

9th Annual Equipment India Awards 2021

The 9 Equipment India Awards 2021 recognised the top performers of Indian construction equipment industry. In a colourful ceremony held at Four Seasons in Mumbai, the winners received the awards for their achievements in the respective segments.

The mood was upbeat at the **9th Annual Equipment India Awards**, in spite of the ongoing slowdown in the industry, as stalwarts from the construction equipment industry gathered at Hotel Four Seasons in Mumbai on October 22, 2021, to celebrate their achievements. The event saw the top performers who beat the slowdown and emerged as winners in the respective award categories rewarded for their remarkable achievements.

This year, the awards included the 'Bestseller' product categories and the Person of the Year. Further, to bring in more value and popularity for the awards across the construction equipment value chain, **Equipment India** introduced three new awards this year to recognise new and innovative products and technologies: Emerging Construction Equipment Company of the Year; Trainer of the Year; and Best Innovation.

The process and panel

The winners of the 9th Annual Equipment India Awards were selected through a transparent process by an eminent jury panel of 11 professionals from the industry and knowledge partner Off-Highway Research. The winners of the Bestseller awards in different equipment categories have been selected according to the findings of Off-Highway Research, while the winner of the Equipment India Person of the Year was chosen unanimously by the jury. For the new set of awards, nominations were placed in front of the panel. The winners were selected after an in-depth discussion and deliberation at the jury meet held on October 4, 2021.

The jury panel included **Dr Deepak Hota**, former Chairman and Managing Director, BEML; **HS Mohan**, CEO, Infrastructure Equipment Skill Council; **Kennady V Kaippally**, Country Manager, Bonfiglioli India; **Neerav Parmar**, Senior Vice President-Contracts and Procurement, Shapoorji Pallonji; **Praveen Waychal**, Senior Management Professional; **Ratan Lal Kashyap**, Senior Vice President – Procurement, GR Infraprojects; **Sameer Malhotra**, Director and CEO, Shriram Automall India; **Samir Bansal**, General Manager India, Off-Highway Research; **SP Rajan**, Head - Plant & Machinery, L&T Construction; **Sudhir Hoshing**, Joint Managing Director, IRB Infrastructure; and **TR Rao**, Executive Vice President (Infrastructure), PNC Infratech.

The winners

The 9th Annual Equipment India Awards 2021 recognised and rewarded nine winners in the Bestseller product categories: **Ammann India** for asphalt finishers; **JCB India** for wheeled loaders and backhoe loaders; **Case India** for compactors; **BEML** for crawler dozers; **Tata Hitachi Construction Machinery** for mini excavators and crawler excavators; **Action Construction Equipment** for mobile cranes; and **Doosan Bobcat India** for skid-steer loaders.

The winner of the newly constituted Emerging Construction Equipment Company of the Year