



## **Bollywood Stars Anupam Kher and Sonali Bendre Present The 48th Edition of India Gem & Jewellery Awards, Organised By GJEPC in Mumbai**

- *A total of 35 awards were given away at IGJA 2021*
- *Mr. Praveenshankar Pandya, the director of Revashankar and former chairman of GJEPC, received the Lifetime Achievement Award*
- *Upcoming Exporter of the Year, Global Retailer of the Year, Export to Highest Number of International Clients & Importing Countries, and Best E-Commerce platform are the 4 new categories added this year*

**7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, Mumbai:** The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) hosted the 48th edition of India Gem and Jewellery Awards (IGJA), in association with World Gold Council, powered by GIA and co-partner Gold Star. A total of 35 awards were given away at IGJA 2021, one of the foremost recognition platforms for the jewellery sector in India, encouraging exports and award excellence in manufacturing, finance and innovation. The awards were presented by Bollywood stars **Mr. Anupam Kher and Sonali Bendre** along with Mr. Colin Shah, Chairman GJEPC; Mr. Sriram Natarajan, MD, GIA; Mr. Mansukh Kothari, Convener, Events, GJEPC; and Mr. Sabyasachi Ray, Executive Director, GJEPC amongst others. The event was organized on 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Mumbai.

In alignment with the evolving business scenario, the 48<sup>th</sup> edition of IGJA had new award categories such as Upcoming Exporter of the Year, Global Retailer of the Year, Export to Highest Number of International Clients & Importing Countries, and Best E-Commerce platform.

**Speaking on the occasion, GJEPC Chairman, Mr. Colin Shah said,** "Tonight, GJEPC salutes the entrepreneurial spirit of the Indian industry by honouring the top performers at the India Gem & Jewellery Awards 2021. The awards tell a story about how Indian companies and individuals not only navigated through one of the toughest periods but also recovered exports to pre-covid levels by overcoming challenges and seizing opportunities.

“Going ahead, the newly implemented trade agreements with the UAE and Australia are a game changer. And in addition to boosting export growth, they will also motivate MSMEs to access overseas markets by creating a favourable business environment.”

“While we applaud the entrepreneurial spirit exhibited by the Indian business community, our scale of expansion would not have been possible without the substantial assistance provided by the Government in the form of policies that promote trade and that foster a favourable business climate through ongoing communication.”

**Mr. Anupam Kher said,** “The Gem and Jewellery sector contributes immensely to the economy, and these awards are a way to appreciate the performance of players in the industry. The IGJA helps so many small enterprises and business owners in the sector that it boosts industry morale. My sincere congratulations go out to the IGJA 2021 award recipients. I wish the Council and the sector every success and hope they keep up the fantastic work they're doing to promote the industry.”

**Iconic actress Sonali Bedre said,** “I am so wellled up to see entrepreneurs who are relentlessly working towards this collective dream of contributing more and more to the exports of the country. Congratulations to all the award winners and wish GJEPC all the very best for their future endeavors.”

**Mr. Vipul Shah, Vice Chairman, GJEPC said,** “The resilience of India's recent growth demonstrates the potential of the gem and jewellery industry. Last year, the gem and jewellery industry contributed a tenth to the India’s overall export target of USD 400 billion. I am sure the industry is all set to achieve its new target of USD 45.7 billion in exports for the year 2022-23.”

**Mr. Mansukh Kothari, Convener, Events, GJEPC, said,** “The rapid change being witnessed in the industry is demonstrated in the awards too, as some older categories make way for new ones. The large number of nominations received are a testament to the sense of pride and competition that the IGJA fosters among trade members.”

IGJA provides a platform for recognising and rewarding top performance in the industry. The awards support the MSME sector and celebrate successful women in order to motivate many more to achieve success. Companies from all over the nation, representing various sizes and product categories, are progressively participating in IGJA. The prizes are separated into three sizes: large, small, and medium. Outstanding performers in each size category are appropriately honoured.

The Winners of IGJA 2021:

Sr. No.	Award Categories	Name of the Award	Type of Winner	Name of Winner
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1	Industry Performance Awards	Precious Metal Jewellery - Plain (Large) Exports Above Rs. 250 crore	Winner	Hasmukh Parekh Jewellers
2		Precious Metal Jewellery - Plain (Medium) Exports Above Rs. 100 crore upto Rs. 250 crore	Winner	Zenith International
3		Precious Metal Jewellery - Studded (Large) Exports Above Rs. 500 crore & above	Winner	Gold Star Jewellery Private Limited
4		Precious Metal Jewellery - Studded (Medium) Exports Above Rs. 100 crore upto Rs. 500 crore	Winner	Jewel One
5		Precious Metal Jewellery - Plain & Studded (SME) Exports Below Rs. 100 crore	Winner	Shish Jewels
6		Precious Metal Jewellery - Plain & Studded (SME) Exports Below Rs. 100 crore	First Runner-up	Shree Momai Krupa Jewellers
7		Cut & Polished Diamonds (Large) Exports Rs. 1000 Crore & above	Winner	Kiran Gems
8		Cut & Polished Diamonds (Medium) Exports Above Rs. 250 crore upto Rs. 1000 crore	Winner	Dhanera Diamonds
9		Cut & Polished Diamonds (Small) Exports Below Rs. 250 crore	Winner	Oopal Diamond
10			Winner	Renaissance Global Limited
11		Silver Jewellery	Winner	RMC Gems India Limited
12		Cut & Polished Colored Gemstones	Winner	RMC Gems India Limited
13		Cut & Polished Colored Gemstones	First Runner-up	Ashok Jewellers
14		Costume/ Fashion Jewellery	Winner	Derewala Industries Limited
15	Special Recognition Awards	Cut & Polished Synthetic Stones	Winner	RMC Gems India Limited
16		Award for Best Innovation in Digital Marketing	Winner	Fortuna Retail Private Limited
17		Woman Entrepreneur of the year	Winner	Ms. Renu Sharma from Rajwarah Jewellers Pvt Ltd
18		Most Socially Responsible Company (CSR)	Winner	Laxmi Diamond Private Limited
19	Other Awards	Award for Innovation in Manufacturing	Winner	Kiran Gems
20		Highest Employment on the Company Rolls	Winner	Malabar Jewellers
21		Highest Taxpayer Company	Winner	Kiran Gems
22		Global Retailer of the year	Winner	Malabar Jewellers
23		Upcoming Exporter of the year	Winner	Shivam Jewels
		Highest Turnover	Winner	Kiran Gems

24		Best E-Commerce Platform in Gems & Jewellery Sector	Winner	Fortuna Retail Private Limited
25	Felicitation Awards	Lifetime Achievement Award	Winner	Mr. Praveenshankar Pandya
26		Highest Gems & Jewellery Sales (Importer)	Winner	Kiran Exports (Hong Kong) Limited
27		Highest Gems & Jewellery Sales (Importer)	First Runner-up	Kiran Exports (Nv)
28		Highest Gems & Jewellery Sales (Importer)	Second Runner-up	Unique Design Inc
29		Export to highest number of international clients and importing countries	Winner	Fortuna Retail Private Limited
30	Banks and Agencies Supporting the Gems and Jewellery Industry Awards	Best Bank Financing the Industry (Highest number of clients)	Winner	State Bank Of India
31		Best Bank Financing the Industry (Highest Growth of limit sanctioned with Minimum base of Rs 500 crore)	Winner	IndusInd Bank Ltd

### About The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC), set up by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India (GoI) in 1966, is one of several Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) launched by the Indian Government, to boost the country's export thrust, when India's post-Independence economy began making forays in the international markets. Since 1998, the GJEPC has been granted autonomous status. The GJEPC is the apex body of gems & jewellery industry and today represents 8000 exporters in the sector. With headquarters in Mumbai, GJEPC has Regional Offices in New Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Surat and Jaipur, all of which are major centres for the industry. It thus has a wide reach and is able to have a closer interaction with members to serve them in a direct and more meaningful manner. Over the past decades, GJEPC has emerged as one of the most active EPCs and has continuously strived to both expand its reach and depth in its promotional activities as well as widen and increase services to its members.

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