

UGVCL wins IPPAI Award 2018

On 24-Nov-2018, Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited was adjudged as the winner of IPPAI Award 2018 in the category - Best Performing Distribution Company.

At the 19th IPPAI Retreat 2018 held during 22-24 November, 2018 at Shoonya Resort, Village Belgundi, Distt. Belgaum, Karnataka, I/c. Chief Engineer (Operation) Shri N.C. Makwana accepted the prestigious award on the Company's behalf.

The mega event was organized by Independent Power Producers' Association of India (IPPAI), in association with Security Watch India (SWI) and supported by National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre, among various other sponsors from the energy sector.





The Award was presented to Shri Makwana by Shri V.P. Raja, Former Chairman, MERC.

Hon. Chief Guests, who were invited to grace the occasion with their kind presence, among other dignitaries, include:

- Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Power, Govt. of India
- Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transportation & Highways, Govt. of India
- Shri Suresh Prabhu, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India
- Shri Babul Supriyo, Hon'ble Minister of State for Urban Development
- Shri D.K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Minister, Water Resources Department, Government of Karnataka
- Shri Ahmad Shoaib Habibi, Economic Counsellor, Economic Department, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Shri Han Thein Kyaw, Director, Development Division, BIMSTEC
- Shri Maroof Raza, Consultant, Times Now, Strategic Affairs Expert
- Shri Harry Dhaul, Director General, IPPAI

Among the reputed dignitaries of the energy sector invited as speakers during the event include Dr. Arun Kumar Verma, IFS who is presently serving as Joint Secretary (Distribution) in the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India. Shri Verma shared his knowledge and insights through video conference. It is noteworthy that Shri Verma is the former Managing Director of UGVCL.

Nomination for the Award was done by Technical Section under the supervision of Superintending Engineer (Tech) Shri J.K. Darji.

All individuals/organizations/Indian States/SERCs operating in any or multiple segments of the power industry in India are eligible to apply for this award.

IPPAI, along with its Knowledge Partner does the preliminary screening of the nominations received and submits the results to the jury members.

The jury members then evaluate the result and select/short-list eligible entities and finalize the winners.



According to the website of IPPAI, this flagship annual event aims to discuss a new roadmap to achieve 'Power for All' in the country. IPPAI provides an engaging interface between top players in the energy sector, policymakers (central and state level), electricity boards, financial institutions, ministries, power developers, Indian and multinational companies, equipment suppliers, EPC contractors and consultants.

The Awards were conferred in various categories for excellence in the power sector, along with the category - Best Performing Distribution Company, where UGVCL won the Award.

IPPAI is an independent body that provides a neutral platform for the discussion and examination of issues critical to the development of the private power sector in India.

IPPAI was set up after the Government of India opened power generation to private players and invited developers to set up power projects in India. IPPAI was set up with the idea to provide a neutral forum to discuss various issues and bottlenecks that the industry faced.

IPPAI Power Awards recognize individuals/organizations/Indian States/State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs)/DISCOMs that have significantly contributed to the development of the power sector in India.

