

HONOURING THE KIWI-INDIAN TRAILBLAZERS



Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2020,

now in its eighth year, is an initiative taken by The Indian Weekender to honour the achievements of the Kiwi-Indian community.

It's a way of saying our 'thank you' to the people who have striven hard to succeed in their chosen field of work.

The award is constituted by an independent panel of experts/jury who invite nominations from the public and then choose the inductee as per the guidelines set by the Jury.



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THE CELEBRATIONS

The Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame awards have carved a special niche for itself for not only bringing a night of glamour, elegance and grandeur but also setting extremely high standards when it comes to honouring the high-achievers in the community.

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Founded and organised by The Indian Weekender which is the most prominent news and media platform for the Kiwi-Indian community, the awards are the most popular and regarded as the best event on the Kiwi-Indian calendar.

Over the last seven years, the Awards has inspired our community to pursue excellence in their endeavours consistently by recognising the outstanding efforts of the Kiwi-Indian trailblazers.



In the year 2018, the Former Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Hon Suresh Prabhu had accepted invitation to be the Guest of Honour only to cancel due to a last minute unavoidable state engagement

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MAIN AWARD - Hall of Fame inductee

The Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame award was introduced to recognise and acknowledge the efforts of eminent personalities in the Indian community. It honours a Kiwi-Indian who has contributed immensely to the development and progress of not only the Indian community but also New Zealand. The award is a testimony to an undeniable recognition in an individual's field of work, be it politics, business, sports, art, culture, or any other profession.

Past inductees have been the first Indian MP in NZ, first woman Mayor of Indian origin, a prominent judge, Hockey player, medical doctors among others.

An exclusive red-carpet reception is rolled out to every guest at the event to make them feel like a celebrity. The glamour and entertainment quotient of this annual event has always been the talk of the town, months after the awards night





In 2017, Former Minister of State for External Affairs, General VK Singh was the Guest of Honour



Mayor of Auckland launches Auckland Diwali Festival at the Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame

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Young Achiever of the Year

The Kiwi Indian Young Achiever is bestowed upon a young Kiwi Indian, between the age of 16 and 35, who has done exceptionally well in their field, be it academics, sports, art, culture, business or community service.

Community Service Excellence

The Kiwi Indian Community Service Excellence award is dedicated to those individuals who have made sustained efforts to make our society a better place by serving sections of the community and improving the lives of Kiwi-Indians



The Prime Minister of New Zealand has always been the Chief Guest at every Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame Award night since its launch in 2013



Renowned Indian stand-up comic Manish Tyagi emceed the Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2019 which was sponsored by some of the most prominent NZ brands including Southern Institute of Technology (SIT), nib, Singapore Airlines, Barfoot & Thompson, ANZ Bank, The New India Assurance, Global Financial Services, Affordable House Builders, Franklin Agritech, Commonwealth Vault, Fivestar Print, and Asia New Zealand Foundation among others.

An evening to remember

Apart from being the highest and the most prestigious honour of the Kiwi-Indian community, the Hall of Fame award ceremony is also an evening to relax and revel in the success of the community.

The event held in central Auckland is well attended by around 500 to 600 influential members of the Indian community living in New Zealand along with the prime minister as the chief guest.



In 2018, Arnab Goswami, the renowned news anchor and editor at Republic TV, made a special appearance via video message to appreciate the Kiwi-Indian Hall of Fame awards



Support from the community

The who's who of the community is present at the ceremony. As a sponsor you get unmatched visibility and mindshare.

It is a fun event filled with positivity and camaraderie. It is a great time for the sponsors to have a deeper brand connection rooted in the consumers' mind and heart.

The awards are aggressively promoted through print, web, radio and social media platforms. It is keenly waited with baited breath and supported by all the prominent Kiwi-Indian personalities, businesses and social influencers.

Not to forget, major community organisations like New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA), Auckland Indian Association, Gujarati Association, Shanti Niwas, Gandhi Niwas, Telangana Association, Auckland Tamil Association, Auckland Marathi Association, Bhartiya Samaj, Auckland Sikh Society, Hindu Council, and Punjabi Cultural Association have been graciously gracing the occasion.



The glamour quotient

The glamour and entertainment quotient of this annual event has always been the talk of the town even months after the awards night.

In 2017, Bollywood heartthrob singers Armaan and Amaal Malik and seasoned stand-up comedian from India, Amit Tandon, had been able to create a truly memorable night for those who attended the event. This overseas star-attraction is besides the usual pool of talented local artists who delivered high-octane performances to keep guests glued to their seats.

The event also has an envious tradition of having the country's Prime Minister as the chief guest of the event, along with the presence of many key politicians including the Leader of the Opposition, Mayor of Auckland, Ministers of the Crown and Members of Parliament.

