

TiE-ASPIRE YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

Since 2009, TiE and Aspire bring you face-to-face with three young achievers in the field of academics, sports, art, music and culture who are the embodiment of extra-ordinary determination and courage and their achievements are truly inspiring. In a special session at TiEcon 2013, you will hear inspiring stories about their challenges, enterprising hard work and success. Please join us to honor the 2013 TiE-Aspire Young Achievers and hear their candid tête-à-tête with Amit Bhatia, Founder and Chairman of Aspire. As Lord Karan Billimoria, chairman of the UK-India Business Council and Cobra Beer said last year "I was told that this was the best part of TiE Con ... they were underselling it!" Our 2013 winners are three great national heroes:



Abhilash Tomy

Abhilash Tomy: Lieutenant Commander Abhilash, aged 34 of Indian Navy, circumnavigated the globe (solo, non-stop and unassisted) in 151 days. Abhilash is the 1st Indian, 2nd Asian and 79th person in the world to carry out such a mission while sailing south of the three great capes. The rarity of the achievement is such that almost ten times the number of people have gone to space and 100 times more have climbed the Everest. Abhilash waited for 11 years for this opportunity on the 56-feet boat, Mhadei, with 70 foot high sails. Abhilash was mentored by Cdr Dilip Donde and is also Winner of Kirti Chakra (National Gallantry Award) and Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award.



Rani Rampal

Rani Rampal: Rani, aged 19, is member of India's National Women Hockey Team and was Vice Captain of Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team at 7th FIH Junior World Cup 2013, winning the Bronze medal. She hails from a humble background in Shahbad, Kurukshetra where her father is a cart-puller. She was adjudged the Player of the Tournament four times in various International Tournaments. Rani is the only Indian to receive FIH "Best Young Player of the Tournament" at the Women's Hockey World Cup 2010. Rani was the member of Asian All Stars Team and FIH All Stars Team, both in 2010. She trains at the Shahbad Hockey Academy under Dronacharya Award winner Baldev Singh.



Girisha Hosanagara
Nagarajgowda

Girisha Hosanagara Nagarajgowda: Girish, aged 25, is a paralympic high jumper who jumped a height of 1.74m in the final of the 2012 London Summer Paralympics Men's High Jump, to finish in the silver medal position. He became the first Indian to win a medal at that event. Girish is supported by "Karnataka Sports Association for Physically Handicapped", Bangalore and the Government of India. He is only the ninth medalist of India at Paralympics & only the third to claim silver at the Paralympics. He was awarded with "Rajyotsava Award" by the Government of Karnataka in 2012 and "Padma Shri" by the Government of India in 2013.

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