

## **FICCI confers “Indian Entrepreneur of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century” Award to Dhirubhai H Ambani**

March 24, 2000 : On the occasion of the visit of the President of the United States of America, Mr. William Jefferson Clinton, to Mumbai, India, FICCI conferred the “Indian Entrepreneur of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century” award to Mr. Dhirubhai H. Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Group at a special function this evening at the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The award was presented to Mr. Ambani by the Secretary, US Department of Commerce, Mr. William Daley. Later at the function, President Clinton congratulated Mr. Ambani for his achievements.

Mr. G.P. Goenka, President, FICCI highlighted the role played by Mr. Ambani in creating India’s capital market, a true visionary and motivator of people, who built world class assets in India. He mentioned about his ability to compete with the best in the world and hoped to seek his guidance as India journeys into the new millennium.

Mr. P.R. Kumarmangalam, Minister of Power, Govt. of India and Mr. Pramod Mahajan, Minister of Information Technology, Govt. of India congratulated Mr. Ambani and praised his organising abilities that made him a great entrepreneur.

Accepting the prestigious award Mr. Ambani later said “I sincerely thank the FICCI, apex organisation of business and industry in India, for the honour they have done me and the entire Reliance family. It is an award to millions of shareholders who have put their trust in me. It is an honour to thousands of men and women who have worked hard to make Reliance what it is today. On behalf of the entire Reliance family, I thank FICCI for this gesture”. He added “India is a land of opportunity, let us together create 1000 more entrepreneurs who can be recognised with such an award”.

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