



Press Release

### **Winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shriram Awards for Excellence in Financial Journalism Announced**

- **Eminent journalist Mr. A.K. Bhattacharya conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award**
- **Dr. Ashok Desai conferred with Hall of Fame Award**
- **Winners selected from over 2,200 nominations received**

**Mumbai, 19th May, 2017:** The Shriram Awards for Excellence in Financial Journalism was conducted for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in succession at a glittering function at the Trident Hotel in Mumbai on May 19, 2017. Mr. Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Shriram Capital Ltd., felicitated all the awardees.

Mr. A.K. Bhattacharya **was** conferred with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award and the special Hall Of Fame Award was conferred upon Dr. Ashok Desai at the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Shriram Awards for Excellence in Financial Journalism.

Winners and Runner Ups in various categories are:

1. Economic Policy – Winner : Mr. M. Rajshekhar; Runner Up : Ms. Sarika Malhotra
2. Financial Markets –Winner: Mr. S. Umamaheshwar; Runner Up: Mr. Narendra Nathan
3. Financial Institutions – Winner: Mr. T. Bijoy Idicheriah; Runner Up: Mr. Anup Roy
4. Sectoral Issues – Winners: Mr. Goutam Das & Ms. Ajita Shashidhar;  
Runners Up: Ms. Aarati Krishnan & Mr. Anilesh Mahajan

The event was attended by distinguished personalities from various walks of life including bureaucrats and corporate chieftains from the public and private sector who applauded the winners.

A compendium of Top articles was distributed as a special booklet to the audience.

Mr. Ajay Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Enterprises Ltd. & Shriram Capital Ltd., said, “The Shriram Awards for Excellence in Financial Journalism is a unique way to honour the efforts of the financial journalists for their brilliant articles on economic policy, sectoral issues, financial markets & institutions. In the 5<sup>th</sup> year, the awards brought together the sharpest minds in journalism with the aim of encouraging them to continue inspiring our country with their thought-provoking articles. The winners of the awards have embodied the best-in-class works of ‘journalistic’ art.”

Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), Chennai played an important and independent role in the selection process by scrutinizing the nominations and making them available for the Jury Members for their consideration.

The distinguished panel of independent jury members comprised Mr. Gopal Srinivasan (Chairman & Managing Director – TVS Capital Ltd.); Mr. Srinivasan K. Swamy (Chairman & Managing Director, R. K. Swamy BBDO); Ms. Ashu Suyash (MD & CEO, CRISIL); Mr. Adit Jain (Chairman, IMA Asia), Mr. Swaminathan S. Aiyar, Consulting Editor of Economic Times, Mr. T. N. Ninan (Chairman, Business Standard) and Mr. R Jagannathan ( Eminent journalist and winner of the 2015 lifetime achievement award).

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