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## HONOURING VISIONARIES AND TRAILBLAZERS OF MODERN BUSINESS



Lamp lighting ceremony

In an evening dedicated to ambition, resilience and forward-thinking leadership, the Times Business Icons North 2026, organised by Optimal Media Solutions - a division of Times Internet Limited, The Times of India, was held on 17th March '26 at the Radisson Hotel, MG Road, bringing together some of the region's most influential entrepreneurs, innovators and visionaries. The ceremony celebrated organizations and individuals who are not only achieving commercial success but also shaping the region's economic and social future.

Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest, acclaimed Bollywood actress Nimrat Kaur presented the awards to winners across diverse sectors, lending the event both star appeal and a touch of prestige.

The awards underscored the role of regional leadership in national progress. From emerging startups and MSMEs to established corporations and social enterprises, the honourees represented a cross-section of industries including technology, healthcare, education, manufacturing, real estate, retail and services. What unified them was not size

or scale, but impact — on markets, communities and the workforce.

Adding intellectual depth to the evening, the event also featured thought-provoking panel discussions that addressed some of the most defining themes of contemporary business.

The first discussion focusing on sustainability was led by Virender Pankaj, CEO, Aseem Infrastructure Finance Ltd, Anshu Kumar, AVP-Commercial, Hexa Climate Solutions, Kanaiya Bhadra, Founder &



Nirthe Jhanji Jagtiani, Emcee



Industry leaders engage in a panel discussion, exploring the evolving role of leadership and sustainable practices



Virender Pankaj, CEO, Aseem Infrastructure Finance, delivers the keynote address at the Times Business Icons '26, emphasising the role of responsible capital and sustainable infrastructure in shaping India's future

The second panel, led by Arjun Kumar, Associate Director & Scientist F, Directorate of Technology Development Fund DRDO, MOD GOI, Nagendra Babu Samineni, MD, Unistring Tech Solutions and Manisha Trivedi, Head of middle school, Learners International School, focused on the evolving role of AI in modern warfare, the growing autonomy of defence systems, and the need to balance innovation with human oversight and cybersecurity. It also explored DRDO's contribution to strengthening India's defence capabilities and the importance of accelerating the transition from research to deployment. Additionally, the conversation highlighted the role of Indian industry startups, and policy support in driving indigenous innovation and positioning India as a global defence technology hub.

As the curtains closed on the Times successful companies, but meaningful legacies.

Business Icons North 2026, the message was clear: recognition serves not as a culmination but as motivation. By honouring those who lead with vision and integrity, the platform continues to encourage a culture of excellence — one that inspires the next generation of business leaders to build not just legacies.



Nimrat Kaur  
Guest of Honour



XC 60 from Scandia Volvo



Experts discussing the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence

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**Virender Pankaj, CEO, Aseem Infrastructure Finance**

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Associate Director & Scientist F

Directorate of Technology Development Fund DRDO, MOD GOI

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Managing Director

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Guest of Honour



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Head of Middle School  
Learners International School

Guest of Honour



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**RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

The objective of this research was to conduct a survey, assess and evaluate the probable nominations and recommend the final list of recipients for the coveted Times - Business Icons 2026 - North. Avance Insights has developed a nominee assessment form and an objective analytical framework to assess the nominees for Times - Business Icons 2026 - North in various categories. The survey had these modules, i.e. Desk Secondary Research, Approach for sharing fact files, Factual survey (Participatory Survey) to arrive at the analysis & identify the results of business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals in

different categories. A comprehensive list of business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals was generated with the help of the internet, social media, print magazines, and other publications. The business entities / personalities and Performers and Individuals were sent the factual data questionnaire and then rigorously followed up through telephone, email, and personal visits. The kind of work done by the nominees with focus on innovation and value propositions, contribute to the business world, society and nation at large. Vision for the further addition of value to business world,

society and nation in future. In addition, feedback of each nominee was assessed through multiple tools such as social media profile scan and customers' colleagues or public feedback. All data was objectively analyzed to assess the eligibility and suitability of the nominee for the award. The study was conducted in the North and started from the 4th week of January 2026.

**Some caveats/assumptions:**

- Best efforts were made to reach the maximum business entities / personalities and Performers and Individuals in different categories
- If the nomination for any specific category was not received, those categories were dropped and categories with single nominations were given unanimously
- Only those Business Entities / personalities and Performers and Individuals were considered who have submitted their participatory factual sheet

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