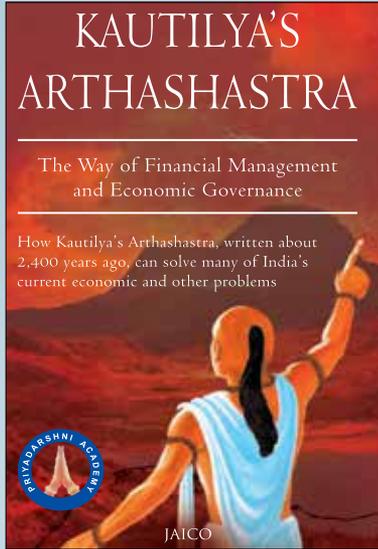
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