

IACC Covid Crusaders Award, 2020

25th September, 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic couldn't deter the spirit of IACC- West India Council in organizing its flagship event, the 'Annual Awards' ceremony. However, by adapting to the current scenario, IACC-West India Council organized the Covid Crusaders Award which recognized individuals and organizations from India & the USA who have done outstanding philanthropic work in the times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The award was given out in the Individual, NGO, Foundation, Corporate, MSME/Startup and Bureaucrat Category.

Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari was the Chief Guest and Mr. David J. Ranz, Consul General, U.S. Consulate General of Mumbai was the Guest of Honor along with Hon'ble Governor of Arkansas, Mr. Asa Hutchinson, who shared his address to the winners and viewers via a video message.

The celebration and award presentation took place after an entire selection and jury process. We received 76 nominations out of which 41 were shortlisted by the Program Chairperson Mr. Anand Desai, the Program Co-Chair, Ms. Poorvi Chothani, the Regional President Mr. Naushad Panjwani and the Program Coordinators, Mr. Rajesh Bhagat, and Ms. Rakhi Panda, Regional Director. These were shortlisted on the basis of a few generic parameters of humanitarian work.

Thereafter a panel of esteemed jury members deliberated via an anonymous polling session after the case presentation of all 41 nominations were made. The jury members comprised of business stalwarts, Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairperson, Advisory Board, Mr. Suresh Kotak, Co-Chair, Advisory Board, and a few of our esteemed Advisory Board Members, Dr. Lalit Kanodia, Mr. Pranay Vakil, Mr. Harish Mehta and Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti. The jury panel also comprised of IACC's leadership from other regions, Mr. Dinesh Agarwal, Regional President, East India Council and Dr. Lalit Bhasin, Regional President, North India Council. The results of the jury deliberations were announced at the ceremony.

The Regional President, Mr. Naushad Panjwani opened the evening's celebration with a Welcome Address which was followed by the Theme Address by the Program Chair, Mr. Anand Desai, Jury Process by the Program Co-Chair, Ms. Poorvi Chothani; a Special Address by National President, Ms. Rajyalakshmi Rao and followed by Special Addresses by Guests of Honor, Hon'ble Governor of Arkasas, Mr. Asa Hutchinson and Consul General, Mumbai, Mr. David Ranz. Thereafter the Keynote Address was delivered by Chief Guest Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari.

All this was then, followed by the award presentation. The evening culminated with the announcement of the Lifetime Achievement Award, which was conferred upon Mr. Ratan N. Tata for his contribution towards business and for his relentless work in philanthropy.

To watch the entire ceremony and all the important and inspiring messages of VIPs and awardees, watch the program on IACC's Youtube channel.

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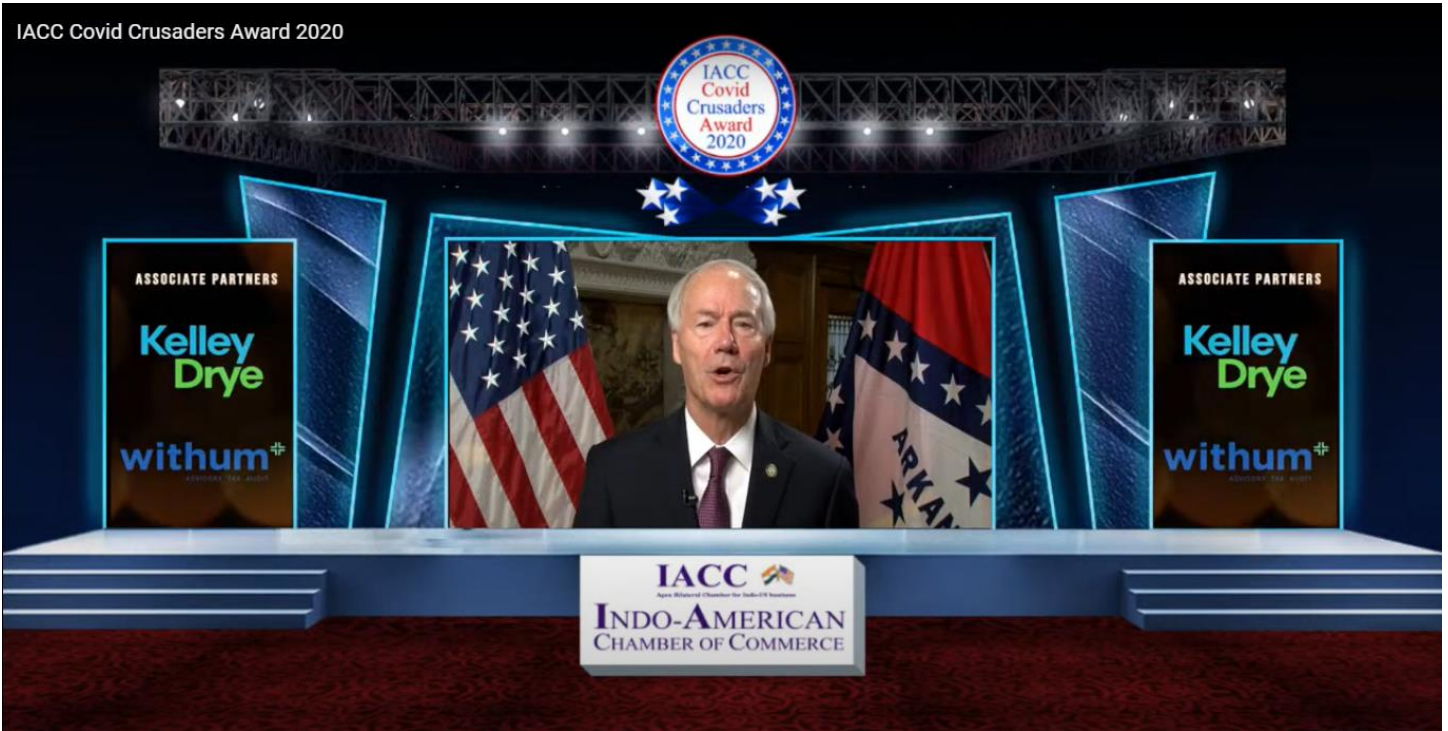
Mr. Naushad Panjwani, Regional President delivering the Welcome Address



Chief Guest, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. Bhagat Singh Koshyari delivering the Keynote Address

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Guest of Honor, Hon'ble Governor of Arkansas, Mr. Asa Hutchinson delivering a Special Address

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Ms. Rajyalakshmi Rao, National President, IACC delivering a Special Address



Mr. Anand Desai, Program Chair delivering the Theme Address



Ms. Poorvi Chothani, Program Co- Chair delivering the address on Jury Process



Mr. Saurabh Shah, Regional 2nd Vice President delivering the Vote of Thanks

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