



## AIMA Corporate Leadership Award

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(L-R) N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd. receiving the AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award from M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India



(L-R) Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA: T. V. Mohandas Pai, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education: N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd.: M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India; Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, The Hero Enterprise; Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman & Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. and Nikhil Sawhney, Treasurer, AIMA and Vice Chairman,

## Awards & accolades

Vice President of India M. Hamid Ansari presented the AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award to N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd., in a glittering ceremony yesterday

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ur corporate sector needs to invest in Research and Development and innovation. We need comprehensive efforts to correct imbalances in education and provide relevant skills to our people not only for the job of today but for the jobs of tomorrow," said Vice President of India M. Hamid Ansari in his keynote address during the AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award ceremony. "We need to eventually work towards inculcating the culture and attitudes needed to foster innovation and entrepreneurship," he added.

The Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the country, is presented to people of the corporate world who have not only

been instrumental in the growth of their institution, but have steered India on the path of economic development.

This year the Vice President of India presented the coveted award to Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd. After receiving the award, he said, "This is a very special moment and award for me especially as it's named after JRD Tata. I hope I will be able to live up to the kind of values, excellence and leadership that was very close to his heart"

A remarkable combination of traditional values and contemporary abilities, N. Chandrasekaran spent 30 years with TCS before taking over as Tata Sons' Chairman in 2017. With his exemplary capabilities and managerial skills he powered his way up



N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, Tata Sons Ltd. recipient of AIMA-JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award

showing great initiative and outstanding execution.

He was appointed the CEO of TCS in 2009. As the CEO, he made TCS the most valuable company in the country and one of the three most valuable IT services brands in the world. In his last full year as the CEO, TCS achieved a revenue of \$16.5 billion and stayed the largest private sector employer in the country.

He focused the company on the changing customer needs and infused it with agility and creativity.

After the Welcome Speech by Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman. The Hero Enterprise; and introductory remarks by Rekha Sethi, Director General, All India Management Association; Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman & Managing Director. Kirloskar Brothers Ltd., read the citation for N. Chandrasekaran. Reading

his citation, he mentioned that as chairman of and Indian hotels. Tata Sons, the holding company of the 150year-old conglomerate founded by Jamsetji Tata, he oversees more than 100 companies with total annual revenues exceeding \$100 billion. In addition to Tata Sons, he also chairs the boards of many leading companies in the Tata Group, including TCS, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Power, Tata Global Beverages



(L-R) Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, The Hero Enterprise presenting a memento to M. Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India

Earlier, the chief guest of the evening was introduced by Nikhil Sawhney, Treasurer, AIMA and Vice Chairman, Triveni Turbine Ltd. Later in the evening N. Chandrasekaran gave the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award lecture.

T.V. Mohandas Pai, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education, gave the vote of thanks.