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### The 22<sup>nd</sup> ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance 2022 given in Mumbai today



**The ICSI Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed onto Mr. Ashok Soota, Executive Chairman and Co-founder, Happiest Minds Technologies Limited**



**The 22<sup>nd</sup> ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance : Best Governed Company in Listed Segment (Large Category) awarded to Bharti Airtel Limited**

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India organized the presentation ceremony of the ICSI National Awards for Excellence in Corporate Governance 2022, in Mumbai today.

The Awards were instituted in the year 2001 to acknowledge the impeccable efforts of Corporates and Professionals in promoting good governance and sustainable growth in the Indian corporate sector.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice P. Sathasivam, Former Chief Justice of India** graced the 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Awards ceremony this year as the **Chief Guest**, while **Professional Tennis Player and World Record Holder, Mr. Leander Paes**, was the **Special Guest**. **Justice P. Sathasivam**, was also the **Chairman of the Jury** for the Awards.

Expressing his delight as the Chair of the Jury for the Awards for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, **Justice P. Sathasivam** said **"Inculcating good corporate governance in every sector is a prerequisite for becoming a preferred nation for global investment and ICSI is standing at every step in alignment with this vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.**

Appreciating the ICSI for promoting good governance and sustainability, **Mr. Leander Paes** said, **"It is commendable that ICSI has been honouring Corporates and Professionals for 22 years. Sustainability is simply about following the systems and staying ahead of the curve and ICSI has been doing just that".**

The **ICSI Lifetime Achievement Award** for translating Excellence in Corporate Governance into reality was conferred to **Mr. Ashok Soota**, Executive Chairman and Co-founder, **Happiest Minds Technologies Limited**.

The **22<sup>nd</sup> ICSI National Award for Excellence in Corporate Governance** for Best Governed Large Medium and Emerging Company in Listed and Unlisted Category, was presented to the following Companies:

#### **Listed**

- Large Category - Bharti Airtel Limited
- Medium Category - Happiest Minds Technologies Limited
- Emerging Category - Route Mobile Limited

#### **Unlisted**

- Medium Category - Future Generali India Insurance Company Limited
- Emerging Category - Lords Freight (India) Private Limited

The **7<sup>th</sup> ICSI CSR Excellence Awards** were given to the following Companies:

- Large - Central Coalfields Limited
- Medium - Balrampur Chini Mills Limited
- Emerging - Akzo Nobel India Limited

The **4<sup>th</sup> ICSI Best Secretarial Audit Report Award** was presented to **CS Sunny Gogiya** for the Secretarial Audit Report of **Antony Waste Handling Cell Limited**.

This year the Institute introduced **the ICSI Business Responsibility and Sustainability Awards** to recognize companies integrating ESG into their business strategy and incorporating sustainability into their business practices. The Award was given to **Cipla Limited**.

The event witnessed an insightful panel Discussion on Corporate Sustainability: Strategy, Innovation, and Impact with eminent panelists **Prof. Anil Kumar**, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi; **Mr. Ashok Sethi**, Chairman, Tata Consulting Engineers Limited; **Mr. Manish**

**Mohan Govil**, Adviser (Combination Division), Competition Commission of India; and **Mr. Manoj Chakravarti**, Chief Practitioner, The Centre for Ethix & Responsible Business.

**CS Devendra V Deshpande, President, The ICSI**, in his Presidential address said, “Compliance is a cost but Governance creates value and hence as Governance Professionals, we Company Secretaries should drive the corporates towards building a robust and sustainable ecosystem”.

The Institute released various publications on the occasion in the august presence of the Chief Guest, Special Guest and the other Central Council Members.

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## **About ICSI**

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) is a premier professional body set up under an Act of Parliament, i.e., Company Secretaries Act, 1980, for the regulation and development of the profession of Company Secretaries in India. It functions under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India. The Institute, being a pro-active body, focuses on best and top-quality education to students of Company Secretaries Course and best quality set standards for CS members. The Institute has over 70,000 members and about 2 lakh students on its roll.