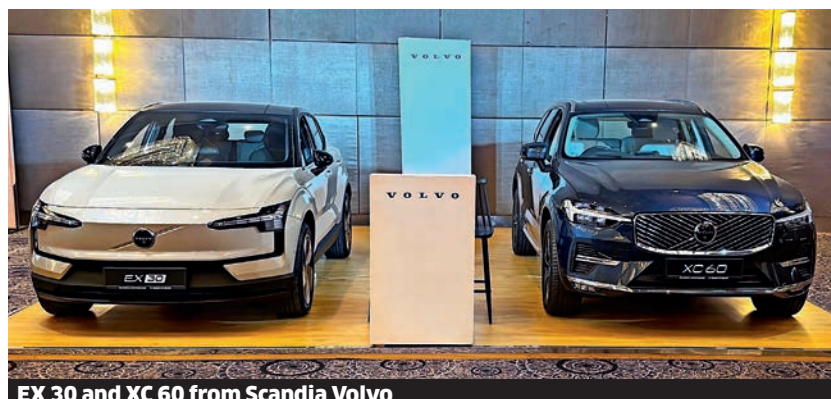


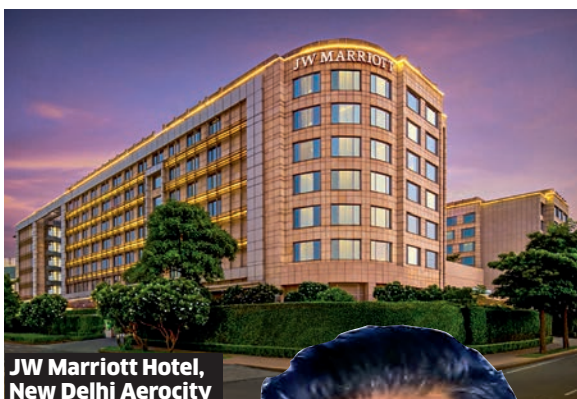
CELEBRATING INNOVATORS POWERING INDIA'S GROWTH STORY



Panellists : Rajesh Venkatesan, Co-Founder & CTO, Hotfoot Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Soumadri Sen, Founder & CEO, VIH Metaverse Pvt. Ltd., Pritha Dubey, Founder & Chief Mentor, Success Vitamin, Manish Bhatia, Co-Founder & Director, Growth & Strategy, DOPXP Pvt. Ltd. And Purav Parekh, Co-Founder, GLIB.ai



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ET Industry Leaders North 2026 brought together some of the country's most accomplished business leaders, entrepreneurs, innovators and changemakers for an evening dedicated to recognising excellence and discussing the ideas shaping the future of Indian enterprise. Organised by Optimal Media Solutions - a division of Times Internet Limited, The Times of India, and held at JW Marriott, New Delhi Aerocity on 30th June'26, the event was graced by actor and entrepreneur Suniel Shetty as the Guest of Honour, who felicitated outstanding organisations and business leaders who have demonstrated excellence, innovation and impactful leadership across diverse sectors.

One of the key highlights of the evening was a thought-provoking keynote by Ajay Kumar Poddar, Managing Director, Synergy Environments Ltd., on "How new innovation platforms can be created in India to shape world growth."

Poddar gave some important insights about how to innovate, the objectives and the opportunity. Innovators ask "Why not?" instead of the "Why?" They tap the subconscious and intuitive mind, are motivated, passionate and persevere.

Innovations should be affordable, good quality and life enhancing. Wi-fi radiation correction products like Envirochip and Enviroglob made out of patented tech are already used by 6 million plus people. The opportunity for India to be the "Vishwaguru" by creating a new tech platform and products and services by using thousands of unused frequencies for health, safety and ease of living. He offered to give many tested technologies and seed capital to new entrepreneurs.

The event also featured an insightful fireside chat with CA Arpit Kabra, focusing on the evolving

landscape of commerce education and its significance in shaping financially aware, responsible, and future-ready citizens.

During the interaction, he highlighted the growing importance of commerce as a life skill through initiatives such as Project Vanijya, aimed at introducing school students to the fundamentals of commerce and its practical relevance. He also shared his perspectives on the impact of digital transformation and globalisation on emerging career opportunities, the expanding role of commerce professionals across domains such as banking, taxation, finance, consulting, and entrepreneurship, and the need to bridge classroom learning with real-world business and economic challenges to support India's vision of becoming a developed economy.

Artificial Intelligence emerged as one of the defining themes of the evening during an engaging panel discussion titled "AI - The Future of Indian Enterprise." Led by industry leaders, and technology experts, the session explored how AI is redefining the future of Indian businesses. The panellists shared valuable insights on enterprise transformation, responsible AI adoption, innovation, workforce readiness, startup-led growth and India's ambition to emerge as a global AI powerhouse. The discussion underscored AI's growing role as a catalyst for productivity, competitiveness and long-term economic growth.

Bringing together thought leadership, industry recognition and meaningful dialogue under one roof, ET Industry Leaders North 2026 reinforced the spirit of innovation, resilience and collaboration that is driving Indian enterprise towards a globally competitive future.



Ajay Kumar Poddar, Keynote speaker



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SUNIEL SHETTY, GUEST OF HONOUR



A fireside chat with CA Arpit Kabra

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The ET Industry Leaders Awards 2026 brought together an inspiring community of business leaders, entrepreneurs and innovators at JW Marriott New Delhi Aerocity. It was an evening that celebrated excellence, leadership and the ideas shaping the future of business.

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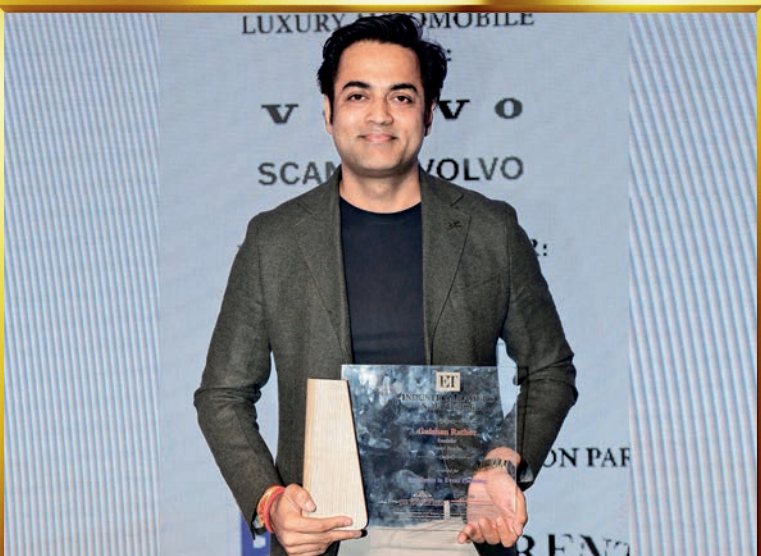
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