



INDIA  
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NORTH 2023









# Maya enthrals the industry at India Travel Awards North 2023

The India Travel Awards North 2023 came back with a resounding success this year, as it celebrated the achievements of the travel industry. The ceremony, held at Hyatt Regency Delhi, with an impressive more than 12,000 votes in this edition.



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The India Travel Awards North 2023 recognized and celebrated the movers and shakers of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry, who have significantly contributed to India's vibrant tourism landscape, setting new benchmarks for the industry. Held at the Hyatt Regency Delhi, the awards acknowledged and honoured exceptional leaders and achievers. With an impressive participation of over 12,000 votes in this edition, the event was a celebration of excellence and innovation, inspiring others to follow in the footsteps of these outstanding individuals.

The awards process began with an online nomination that saw enthusiastic participation from across the sector. Voting was conducted with utmost care to ensure transparency and avoid any duplication, giving rise to a fair and unbiased selection process. After the completion of online voting, a distinguished jury, renowned for their expertise in the domain, diligently assessed and chose the most deserving individuals and organizations as award winners.

The event commenced with a remarkable keynote address by Chief Guest, **VK Duggal**, Former DG, Tourism & Union Home Secretary; former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and

Chairman of Advisory Councils of VFS Global & OYO Hotels. He acknowledged the growth of the domestic tourism market but also stressed the need to address challenges such as pricing to boost inbound tourism. He urged the industry to focus on providing competitive pricing, seamless travel experiences, and sustainable practices to attract and retain international

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tourists, further elevating India's position as a preferred global destination. The India Travel Awards North 2023 recognized several accomplished names in the industry, including:

The Gallery of Legends Inductee, **Ashwani Lohani**, former Chairman of the Railway Board and former CMD, Air India, expressed his deep connection with the travel industry, and said, "The entire tourism sector is a big family. One joins it never to get out. I have relished my association with the tourism family and would continue to do so."

DDP Trailblazer for 2023: **Rajiv Mehra**, President, Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) expressing gratitude for the award said, "This award will motivate me to work further and fulfil the goals of my members who have just begun their revival journey."

Wedding Tourism Ambassador 2023: **Rajeev Jain**, Founder & Director, Rashi Entertainment, acknowledging the appreciation from the travel industry said, "The amalgamation of travel and wedding industry is a big thing."

**Nutan Gupta**, COO, EaseMyTrip took the award for DDP Game Changer for 2023, on behalf of **Rikant Pittie**, Co-Founder, EaseMyTrip. In a message, he said, "As an entrepreneur, I strive to push forward, stay strong and come up with new ideas, which helps my brand to grow and succeed in today's innovative world."

Face of the Future: **Isha Goyal**, Executive Director & CEO STIC Travel Group humbly attributed her recognition and said, "It would be a miss if I didn't credit this recognition to my amazing team at STIC, without whom I am only a face."

These exceptional leaders were celebrated for their dedication, innovation, and outstanding contributions,

which have played pivotal roles in shaping the Indian tourism landscape.

The ceremony also showcased exceptional achievements across various categories, including Best Airline, Best Tour Operator, Best Hotel Chain, and more. This provided a glimpse into the immense talent and dedication within the Indian tourism and hospitality industry, truly reflecting the vibrant spirit of Indian hospitality.

**SanJeet**, Founder DDP Group, expressed his delight, stating, "Tonight's award recipients embody the spirit of excellence, creativity, and resilience. They have elevated India's status as a global tourism destination and showcased the true essence of Indian hospitality. From creating unforgettable experiences for travellers to empowering the workforce behind the scenes, these trailblazers have left no stone unturned in their pursuit of excellence."

India Travel Awards North 2023 was not just an event; it was a celebration of the outstanding contributions of those individuals and organizations in the tourism industry, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps and continue to propel the country's tourism sector to greater heights.







# Ashwani Lohani

## GALLERY OF LEGENDS

**Ashwani Lohani**, former officer of Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers, has served as the Chairman & Managing Director of Air India and former Chairman of the Railway Board, Indian Railways. After retiring from Government service on 23 July 2020, he is currently working as CEO of GMR Group. After entering Gallery of Legends, he said, "This award is a great recognition for whatever little I could do, and it is a great feeling."

*Ashwani Lohani, CEO of GMR Group joined Gallery of Legends. He was presented with the golden Maya by VK Duggal, former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards.*

# Rajiv Mehra

## DDP TRAILBLAZER

Appreciating the genuine nature, transparency, and authenticity of India Travel Awards, **Rajiv Mehra**, President, IATO & Director of Uday Tours & Travel, said, "India Travel Awards are genuine in nature and that is why it is loved and acknowledged by travel fraternity." Mehra hopes to work hard and dedicatedly to meet expectations of IATO members and the industry at large. "We have to start working with the government to get things done faster," he added.

*The DDP Trailblazer Award was presented to Rajiv Mehra, President of IATO & Director of Uday Tours & Travels by VK Duggal, former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



# Rikant Pittie

## DDP GAME CHANGER

**Rikant Pittie**, COO & Co-founder, EaseMyTrip, was recognized as the DDP Game Changer among talented and experienced stalwarts of the industry. He extended gratitude to DDP Group for recognizing his hardwork in the industry. "As an entrepreneur, I always strive to push forward, stay strong and come up with new ideas, which helps my brand to grow and succeed in today's innovative world. This award has given me enough motivation and encouraged me to stay committed towards my goal for the betterment of this industry," he said.

*DDP Game Changer Award was given to Rikant Pittie, COO & Co-founder, EaseMyTrip, by VK Duggal, Former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards.*



# Rajeev Jain

## WEDDING TOURISM AMBASSADOR

**Rajeev Jain**, Founder & Managing Director, Rashi Entertainment, congratulated the DDP Group for successfully organizing the India Travel Awards. He claimed that it was the first time that the wedding industry was recognised at a travel industry event. "With every passing year, this award is becoming bigger, better and brighter," he said.

*Rajeev Jain, Founder & MD, Rashi Entertainment was awarded by VK Duggal, Former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards*





## Isha Goyal

### FACE OF THE FUTURE

Isha Goyal, Executive Director & CEO, STIC Travel Group, was excited to be at the India Travel Awards. Addressing the India Travel Awards, she said, "We are very excited about the opportunities the future holds. It is an exciting time both for hosting team and travel legends in India. We are both overwhelmed and inundated by business and inquiries at this time and I think it is a wonderful problem to have." She concluded by wishing best of luck to the travel sector.

The award was presented to Isha Goyal, ED & CEO, STIC Travel Group, by VK Duggal, former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards

## Laveena Bhatia

### WOMAN LEADER IN THE MICE INDUSTRY

Laveena Bhatia, Executive Director, Mach Conferences and Events, received award for Woman leader in the MICE industry. She has worked as an HR for over 17 years with big corporates throughout the country. She has been an integral and essential part of Mach for the last five years. With her immense knowledge and efforts, Mach was able to achieve significant growth. She was extremely delighted to receive the recognition for her efforts and hard work.

Laveena Bhatia, Executive Director, Mach Conferences and Events, received the award from VK Duggal, former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards.



## Mansi Mehta

### BEST WOMAN LEADER SALES & MARKETING

Mansi Mehta, Director, Sales & Marketing, JW Marriott, New Delhi, Aerocity, mentioned, "This recognition at the India Travel Awards, is indeed a great honour and motivation for me and my team. It is a reminder that perseverance, innovation, and passion are valued in our industry. It gives us the determination to inspire others and contribute towards success of hospitality industry as a whole," she said.

The award was given to Mansi Mehta, Director Sales & Marketing, JW Marriott, New Delhi, Aerocity by VK Duggal, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards.



## VK DUGGAL

### CHIEF GUEST

The Chief Guest for the event was VK Duggal, former Director General, Tourism and Union Secretary for Home, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram and Chairman of Advisory Councils of VFS Global and OYO Hotels. He acknowledged the growth of the domestic tourism market, and also emphasized on the need to address challenges such as pricing to boost inbound tourism.

VK Duggal being felicitated by SanJeet, Mentor, India Travel Awards and DDP Group.











## Lufthansa German Airlines

### BEST EUROPEAN AIRLINE

**L**ufthansa German Airlines was acknowledged as the Best European Airline by ITA. **Rajiv Sethi**, Senior Account Manager, North & East India, Lufthansa German Airlines said, "Recognition and appreciation of any kind is a big motivating factor for our team. I am grateful to DDP Group for felicitating us with this golden Maya."

The award was received by **Rajiv Sethi**, Senior Account Manager, North & East India, Lufthansa German Airlines and **Sangeeta Sharma**, General Manager, Sales, India, Lufthansa Group, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## VFS Global Group

### PROCESS EXCELLENCE IN VISA OUTSOURCING

**V**ishal Jairath, Head, South-Asia Region, VFS Global Services, says it is always very gratifying to be awarded and recognised by the travel fraternity. "We put in all the deliverables for achieving customer services and it is always good to see that our efforts are being recognized and acknowledged by the ITA team and travel fraternity," he said.

The award was given to **Vishal Jairath**, Head of South-Asia Region, VFS Global Services by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Regenta Arie Lagoon - Negombo, Sri Lanka

### BEST OFFSHORE RESORT FOR MICE AND WEDDING

**P**hilip Logan, COO, Royal Orchid Hotels, said, "This award is very important for many reasons as we have recently entered the Sri Lankan market. Winning an award for the best MICE venue in Sri Lanka is very exciting for us." He also mentioned that Royal Orchid is planning to open 20-40 hotels in next six months.

**Philip Logan**, COO, Royal Orchid Hotels, was recognized by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards.



## Ministry of Heritage and Tourism, Sultanate of Oman

### FASTEST GROWING TOURISM BOARD

**A**sma Al Hajri, Deputy Director General of Tourism Promotion, Ministry of Heritage and Tourism Oman, was delighted to receive the award. She said, "We will make sure that Oman has a strong presence across India. We are working closely with our partners for promoting tourism to Oman."

The award was presented to **Asma Al Hajri**, Deputy Director General, Tourism promotion, Ministry of Heritage and Tourism Oman by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards.



## Southern Travels

### INDIA'S FAST GROWING TOUR OPERATOR

**K**rishna Mohan Alapati, Managing Director, Southern Travels, said, "I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who played an important role in achieving this award, and it is an unforgettable moment for us. This black Maya motivates us to achieve more success in our business."

The award was presented to **Krishna Mohan Alapati**, MD, on behalf of Southern Travels by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards.



## iCE Group India

### BEST MICE & WEDDING OPERATOR

**D**isha Shah, COO, iCE Group, mentioned, "Any kind of award or recognition inspires iCE Group to continue the work they have been doing. Our efforts have made us receive this award and excel this sector." She also added that the format of the awards was very professional and had an amazing atmosphere.

**Disha Shah**, COO, iCE Group India, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## Fairmont Jaipur

### BEST LUXURY DESTINATION WEDDING HOTEL

**Rajeev Kapoor**, General Manager, Fairmont Jaipur, said, "This is one of the most prestigious awards for hospitality industry, especially in the MICE segment. We have conducted 106 super-luxury weddings at the Fairmont and we are ensuring that all moments are turning into important memories for our guests."

The award was given to **Rajeev Kapoor**, General Manager, Fairmont Jaipur by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Dex Group

### MOST PROFESSIONAL AND FASTEST GROWING GSA GROUP

**Ramesh Marwah**, Director, Dex Enterprises and Dex Aviation, received the award for Most Professional and Fastest Growing GSA Group. "Extremely honoured and proud to be receiving this award," said Marwah.

The award was received by **Ramesh Marwah**, Director, Dex Group and Dex Aviation by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## VisitBritain

### BEST EUROPEAN TOURISM BOARD

**Vishal Bhatia**, Country Manager, VisitBritain said, "I am honoured to receive the award for Best European Tourism Board. It is a testament to some of the work we have done in the previous year. We were the first NTO to conduct eight city roadshows across the country. We are again looking to conduct roadshows across different cities with a different focus this time," he said.

The award was felicitated to **Vishal Bhatia**, Country Manager, VisitBritain, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Udaan India

### BEST VISA CONCIERGE

**Pukhraj Joneja**, CEO, Udaan India, said, "The award is a testament to some of the great work we have done in the past. It is a pat on the back, which all of us deserve once in a while that motivates us to do better in our fields. We are renewing our website in a more attractive manner and developing a new software that will ease the entire visa facilitation process."

The award was presented to **Pukhraj Joneja**, CEO, Udaan India, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Flag Holidays

### BEST OUTBOUND TRAVEL AGENT

**Vansh Arora**, Executive Director, Flag Holidays, said, "We at Flag Holidays, feel that recognition is an integral part of any entrepreneur's life. It helps us to strive for more and to realize the sky is the limit. We are more ambitious, determined, and optimistic for the travel agents in the industry." He concluded by expressing gratitude to DDP Group.

The award for Best Outbound Travel Agent was presented to **Vansh Arora**, Executive Director, Flag Holidays, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Belair, The Global Travel Company

### BEST TICKETING AGENCY

**Michael Jain**, Director, Belair, The Global Travel Company, said, "I think it is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who wins the award as it allows us to showcase what our company has to offer, our capabilities and how do we serve our customers. We are touching heights and have strong international presence."

The award was presented to **Michael Jain**, Director, Belair, The Global Travel Company, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## Summit Hotels & Resorts

### BEST LEASED HOTEL CHAIN IN INDIA

**Shikha Khanna**, National Head, PR, Sales, and Marketing, Summit Hotels & Resorts, said, "DDP Group is a big brand in the market and we are honoured to receive this award. We are coming up with hotels in Northeast and globally as well."

*Shikha Khanna*, National Head, PR, Sales, & Marketing, Summit Hotels & Resorts, was presented with the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## The Ananta Udaipur

### BEST DESTINATION WEDDING HOTEL

**Gagan Katyal**, VP, Sales & Marketing, The Ananta Udaipur, received the award on behalf of The Ananta Udaipur. He said, "These awards are a recognition to the efforts and hard work. We have worked day and night to promote our property. Thanks to DDP Group for recognizing our performance. We will surely do justice to the award."

*The award was presented to Gagan Katyal*, VP, Sales & Marketing, on behalf of The Ananta Udaipur, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## GREYNOMAD

### BEST SPORTS TOURISM COMPANY

**Raunak Jana**, Founder & CEO, GREYNOMAD, was honoured to receive the award for Best Sports Tourism Company. "We provide exceptional hospitality and hassle-free service for a memorable journey. I express my gratitude and appreciation to the ITA team for acknowledging our efforts," he said.

*Best Sports Tourism Company Award was presented to Raunak Jana*, Founder & CEO, GREYNOMAD, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Air India

### BEST INDIAN AIRLINE

**Amit Arora**, Head, Trade Sales, Air India, received Best Indian Airline award during India Travel Awards in July 2023. Air India offers connections to over 70 international and 100 Indian destinations. He thanked DDP Group for hosting such a wonderful event and recognizing their sincere efforts.

*The award was presented to Amit Arora*, Head, Trade Sales, Air India, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Radisson Hotel Group

### BEST INTERNATIONAL HOTEL CHAIN

Thanking the team of India Travel Awards, **Sanjay Kaushik**, Senior Regional Director, Operations, South Asia, was delighted to receive the award for the Best International Hotel Chain. Kaushik mentioned, "In the journey to achieve milestones, such recognitions are really critical and a motivating factor."

*Sanjay Kaushik*, Senior Regional Director, Operations, South Asia, was given the award on behalf of Radisson Hotel Group by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Group Concorde

### BEST GSA

Group Concorde is an aviation specialist, having a long term vision and strategy focused approach. On behalf of Group Concorde, **Priyanka Bhatt**, Human Resources Executive, Group Concorde, thanked the India Travel Awards team for appreciating and honouring them with the award as it will boost their sales.

*Priyanka Bhatt*, Human Resources Executive, Group Concorde, was presented the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity

### BEST BUSINESS HOTEL

**Mansi Mehta**, Director, Sales & Marketing, JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, said, "This award fuels my determination to inspire others and contribute to the ongoing success of our team and the hospitality industry as a whole. I express my sincere thanks to the whole team of DDP Publications and the people who have voted for us. ITA event was a very well managed event."

*Mansi Mehta, Director, Sales & Marketing, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards.*



## Yorker DMC

### BEST DMC FOR MALDIVES

**Yorker DMC** received the award for Best DMC for Maldives. "We are absolutely thrilled to have received this prestigious recognition at India Travel Awards 2023. Such accolades definitely motivate to excel and do better in our domain. Also our sincere gratitude to entire ITA team," said **Pradeep Agrawal**, General Manager, Worldwide DMC.

*Sanjeev Gosain, Chief Executive Officer, Yorker DMC, was presented the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards.*

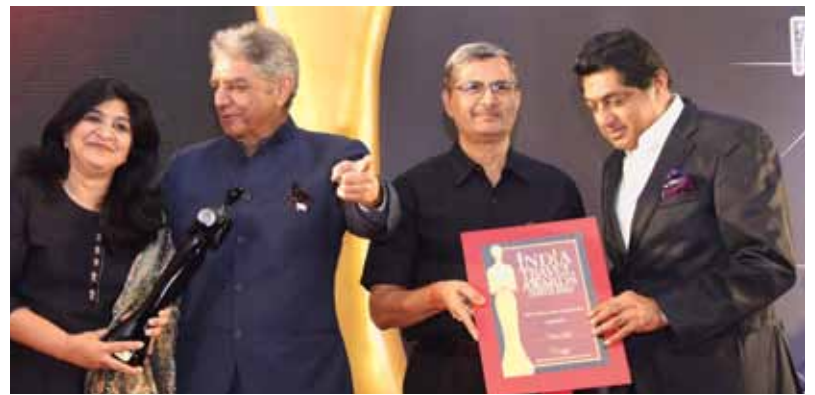


## www.GRNconnect.com

### BEST ONLINE BED BANK

**Gaurav Khandelwal**, Director, Sales, www.GRNconnect.com, accepted this award and said, "We will keep striving for success. Any kind of recognition motivates GRNConnect to do better, and this award has a wide range in the B2B space. Without a doubt, it is going to give us a lot more recognition, which means more business, God has been kind for the travel trade and GRNConnect as well."

*Gaurav Khandelwal, Director, Sales, www.GRNconnect.com, was given the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Fortune Hotels

### BEST UPSCALE HOTEL CHAIN IN INDIA

**Dhananjay Saliankar**, Head, Sales & Marketing, India, Fortune Hotels & Welcomheritage, said, "I think it is a great feeling to win an award for a brand in this platform, especially at a time when we are in the growth mode. Fortune hotels had the highest number of signings last year, and they are opening 12 hotels this year. Hence, this is very exciting for us in a competitive world and market today."

*Dhananjay Saliankar, Head, Sales & Marketing, India, Fortune Hotels & Welcomheritage, was presented the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Thomas Cook India

### BEST TOUR OPERATOR

**Romil Pant**, Executive Vice President and Business Head, Holidays, Thomas Cook (India), said, "It is a special honour for us to be recognized by DDP Group for our strong business delivery and this inspires us to continue our customer focused journey."

*The award was presented to **Romil Pant**, Executive Vice President and Business Head, Thomas Cook India, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach

### BEST SEAFRONT LUXURY WEDDING DESTINATION

Thanking the team of India Travel Awards, **Lakshmi Sridhar**, General Manager, Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach, said that they are extremely delighted to receive the award and being appreciated as one of the pioneering leaders in the hospitality sector.

*The award was given to **Lakshmi Sridhar**, General Manager, Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*









## Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar

### BEST CORPORATE HOTEL

**Pankaj Gupta**, GM, Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar, revealed that as far as new developments are concerned, they are adding 14 new rooms, which includes suites and business rooms. They are adding more banquet space at the hotel, and doing investments for sustainability as well. "This award helps to motivate us a lot, the industry was not doing very well during COVID, but post-pandemic we bounced back and are doing extremely well," he said.

The award was presented to **Pankaj Gupta**, GM, Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar, and **Veenu Rastogi**, Area DOSM, Crowne Plaza Mayur Vihar, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Turtle Down Under

### BEST INBOUND OPERATOR AUSTRALIA

**Kunal Ramchandani**, Business Head, Turtle Down Under, collected the award for Best Inbound Tourism Operator or DMC for Australia. He said, "Seven years ago, travel agents had to wait almost 48-72 hours to just get a quotation for destination like Australia. We are happy to say that we have changed this time to just 60 seconds."

The award was given to **Kunal Ramchandani**, Business Head, Turtle Down Under, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Trail Blazer Tours India

### EXCELLENCE IN INBOUND TRAVEL SERVICES

**Homa Mistry**, CEO, Trail Blazer Tours India, won the award for Excellence in Inbound Travel Services. Bagging the award for the second time, he mentioned, "When you are appreciated for your hard work, it gives you motivation to do bigger and better. The company is extremely lucky to carry this beautiful award."

**Homa Mistry**, CEO, Trail Blazer Tours India, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Uttarakhand Tourism

### BEST NATIONAL TOURISM BOARD - INDIA

**Kamal Kishor Kumar**, Public Relations Officer, Uttarakhand Tourism, received award for Best National Tourism Board - India. Uttarakhand is one of the beautiful states in India. It is home to the mighty Himalayas and a variety of flora and fauna. Uttarakhand Tourism wished luck and success to the entire travel fraternity.

The award was received by **Kamal Kishor Kumar**, Public Relations Officer, Uttarakhand Tourism from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Carzonrent India

### BEST CAR RENTAL SERVICES

**Rajiv KR Vij**, Managing Director, Carzonrent, is on a mission to bring green energy transition in the Indian Transportation infrastructure. "The India Travel Awards have always been the benchmark for the travel industry and is a testament to the best that the Indian travel industry has to offer," he said.

The award was received by **Rajiv KR Vij**, Managing Director, Carzonrent, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Ananta Spa & Resort Pushkar

### BEST LUXURY RESORT

**Gagan Katyal**, VP, Sales & Marketing, The Ananta Pushkar, mentioned, "This award will help us to reach a platform where we get noticed and get attention from the market. Such awards are a great platform for networking with fellow colleagues and industry partners, which helps in promoting a brand like Ananta."

The award was received by **Gagan Katyal**, VP, Sales & Marketing Ananta Spa & Resort Pushkar, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## Mach Conferences & Events

### BEST MICE COMPANY

**Laveena Bhatia**, Executive Director, Mach Conferences & Events, was delighted to receive the award. Their vision is to become number one brand that delivers benchmark quality MICE solutions, which are unequalled in experiences, while truly being beneficial to businesses. They are the pioneer in the MICE industry, MACH Conferences have set a high standard in carrying out successful MICE events across the globe.

The award was received by **Laveena Bhatia**, Executive Director, Mach Conferences & Events, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Hi Walk

### FASTEST GROWING MICE AGENCY

**Rajesh Gupta**, Founder & Head, Hi Walk, said that the award is a reminder that they are in the right path and their pursuit of excellence is resonating with the industry. "One of the most astonishing technologies we have embraced at Hi Walk so far is Vmeets, an online event organizing technology, which not only transforms the way we approach events but also enhance engagement, interaction, and accessibility on a global scale," he revealed.

The award for Fastest Growing MICE Agency was given to **Rajesh Gupta**, Founder & Head, Hi Walk by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Aeroprime Group

### INDIA'S LEADING GSA

**Abhishek Goyal**, ED, Aeroprime Group, received award for India's Leading GSA during India Travel Awards 2023. Aeroprime is the global market leader in an innovative and new-age solutions for aviation and travel industry. Goyal thanked entire team of DDP Group for not only hosting such an amazing and well-organized event, but also appreciating their work by rewarding them.

The award was presented to **Abhishek Goyal**, ED, Aeroprime Group, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Hyatt Regency Lucknow

### BEST MICE AND WEDDING HOTEL

**Hyatt Regency Lucknow** is a luxury 5-star property in Uttar Pradesh. It is located in Lucknow's central business districts. At the India Travel Awards 2023, Hyatt Regency Lucknow was recognized as the Best MICE and Wedding Hotel. **Nisshant Kumar**, Director, Sales & Marketing, was delighted and honoured to receive the beautiful black trophy.

The award was given to **Nisshant Kumar**, Director, Sales & Marketing, Hyatt Regency Lucknow by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Infinitea Hotels & Resorts

### MOST PROMISING HOTEL CHAIN

**Yogesh Bhatia**, Founder & COO, Infinitea Hotels & Resorts, mentioned, "Award ceremonies and events provide a networking opportunity. You can connect with other award winners, industry professionals, and potential collaborators." He said that India Travel Awards is recognized as a benchmark for excellence in travel and tourism sector.

**Shoaib Khan**, Director-Sales, Infinitea Hotels & Resorts, was presented the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Stay Pattern Hospitality Services

### BEST HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**Faheem Qureshi**, Founder & Director, Stay Pattern Hospitality Services, received the award for the Best Hospitality Management Services at India Travel Awards. The company promises that their tours will leave travellers with an experience to brag for life.

**Faheem Qureshi**, Founder & Director, Stay Pattern Hospitality Services, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## Karma Lakelands Golf Resort

### BEST DESTINATION WEDDING RESORT

**D**amandeep Singh, General Manager, Karma Lakelands Golf Resort, received the award for Best Destination Wedding Resort. Karma Lakelands is a sprawling 300-acre campus of lush green landscapes, water bodies, meadows and lawns, that is the epitome of grandeur, and welcomes you to experience an extraordinary life.

*Damandeep Singh, General Manager, Karma Lakelands Golf Resort, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Euphoria World Travels

### BEST OUTBOUND TOUR OPERATOR

**V**arun Modi, MD, Euphoria World Travels, thanked the India Travel Awards team for acknowledging them as Best Outbound Tour Operator. He commented, "It is a big motivation for us, as we have been working in the industry for a long time and TravTalk gives us good recognition by reaching to the travel trade across different countries."

*Varun Modi, MD, Euphoria World Travels, was presented the award by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Anjushree Hotel, Ujjain

### BEST LUXURY HOTEL IN MADHYA PRADESH

**A**njushree Hotel, Ujjain, was awarded as the Best Luxury Hotel in Madhya Pradesh. This beautiful property has seen increased demand. Knowing the importance of recognition and awards, **Amitava Saha**, Hotel Manager, Anjushree Hotel, Ujjain, said, "We cannot go ahead in the market without recognition."

*Amitava Saha, Hotel Manager, Anjushree Hotel, Ujjain accepted the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## IDMC World

### BEST EMERGING DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY

**D**harun Sharma, Director, IDMC World, has said that the company has B2B collaboration plans to showcase its strengths and offering partners in tier II cities by holding various roadshows this year. "Getting acknowledged and awarded for hard work and effort is always very uplifting and encouraging, for not only me, but the whole team and gives us the push to work even harder," he said.

*The award was presented to **Dharun Sharma**, Director, IDMC World, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## ADRIFT Kaya - JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity

### BEST JAPANESE RESTAURANT

**M**ansi Mehta, Director, Sales & Marketing, JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity, said, "It fuels my determination to inspire others and contribute to the ongoing success of our team."

*The award was received by the team at JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*



## Travel Mudra

### BEST VISA FACILITATION COMPANY NORTH INDIA

**N**eeraj Kumar, Director, Travel Mudra, said, "Very soon we will be launching our B2B portal, which will help our B2B partners to have all the information about visas under one roof and soon our partners will be able to apply e-visas for many countries from our portal."

*The award was presented to **Neeraj Kumar**, Director, Travel Mudra from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards*





## Holiday Tribe

### BEST EMERGING HOLIDAY TECH COMPANY

**Chirag Goyal**, Founder & MD, claimed that it is moments like these that make our journey towards success sweeter. He said, "Being recognized at the prestigious north edition of the India Travel Awards 2023 is a testimony to the perseverance and passion of our tribe. I am humbled and honoured to be sharing the stage with other stalwarts of the travel and holiday industry."

The award was received by **Chirag Goyal**, Founder & MD Holiday Tribe, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Staunch International

### BEST LUXURY HOLIDAY PLANNER

**Staunch International** received the Best Luxury Holiday Planner award at the India Travel Awards. **Binwant Khurana**, CEO, Staunch International, mentioned, "Getting nominated for the prestigious India Travel Awards 2023 gives me encouragement to work harder and more awarded every time. I am extremely delighted to receive the Best Luxury Holiday Planner award."

The award was received by **Binwant Khurana**, CEO, Staunch International and **Asheema Khurana**, MD, Staunch International, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Worldwide DMC

### BEST DMC & MICE OPERATOR FOR UK/USA/EUROPE

**Pradeep Agrawal**, General Manager, Worldwide DMC, was thrilled and honoured to have received this prestigious recognition at India Travel Awards 2023. "Such accolades motivate to excel and accelerate in our domain. We are proud to announce that Worldwide DMC is spreading wings to manage Australia DMC in addition to UK, Europe and USA," he added.

**Pradeep Agrawal**, GM, Worldwide DMC, was presented the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Hotel Home IN by Amrik Sukhdev

### BEST BOUTIQUE BUSINESS HOTEL IN DELHI NCR

**Hotel Home IN** by Amrik Sukhdev was recognized as Best Boutique Business Hotel in Delhi NCR. **Suraj Singh**, CEO, Hotel Home IN by Amrik Sukhdev, said that it was a wonderful feeling to receive the award. "This award will help us to promote our brand in different ways and I would like to thank the entire team at DDP Group for putting up this amazing event," he added.

The award was given to **Hotel Home IN** by Amrik Sukhdev by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Yorker Holidays Services

### BEST PSA FOR CRUISE

**Sanjeev Gosain**, Chief Executive Officer, Yorker Holiday Services, was very delighted and happy to receive the award in the category of Best PSA for Cruise. He added, "We were looking forward to these awards to start again post-COVID and it has finally happened."

**Sanjeev Gosain**, CEO, Yorker Holiday Services, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Radisson Jaipur City Center

### BEST LEISURE HOTEL

**Pradipta Biswas**, Vice President, Operations, Radisson Jaipur City Center, is a strong believer of the fact that without sustainability hotels cannot exist, he said, "We spend 7-10 per cent from our budget on sustainability. We've also taken initiative to support local resources and we help them to get a sustainable lifestyle," he said.

**Pradipta Biswas**, Vice President, Operations, Radisson Jaipur City Center, received the award from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## T4 Initiatives

### MOST PROMISING MICE OPERATOR

**Munish Sekhri**, Managing Director, T4 Initiatives, was very happy to receive this award for the second time. He said, "I really appreciate the entire team at DDP Group for organizing these awards. My team has worked day and night and it is a great honour for us to finally receive this award for all the hard work we have done."

The award was received by **Munish Sekhri**, Managing Director, T4 Initiatives, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## KK Royal Hotel & Convention Centre

### BEST WEDDING HOTEL

**Ashish Brahmawar**, GM, KK Royal Hotel & Convention Centre, says that, receiving an award is always a morale booster and drives them to achieve more in terms of betterment of client services, which ultimately results in improving revenue. He added, "It was a pleasure attending the ITA Awards and thanks to team DDP Group for recognising our efforts."

The award was received by **Ashish Brahmawar**, GM, KK Royal Hotel & Convention Centre, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board

### BEST FAMILY DESTINATION

**Muhammad Akmal Hafiz Bin Abdul Aziz**, Deputy Director, Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, said, "We are constantly organizing roadshows in metro cities as well as tier II and III cities to re-establish our connection with the travel fraternity and encourage them to actively promote Malaysia in their respective areas," he said.

The award was received by **Muhammad Akmal Hafiz Bin Abdul Aziz**, Deputy Director, Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Radisson Blu Faridabad

### BEST BUSINESS HOTEL HARYANA

**Harpreet Vohra**, General Manager, Radisson Blu Faridabad, was delighted to receive the award for Best Business Hotel Haryana. Radisson Blu Faridabad boasts a convenient location just off National Expressway bordering South Delhi, Gurgaon, and Noida and is perfect for business travellers.

The award was given to **Harpreet Vohra**, General Manager, Radisson Blu Faridabad by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## 5D Global Travel Solutions

### BEST EMERGING MICE COMPANY

**Parth Satpathy**, Co-founder & Director, 5D Global Travel Solutions, said, "Our portfolio will expand beyond traditional destinations offering unique cultural experiences and enriching MICE journeys. We are also planning to create a knowledge sharing platform very soon."

The award was presented to **Parth Satpathy**, Co-founder & Director, 5D Global Travel Solutions, by **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Travel2Agent Oneworld

### CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE FOR OUTBOUND TOURISM

**Gagan Chadha**, Director, Travel2Agent Oneworld, was given the award for Customer Service Excellence for Outbound Travel. "The recognition for our efforts and the orientation we have towards customer service, including the award, is definitely a motivating factor," he said.

The award was received by **Gagan Chadha**, Director, Travel2Agent Oneworld, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards





## Hyatt Regency Delhi

### BEST CONVENTION HOTEL

**Shrikant Wakharkar**, Area Vice President, Hyatt Hotels, North India & General Manager, Hyatt Regency Delhi, was delighted to be the host for ITA 2023. He said, "We have quite a few leads regarding MICE. In the coming months, we will be hosting some global events, conventions and some high-profile residential weddings as well."

The award was received by **Shrikant Wakharkar**, Area Vice President, Hyatt Hotels, North India & General Manager Hyatt Regency Delhi, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## GT Holidays

### BEST TRAVEL COMPANY – GROUP TOURS

**Sathish Kumar Rajagopal**, Executive Director, GT Holidays, claims that they offer comprehensive solutions for all the business and leisure travellers across the world. This prestigious travel company in Chennai aims to satisfy the client's requirements with ultimate transparency and cost-effectiveness.

The award was received by **Sathish Kumar Rajagopal**, Executive Director, GT Holidays, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Internet Moguls

### BEST DIGITAL MARKETING AGENCY FOR HOSPITALITY

**Avi Arya**, Chief Mogul, Internet Moguls, congratulated the India Travel Awards Team. A strong believer that future of digital marketing in hospitality industry is promising, he said, "We will continue to make Internet Moguls a strong brand name in the sector," he said.

The award was received by **Avi Arya**, Chief Mogul, Internet Moguls, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Cross Hotels & Resorts

### BEST INTERNATIONAL LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL CHAIN

**Sandeep Raghav**, Director, Business Development India, Cross Hotels & Resorts, said, "These awards are definitely a motivating factor for them and it will help in informing the market about them." For the last 10 years, Cross Hotels & Resorts have been providing innovative hospitality management and design solutions across Asia for hotel owners and companies alike.

The award was received by **Sandeep Raghav**, Director, Business Development India, Cross Hotels & Resorts, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Qualstar

### BEST HOTEL CLASSIFICATION & AUDITING COMPANY

**Subha Bhaskar**, Certification Head, Qualstar, said, "It is India's only hotel classification and rating agency, so it is an honour to be recognized by the industry for hotel classification and ratings. We hope many more hotels can understand the importance of classification and ratings."

The award was received by **Subha Bhaskar**, Certification Head, Qualstar, from **VK Duggal**, former Governor of Manipur and Mizoram, and **SanJeet**, Mentor, India Travel Awards



## Hyatt Regency Delhi

### HOSPITALITY PARTNER

**Shrikant Wakharkar**, Area Vice President, Hyatt Hotels, North India & General Manager, Hyatt Regency Delhi, said that this is a very elite award ceremony. He revealed, "We have quite a few hotels in the pipeline. Most of them will be in the mid-scale hotel segment in the next 6-8 months."

The award was received by **Shrikant Wakharkar**, Area Vice President, Hyatt Hotels, North India & General Manager, Hyatt Regency Delhi











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