

Press Release

Technopark honors the doyens of IT industry

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Technopark pays rich tribute, in unique fashion, to the icons of Indian IT industry who enabled India to become an IT global powerhouse.

These legends will now adorn the desktops of leading IT professionals across the country to inspire and motivate the software professionals to achieve even greater heights in information technology and retain the country's numero uno position.

A commemorative desktop calendar featuring 12 IT legends has been brought out by Technopark in association with Dataquest, India's premier IT magazine. These outstanding leaders share a common distinction – they have all been selected as the DQ IT Man of the Year from 1991 onwards and include F.C.Kohli, Dewang Mehta, Pramod Mahajan, N.R.Narayana Murthy, Sunil Mittal, Shiv Nadar, Rajendra Pawar, Sam Pitroda, Azim Premji, Ramalinga Raju, Ashok Soota, and N.Vittal. A caricature of each person with a defining label that quintessentially captures the spirit of their personality makes the calendar a collector's piece.

By honoring the veterans of the IT industry, Technopark once again reinforces its commitment to attain world standards and provide inspiration for new entrepreneurs to enter this exciting business.

The desk-top commemorative calendar from Technopark was launched here on Tuesday, 14th January by Sri P.K. Kunhalikutty, Hon. Minister, IT, Industries and Social Welfare, Government of Kerala, by receiving the first copy from Mr Shyam Malhotra, Editor-in-Chief of Cyber Media (I) Ltd, publishers of Dataquest, at a function held at Trivandrum today. Smt. Aruna Sundararajan, Secretary – IT, Technopark CEO Mr. Rajiv Vasudevan, and chiefs of IT companies based at Technopark were present on the occasion. A framed copy of each of the IT legends featured in the calendar will be personally handed over to the respective dignitaries. The calendar shall also be mailed to top management of IT companies across the Country. The calendar can be ordered, until stocks last, from the Technopark website at www.technopark.org or writing into response@technopark.org .

Mr. Kunhalikutty commented that "I am very pleased to see the unique manner in which we have chosen to recognise these 12 outstanding individuals who inspire millions of their country men to aspire and to achieve. The Kerala Government has flagged off a number of initiatives in the last one year which have created a more favourable perception about the investment climate in Kerala. Kerala is poised for tremendous growth in IT based industry as can be seen the recent votes of confidence from IT industry leaders including Infosys and Ernst & Young".

Mr. Shyam Malhotra said "this is very innovative way to honour individuals who have contributed in great measure to their organisations and to the country. Normally we see pictures of film stars on calendars. These luminaries are the stars of information technology. Each one has led by example and with vision. The DQ IT Man of the year awards are decided by an

eminent panel of independent members from the industry making them the most credible and respected recognition. Dataquest is happy to be associated with this venture and would like to commend Technopark for this effort. This calendar is more than dates. It captures a unique picture of Indian enterprise. An enterprise which is present in the people of Kerala in a big way. Kerala is uniquely placed to make information technology grow with its high literacy rates and enterprising people. With its plans to become a 100 % computer literate state this growth is likely to be faster and more widespread”.

Added **Mr Rajiv Vasudevan** "Technopark saw a unique opportunity to capture the spirit of the last decade when from humble beginnings India made stupendous progress in the IT sector. This commemorative calendar shall on a daily basis inspire Indian IT industry leaders to renew their commitment to excellence. We hope that the 12 legendary leaders will accept this humble tribute to the outstanding contribution they have made to the nation. We are thankful to Dataquest Magazine for joining us in this unique tribute”.

About Technopark

Technopark, Trivandrum is India's first technology park and among the two largest IT parks in the country today. Technopark is an autonomous society promoted by the Government of Kerala. Spread over 156 acres, and about 1.5 m. sq.ft. of built-up space, it hosts over 55 IT and ITES companies, including 4 CMM Level 5, 2 CMM Level 3 and several ISO 9000 certified companies. Technopark is the IT hub of the State of Kerala, and based in Trivandrum which can rightfully claim to be the knowledge capital of the region. Technopark provides world class, robust and failsafe infrastructure, meeting global standards to IT companies. More importantly, Technopark's vision is to provide a holistic enabling environment to make knowledge industry intrinsically competitive and world class

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