

Mukesh Ambani to receive 'person of the year' award

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani will be conferred Wednesday the Chitralekha Person of the Year 2007 award, instituted by the leading Gujarati weekly Chitralekha.

Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi, who was bestowed the honour two years ago, will confer the award on Mukesh Ambani at a function here.

Reliance Anil Dhirubhai Ambani Group chairman Anil Ambani has been voted Chitralekha Business Person of the Year 2007. He bagged the same honour also in 2005.

Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar has been chosen Film Person of the Year while cricketer M. S. Dhoni is the Sportsperson of the Year.

Mukesh Ambani was chosen as Person of the Year after a readers' survey conducted by the magazine in Gujarat and Maharashtra, according to a Chitralekha announcement.

Other names in that category were President Pratibha Patil, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Communist leader Prakash Karat, social worker Anna Hazare, climate change activist R.K. Pachauri, [Mumbai](#) anti-terror court Special Judge P.D. Kode and Zee Group chairman Subhash Chandra.

Mukesh Ambani bagged 32 percent of the votes followed by President Patil, who got 22 percent. Anil Ambani secured 73 percent in the business category.

In the category of future probables, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi secured 55 percent votes followed by Bollywood actor Deepika Padukone with 24 percent nominations.

The previous winners of the Person of the Year include Modi (2005) and former president A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (2006) in the independent polls conducted by a private research agency.

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