Delhi, Mumbai airports bag TOI-Honeywell awards

(From left) Getamber Anand, president of CREDAI; Marcel Hungerbuehler, COO, DIAL; Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad; Hemant Apte, senior VP, MIAL; Michael P Pelletier, deputy chief of mission, US Embassy (2nd from right); Anant Maheshwari, president Honeywell (far right)

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New Delhi: Delhi and Mumbai international airports were on Friday adjudged India's smartest airport buildings at the Times of India-Honeywell Smart Building Awards, 2015.

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union minister for communications and IT, felicitated the winners. Urging building owners to do more in this area, he said, "The canvas of smartness must spread across India. Smartness shouldn't be confined to multi-storeyed buildings alone. There are so many heritage buildings such as the ones in Kerala that merge greenery with ambience. We should look at them too. We should capture conservation and greenery with the Internet of Things."

Eight other buildings in New Delhi, Mohali, Mumbai, Kolkata, Gurgaon and Bangalore were named the smartest building in various segments like hospitals, schools, hotels, retail, commercial multi-tenant offices, single-tenant offices, residential facilities and public sector buildings.

Venkaiah Naidu, Union urban development minister, said, "I am happy that The Times of India and Honeywell are awarding companies that have done outstanding work in the smart building space; I hope others will also take inspiration."

Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi bagged the highest score in terms of power consump-tion control, use of natural resources, worker safety, personal protection and indoor environment quality. Chhatrapati Shivaji Airport, Mumbai, was the highest scorer in use of energy-efficient appliances and fixtures, uninterrupted power supply, fire detection and notification, surveillance and intrusion.

"We are in the midst of the largest urbanisation the world has seen. And for that we need smart buildings. Smart buildings contribute to the bottom line of companies. Around 2,000 buildings were assessed across eight cities. What's interesting is that while most buildings tilt towards green, not all focus on safety. 'Green' adds to bottomline, 'safe' does not," said Anant Maheshwari, president, Honeywell India.

In the backdrop of the government launching its ambitious project to develop 100 smart cities, the Honeywell Smart Building Score, a first-of-its-kind global assessment, was used to evaluate buildings based on their use of technologies to offer a green, safe, and productive environment.

Arunabh Das Sharma, president, Bennett, Coleman & Co, said: "Smarter buildings are a fundamental component of smart cities, and they help make their occupants safe, comfortable and more productive. By encouraging buildings to be made smarter, we hope these awards will drive smart outcomes for buildings, and India's 100 smart cities, in a big way."

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

SMARTEST AIRPORT BUILDING
Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai

EDUCATION
Indian School of Business, Mohali Campus

HOSPITAL
Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai

HOTEL
ITC Sonar, Kolkata

RETAIL/MALL
Select Citywalk, New Delhi

MULTI-TENANT OFFICE
DLF Cyber Terraces, New Delhi

PUBLIC SERVICE
Metro Bhawan, New Delhi

RESIDENTIAL
DLF Magnolias, Gurgaon

SINGLE-OCCUPANT OFFICE
Bearys Global Research Triangle, Bangalore

SMARTEST BUILDING
IGI Airport, New Delhi, and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai