

Ajay Bijli, Chairman and MD, PVR Ltd wins the "Entrepreneur of the Year Award" at Videocon Youth Icon Awards 2009

Mr. Ajay Bijli, Chairman and Managing Director, PVR Ltd. won the 'Entrepreneur of the Year' award at the inaugural edition of the Videocon India Youth Icon Awards, a Wizcraft initiative in association with Sahara India Media. The award was presented at an exclusive ceremony held recently at the Leela Kempinski, Gurgaon.

A salutation to the undying spirit of the human endeavor to continuously excel, the awards aim to recognize & reward individual excellence and exemplary achievement in the genres of Business, Sports, Entertainment, Media, Social Welfare and Justice, Science & Technology, The Arts, Politics and Entertainment, culminating with the Icon of The Year Award.

On winning the award, Mr. Ajay Bijli said, 'I am truly honored to receive this award. I dedicate this award to my team of professionals who I consider to be partners in PVR's success story and also my best investment and my strongest assets. I believe that small beginnings make great enterprises but only great teams make the dream last. What started as one man's vision today has been elevated to an Iconic status not because one man believed in it but for the fact that my colleagues at PVR made this vision their own and strived to make it work.'

He further added that, 'It is a great pleasure to be seen as a youth icon, PVR is about innovation and redefining the standards of retail entertainment which defines and caters to the youth of India. I know that our journey has just begun and we have a long way to go. India is a developing nation, and indeed the country depends on the youth, who are truly the future of the nation. To all the young entrepreneurs, I would like to say that your foresight, vision and passion is what will change the world; to herald a new world, you will have to become the change.'

The nominees were decided by a panel of illustrious seniors from different walks of life. On the eminent panel was IPS Officer Dr. Kiran Bedi, famed journalist Mr. Paranjyot Guha Thakurta, Filmmaker Shyam Benegal, Tennis Ace Leander Paes, Renowned Cardiologist Dr. Naresh Trehan, Actor & Social Activist Shabana Azmi, renowned singer Ms. Usha Uthup, and Chairman - Videocon Industries Limited Mr. Venugopal Dhoot.

The winners were chosen by the nation, through online voting. The list of the short listed nominees along with details were announced and uploaded for online voting by the masses. In case of a tie, the Nominee with more votes from the Advisory Board will be given preference. The decision of the audit firm Ernst & Young was considered final in this regard.

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