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Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to CNBC TV18's India Business Leader awards. We welcome our guests of honour for the evening, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kamal Nath, Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Narendra Modi, and honourable chief minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Ashok Chavan. Thank you all for taking the time to be here tonight with us. Also, a very warm welcome to the esteemed members of our jury for IBLA, tonight's winners and all our attendees who are here with us tonight.

Shereen Bhan

Executive Editor, CNBC TV 18 (Anchor)

Well as we bid adieu to yet another eventful year and prepare to usher in the new age's definitive barometer of business excellence the CNBC -18 India Business Leader Awards is bound by duty to identify its true business leaders more than ever before, Menka.

Menaka Doshi

Well, in fact the CNBC- TV 18 India Business Leader Awards this year has a far greater responsibility to fulfil. Amidst this intense global turmoil and economic tumult, it's perhaps time to engage in some serious introspection.

Shereen Bhan

What better way Menaka, to kick start the evening than to hear from Raghav Behl, the Managing Director of Network 18. Raghav, could we please have you up on stage to say a few words, please?

Raghav Behl

Managing Director, Network18

Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. Allow me to thank you for being with us this evening to celebrate the CNBC TV18 India Business Leader Awards for 2008. I think the minute you say 2008, it pretty much ends up sending a shiver down a lot of people's spines, because it certainly was one year which perhaps had the kind of crises that many of us hopefully, and thankfully will perhaps never see. It was an extraordinary year where the world grappled with an extraordinary Global economic crisis. If there's one economy in the world which has withstood the ravages of 2008, and is a strong

economy, it is our economy. So if our policy makers and our political leaders get too trapped in celebrating safety and do not concentrate on the strengths of this economy, then perhaps we would have missed the biggest lesson of 2008.

That's the only expectation one has now from 2009, that our policy makers and political leaders seize this moment and get out off the trap of incremental thinking and this is the time perhaps for quantum changes. With that hope and prayer for 2009, I once again, welcome you this evening. Thank you very much and do have an enjoyable evening.

Shereen Bhan

Thank you very much, Raghav. Our next speaker, ladies and gentlemen, left his home land 35 years ago for a better life and a high tech career in the United States. A few years ago, Harsh Manglik, the Chairman and Geography Managing Director of Accenture shocked himself and pretty much everybody in his family by returning to India, resettling to ride the high tech wave and overseeing 35,000 employees for Accenture. Mr. Harsh Manglik, could we please have you up on stage to share your thoughts with us this evening?

Harsh Manglik

Chairman & Geography MD,
Accenture India

Namaste, good evening. It's a great honour and privilege to be here to be welcoming the people here. I believe that especially this year's winners will continue to make major contributions to the India story which continues to be fundamental to increasing the economic wellbeing, inclusive growth and national prosperity. Leadership requires courage and conviction, and wisdom, but more importantly great leaders also demonstrate empathy because they understand that they are only successful through others. There are no leaders without followers and leaders lead with the permission of those who follow.

Today, we are recognising exemplary leadership through its outcomes and attainments. But, what is really behind is the convergence of heart and mind. When this convergence leads to sustained actions, new opportunities are found, new models are created, and new prosperity is attained. This is the real work of leadership. Again, I warmly welcome you to this great event. Thank you, very much.

Menaka Doshi

Thank you, very much, Mr. Manglik.

Shereen Bhan

Alright, ladies and gentlemen, tonight we have a man and pardon the cliché, who really needs no introduction. The actor who defies the stereotype and consistently pushes the envelope; raising the bar with each performance. Ladies & gentlemen please put your hands together for Aamir Khan.

Aamir Khan

Actor

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Actually I don't know much about business, so I don't know how I can help in ... or how I can share something about business. I'm a person who follows my heart. I have one principle in life as far as business is concerned, that is that no matter what I do, when someone invests money in me, I want him to earn from me. Numbers confuse me, the only interest I have in numbers is that they give me an idea as to how many people have seen my films. The only one thing I feel deep inside me is that no matter what business we do, it is extremely important to contribute to society in some way and while doing that, the people who work with us should be well looked after and these are the basic principles I follow. Thank you, so much.

Menaka Doshi

Well, moving on with the ceremony tonight, I request our guest of honour, honourable chief minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Ashok Chavan to come up and say a few words to our audience, please.

Ashok Chavan

Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. We have all the memories of what has happened in Mumbai. Of course, it was a nightmare. We never imagined that such a situation could come in Mumbai. Let me assure you that we in the government, in Maharashtra, in India, will work together to see that India and Maharashtra fights back this situation and see that this never happens. As far as investments are concerned, I congratulate the leaders of the industry, who in spite of the recession, in spite of the global trends which have seen

things worsen, have nevertheless taken this great challenge and proved their merit and that's why we call them leaders of the business industry. My congratulations to CNBC for having co-hosted this function, and my congratulations to the people, the leaders of the industry who will be winning these awards.

Thank you. Namaskar.

Shereen Bhan

Could we now have Gujarat's Chief Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, on stage to share his thoughts with us.

Narendra Modi

Chief Minister of Gujarat

(The following is the translation of the speech which was originally made by Mr. Modi in Hindi)

Greetings. Firstly, I would like to extend my hearty congratulations to all those great achievers who have won at this ceremony and have achieved these honors. I truly believe that these achievements of their's will encourage the whole new generation to come forward and continue such good deeds.

These days, there is a lot of discussions, and debates that we are seeing on a very pertinent subject of corporate social responsibility. It is my belief, that the more we get clarity on these issues, and promote it and make it part of the government agenda, the better it is for our country's progress.

Wealth creation is not just an important thing of this age, it is of paramount importance. Unless we strive for inclusive growth, percolate it down to the bottom of the pyramid, and reach the common man, our job is not complete.

After all these years of independence, it has been my experience that unless we step out of our traditions and boundaries of our thought, it will be a challenge to match up and keep pace with other nations in terms of our progress. We might be left behind in this race.

I strongly believe that development needs to become a mass movement in india. Each one of us 100 crore Indians needs to realize that its upto us to take this country forward, and each one of us is responsible to take our country on this path of development.

I express my heartfelt gratitude to CNBC, and extend my best wishes to their endeavour of being a partner in this journey, and making strides in the progress and development of our country. Thank you.

Menaka Doshi

Thank you, Mr. Modi. It will delight you to know that the very first award is for Corporate Citizen Of The Year. It is a cause that is close to our hearts, yet some time to go for that, Shereen.

Shereen Bhan

That's right, Menaka.

Menaka Doshi

Well, we'll finally call upon a man who has earned several accolades as a leader. He's a tough trade negotiator, a consummate politician, and Shareen, he's a politician's politician. He's a man who has spent an incredible amount of time promoting trade and investments into the country in the process becoming FTI Man of the Year. May I request the Union Cabinet Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr.Kamal Nath to come up on stage and address this audience?

Mr. Kamal Nath

Commerce Minister of India

The world over, there is a new global, economic architecture. There is a new space created by the events of the last six months and it is going to be the skills of our business leaders, of our industrialists, of the captains of the industry to find ways to occupy that space. To see what new windows not what new doors we can put into this new economic architecture and I do believe that this is not a dismal moment for India but this is the moment for India. I want to thank Raghav and his team and congratulate the entire CNBC team, the CNBC family for having attained the standards, world class standards again, not only in industry, not only in services but even in our television networks. Thank you, very much.

Shereen Bhan

CNBC Asia honours the brightest business leaders across 10 countries and presents 5 of them as Asia's brand ambassadors to the world. In India, they have selected 4 outstanding individuals

who are poised to take Indian leadership to the Asian stage. Our first category for the evening is the 'India corporate citizen of the year'.

Shereen Bhan

I'd like to invite the honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Ashok Chavan to present the first set of awards. May I also request Senthil Chengalvarayan, President and Editorial Director of TV18 Media, to join them on stage.

Alright ladies and gentlemen, this year the 'India Corporate Citizen of the Year' is a someone who has consistently driven for social change on issues ranging from prevention of AIDS to pollution control and environmental conservation. The winner is the Managing Director of ACC, Mr. Sumit Bannerjee. Mr. Bannerjee could you have you up on stage to receive the award, please.

Shereen Bhan

Thank you very much for joining us this evening. We move forward to the second award for tonight.

Shereen Bhan

Well ladies and gentlemen; The India Innovator of The Year is a man who has been particularly active in nurturing the culture of innovation in his company, delivering path breaking innovations in health care technology. Mr. Ajay Piramal, the Chairman of Piramal Healthcare is our winner tonight.

Shereen Bhan

May I request, Mr. Alan Seiffert, CNBC Asia to join Mr. Ashok Chavan and Senthil to give away the next set of awards. We'd also like to take this opportunity to invite Rajiv Krishnan, Managing Director of DDI, India to join on stage for the next award.

Alright, the third category is the 'CNBC Asia Talent Management Award' and is given to a manager for exemplary performance in talent acquisition, development and retention.

Shereen Bhan

For nurturing high levels of communication and fostering healthy levels of interdependence amongst its leaders, Mr. S. Ramadorai, the CEO of

TATA Consultancy Services is the winner tonight. Ladies and Gentlemen, a big round of applause, please.

Shereen Bhan

Thank you very much, Rajiv. I'd also like to call on stage Harsh Manglik, the Chairman and Geography Managing Director of Accenture, to join our presenters on stage for the next award. We move now toward the fourth award category, which is the 'CNBC Asia's India Business Leader of the Year Award'.

Shereen Bhan

Now, this award is for an outstanding Indian leader as chosen by a jury for his unparalleled vision and contribution to Indian business. It goes to a man under whose able leadership his company has scaled new heights. Ladies and gentlemen, please put your hands together for Uday Kotak, the CEO of Kotak Mahindra

Shereen Bhan

We saw so far ladies and gentlemen, the four international categories at the India Business Leader Awards. Now it is time to get into the 11 India categories. The India business leader awards as we've been telling you is in its fourth year, our winners who have been judged by a jury that deliberated long and hard before reaching their final verdict. And on that note of hope and optimism, let's kick start the awards. I'd like to invite the incredibly talented Aamir Khan, all with his 6 pack or 8 pack, the Managing Editor of CNBC TV-18, Mr Udayan Mukherjee and Vivek Law National editor of TV-18 to give away the next award.

Ok, our first award in the India category is for the 'social enterprise of the year'.

Shereen Bhan

And the social enterprise of the year is an organisation that has worked tirelessly across the country towards creating a hunger free society, and today, it feeds 9.7 lakh children across India. I'd like to invite Mr Madhu Pandit Das, the chairman of the Akshaya Patra Foundation to receive the award. Congratulations, Sir. Could we have a big round of applause, ladies and gentlemen.

Shereen Bhan

Congratulations Sir. Thank you, very much for joining us. Thank you Aamir, thank you, Udayan and Vivek for joining us here. It's time for another change of guard on stage.

May I request the Honourable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Narendra Modi, Raghav Behl the Managing Director of Network 18, Editor-in-Chief of our sister channel CNBC Awaaz, Mr. Sanjay Pugalía to please join us on stage to give away the next set of awards for the evening, gentlemen.

Shereen Bhan

The next category of award for this evening, ladies and gentlemen is 'CNBC TV-18 outstanding sport business leader of the year award'.

Shereen Bhan

Alright, no surprises here. For creating a brand that revolutionized the game of cricket, elevating it to a magnificent scale. Lalit Modi, the Chairman of the India Premier League is the winner this evening. Congratulations, Lalit.

Shereen Bhan

Congratulations Mr. Modi, again. Thank you very much for joining us. Ladies and gentlemen, our next India category of the India Business Leader Award is the Most Promising Entrant into the Big league.

Shereen Bhan

The winner this evening is Mr. Ashwin Dhani, the Managing Director of Asian Paints. Ladies and gentlemen, unfortunately, Mr. Dhani could not be with us tonight due to bereavement in the Dhani family. Our condolences are with him and his family in this moment of loss.

It's time now for another change of guard on stage. Thank you very much, Sanjay for joining us and we'd request Raghav and Mr. Modi to remain on stage, please. May I also request Editor-in-Chief of IBN 18 Network, Rajdeep Sardesai and Harsh Manglik to join them on stage to do the honours for the next set of awards.

The next award ladies and gentlemen for this evening is for 'the first generation entrepreneur of the year'.

Shereen Bhan

The first generation entrepreneur of the year is a man whose focus on execution has helped him build one of the largest engineering construction companies in India providing integrated design, engineering procurement and infrastructure sector projects, and all of that under one brand. Mr. Atul Punj, the CEO of Punj Lloyd is the winner tonight. Could we please have you come up on stage, Atul.

Shereen Bhan

Mr. Manglik, thank you, very much for joining us. The ninth award is for the next category which is 'taking brand India abroad'.

Shereen Bhan

Well for a flying experience that's truly international and service that is second to none, Jet Airways bags the award for this category. Could we request Mr. Naresh Goel, Chairman, Jet Airways to please come and receive the award, Mr. Goel.

Menaka Doshi

Thank you very much, Mr. Modi and thank you Rajdeep for joining us on stage. To give away the next award, may I please request the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Kamal Nath as well as the chairman of our esteemed jury, Mr. Mukesh Ambani and Mr. Kumaramangalam Birla, the chairman of the Aditya Birla Group to come up on stage. I'd also like to welcome the Executive Director of Studio18, Vandana Mallik to come up on stage.

And the next interesting category is 'the entertainment business leader of the year'.

Menaka Doshi

The Entertainment Business Leader Of The Year is a man who has enraptured us all with his timeless performances, year after year. Mr. Aamir Khan, it gives us great pleasure to ask you to come on stage and receive your award.

Menaka Doshi

Next category is for 'the outstanding contribution to the cause of Indian business'.

Menaka Doshi

The winner in this category is someone whose tactful leadership has helped industry flourish in India and surprisingly enough, we already have the winner with us on stage. He is none other than Union Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Kamal Nath. Ladies and gentlemen, this deserves a very big round of applause.

Shereen Bhan

Thank you very much, Sir.

Menaka Doshi

Congratulations, Sir. May your tribe flourish. May I now request you to please stay on stage with Mr. Birla and Mr. Ambani to give away the rest of the awards of the evening? I'd also like to request Mr. Aamir Khan to give away the next award.

And this one is for 'Lifetime Achievement'.

Menaka Doshi

For his role in building India's robust auto industry and inspiring an unprecedented boom in the auto sector, Mr. Keshub Mahindra is the deserving winner of this category. Unfortunately, Mr. Mahindra could not be with us tonight, so I request Mr. Anand Mahindra to please come up on stage and receive the award on his behalf.

Menaka Doshi

A round of applause for a man who is one of the pillars of Indian industry, Keshub Mahindra for life time achievement.

Alright. I'm also going to request a quick change of guard on stage as well. Can I request Mr. Raghav Behl, Udayan Mukherjee, both to join us on stage to give out for the next round of awards.

And the next category in the CNBC-TV18 India Business Leader Awards is for the Business Woman of the Year.

Menaka Doshi

Well, she's very media shy and she's not a very public figure, but she's here with us tonight and we're honoured to have, Ms. Chitra Ramakrishnan. Thank you very much, Ma'am for joining us and congratulations.

Menaka Doshi

Well our next award is for 'the outstanding Business Leader of the Year'.

Menaka Doshi

He is unofficially dubbed the government's informal crisis manager. Apart from being the director on the board of several Indian public companies, our winner tonight has served as an invaluable problem solver with innovative, creative and credible inputs that have shaped policy across the country. Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in congratulating Mr. Deepak Parekh. He is tonight's CNBC TV18 Outstanding Business Leader Of The Year.

Unfortunately, Mr. Deepak Parekh, because of his added responsibilities could not be with us tonight, but he has sent us this message.

Deepak Parekh

Chairman, HDFC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the jury for reposing confidence in me. I would also like to congratulate the other winners. I sincerely apologise for not being able to be present in person this evening due to exceptional circumstances.

Menaka Doshi

Well, Mr. Parekh, we do miss you but behind every successful man is an inspiring woman so may I please request Mrs. Smitha Parekh to come up on stage to collect the award on his behalf.

Before we announce the final category for the evening, may I call upon Mr. Senthil Chengalvarayan, President and Editorial Director, TV18 Media to join the presenter on the stage.

The final category for this evening, ladies and gentlemen, is The Outstanding Company of the year.

Menaka Doshi

I'm going to call back Aamir Khan on stage for this final award.

Well the outstanding company of the year is India's largest private sector conglomerate and has the distinction of being a Fortune Global 500 company. To add to the magnificent accolades, it was also featured on the Forbes list of the 100 most respected companies in September 2008, the only Indian company to get featured in that list.

May I please invite on stage, Mr. Mukesh Ambani to come and receive the award on behalf of Reliance Industries, the outstanding company of the year.

Can I request all the winners of tonight, including Mrs. Parekh and Mr. Anand Mahindra, who are here to collect the awards on behalf of the others to come up on stage, as well as our presenters to join us on stage as we can have one final picture for the night.

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