

COAI's India Mobile Congress recognises companies for innovation & contribution to the ICT sector

- *Winners of 9th Aegis Graham Bell Awards also felicitated*

New Delhi, 26th October, 2018: The second day of the India Mobile Congress 2018, which is one of the biggest marquee Mobile, Internet, and Technology event for South-East Asia, with the theme, “*New Digital Horizons – Connect. Create. Innovate.*”, concluded with the **IMC Digital Communications awards**. UTStarcom was the award partner for the IMC Digital Communications Awards.

The awards were given to the companies, for their exemplary contribution to the sector. The highlight of the night was Indus Towers who won the IMC Digital Communications award for “**Best Green Technology Adoption for Telecom Networks**”. This was part of total five IMC Digital Communications award categories. Other winners included Huawei Communications India for “**Innovative Network Solution of the Year for Connectivity**”; Hotstar for the “**Best OTT Content Platform**”; State of Jharkhand for the “**State with the Best Digital Infra Policies**” and Surat Smart City for “**Smart Cities Project with Most Innovative Technology Adoption**”. All the winners were felicitated by the Shri Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Communications and Minister of State for Railways.

As part of this year's award ceremony, three winners of the **9th Aegis Graham Bell awards**, in the Telecom and Mobile categories, were also felicitated at this year's IMC. The winners included Mahindra comviva for “**Innovative Telecom Product or Solutions**”, eKincare for “**Innovative Mobile App for Enterprise**”; and Accenture for “**Bringing the fortune to the bottom of the pyramid**” category.

Aegis Graham Bell awards are given out by the Aegis School of Data Science, Cyber Security & Telecom, and decided by a select jury of key innovators and veterans with aim of promoting innovators and innovations in Information & Communication Technology (ICT) domain and as a tribute to the father of telephony, Alexander Graham Bell.

The IMC awards were driven by management consulting major KPMG, the Knowledge Partner for IMC 2018.

Sharing his views on the award ceremony and the contribution by the winners, **Rajan S Mathews, Director General, COAI**, said, “We must say that the participants and the awardees plays a vital role in introducing new technology and the much needed change. There is a dire need to encourage innovations and disruption in ICT industry to make the technology work for good. It becomes the responsibility of the entire industry to acknowledge the contribution by these individual, companies and institutions towards the development of the technology.”

IMC 2018, jointly organised by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and COAI for the second time in India, has gone above and beyond everyone's expectations in showcasing India's prowess in communications and technology sectors and futuristic technology innovations that will shape India's future to the rest of the world.

The three day event, titled “New Digital Horizons: Connect, Create, Innovate”, being held at Aerocity, New Delhi, has received unprecedented response with participation from some of the world's biggest technology companies as well as massive interest from the industry and other visitors.

Over 200 startups showcased their innovation and pitched their products to global experts for investments.

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