

# Welcome to Diplomatic Nite 2014 where Elegance is an Attitude

**T**he *Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, India's leading magazine on diplomacy, hosted **Diplomatic Nite 2014** on November 7, 2014 at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. The evening high on elegance and finesse, witnessed

the finest of the world's diplomats based in New Delhi. The political capital of India has long been a trendy venue for high level diplomatic parties, but **Diplomatic Nite** indeed was a celebration of diplomacy like never before.

**Diplomatic Nite** broke quite a few myths. For a long time, diplomatic dos used to be staid black-tie affairs, with top government officials and the more socially savvy politicians invited to sit-down dinners. However, **Diplomatic Nite** was graced with the presence of several heavyweight socialites, journalists, businessmen, and diplomatic envoys from across the world.

The night was high on opulence, glitz, glamour and creativity. The party was quite lavish, offering drinks, dinner, entertainment and air kisses and last but certainly not the least: An award ceremony for diplomats!

In his opening remarks, Alankar Srivastava, Editor-at-Large, *Diplomatist*, welcomed the guests and took the audience through the long and fruitful journey of close to two decades of the magazine.

"The *Diplomatist* is India's leading magazine on diplomacy. Over the last 18 years, we at *Diplomatist* have strived to project and record India's bilateral and multilateral initiatives worldwide. The *Diplomatist* has had the privilege of observing the valuable and endless contribution of diplomatic envoys from across the globe," Alankar said.

The most anticipated event of the evening kicked off with the award ceremony. The *Diplomatist* magazine felicitated certain members of the diplomatic corps from different region with a token of appreciation, who have had the privilege of serving the longest tenure in India.

Mr Deepak Mokashi, Global Business Head, Hero Motocorp handed over the Diplomatist Trophies to H.E.



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Mr Francois Balumuene – Ambassador of Democratic of Congo, H.E. Mr Javier Paulinich – Ambassador of Peru and H.E. Mr Jairam Ronald Gajraj – High Commissioner of Guyana.

Mr Atul Mithal, MD & CEO, Star Worldwide Group presented the Diplomatist Trophy to H.E. Mr Parakhat Hommadovich Durdyyev – Ambassador of Turkmenistan.

Mr Nikhil Dhodapkar, Regional Director Sales and Marketing – India of Accor Group of Hotels did the honour for H.E. Mr Sidek Bin Ali – High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam; and Mr Tristan De Lomenie, General Manager Delegate, Accor Group of Hotels, awarded H.E. Mr Miloslav Stasek – Ambassador of Czech Republic with the Diplomatist Trophy.

For the Gulf region, H.E. Mr Sami Mohammad Al-Sulaiman – Ambassador of Kuwait was declared winner of the Diplomatist Trophy.

There were special recognitions for Outstanding Contribution by Women in Diplomacy for H.E. Mrs. Gennet Zewide - Ambassador of Ethiopia while H.E. Mr Laimonas Talat Kelpsa – Ambassador of Lithuania won the award for the Young Diplomat.

The piece de resistance was, of course, the Diplomat of the Diplomatist Trophy (Foreign Envoy) for H.E. Mr Alexander M Kadakin – Ambassador of Russia and the Diplomat of the Diplomatist Trophy (Indian Envoy) for Ambassador Mr Anil Wadhwa, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Along with the trophies, the *Diplomatist* magazine gifted saplings as symbol of peace and prosperity to the winning diplomats.

The icing on the Diplomatic Nite cake was the launch of the cover page of the *Diplomatist Annual Edition 2014*. It was one gala affair, which witnessed the esteemed writers of the magazine along with the Publisher & CEO Linda Brady Hawke and Commissioning Editor Yamini Chowdhury doing the honour.

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