

Times Power Icons Punjab 2025: Honouring the State’s Brightest Beacons of Innovation and Leadership

The grand ballroom of JW Marriott Chandigarh shimmered with elegance and excellence as Times Power Icons Punjab 2025 brought together a constellation of the region’s most visionary minds, inspiring entrepreneurs, and transformative leaders. The prestigious event, presented by HDFC Bank, powered by Havendaxa Pvt. Ltd., and hosted by the esteemed JW Marriott, celebrated innovation, leadership, and trailblazing spirit across diverse industries that are shaping a new Punjab.



The ceremony commenced on an auspicious and solemn note with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony led by Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Honourable Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. Accompanying him were two eminent dignitaries: Dinesh Luthra, Senior Executive Vice President & Branch Banking Head – North at HDFC Bank, and Sahil Kapoor, Senior Group Vice President of Business Development & Strategy at Rayat Bahra Group. Their presence underscored the significance of the occasion and reaffirmed the event’s credibility as a celebration of trans-



Akhilesh Sharma, Havendaxa Pvt Ltd

formative leadership. In his powerful opening address, Sandhwan highlighted the crucial role of perseverance, progressive thinking, and collaboration in driving societal change. “It was truly inspiring to witness so many incredible people coming together, supporting, and uplifting each other,” he noted, setting an uplifting tone that echoed throughout the day.

The event also embraced entertainment, providing a refreshing change of pace through a brilliant stand-up act by comedian Viney Bhatia. His sharp humor and relatable anecdotes had the audience in splits, adding warmth and laughter to the otherwise high-powered and intellectual atmosphere.

As the evening drew to a close, the spotlight turned to the most anticipated segment—the Times Power Icons Punjab 2025 Felicitation Ceremony. Hosted with poise and energy by Naina, the awards segment honored exceptional individuals who have made substantial contributions in fields such as education, fashion, healthcare, logistics, manufacturing, media, and more. From celebrated entrepreneurs to institutional leaders, the honorees reflected the best of Punjab’s talent and tenacity.

Bollywood actor Kunal Kapoor, who graced the ceremony alongside Kultar Singh Sandhwan, added star power and heartfelt admiration for the winners. With partners including



Kunal Kapoor, Actor

Knowledge Partner Rayat Bahra Group, Media Partner Daily Post, Digital Partner Chandigarh Dinbhar, and Event Partner 361 Media, the event stood as a shining example of collaborative excellence and a tribute to the power of human potential.

According to Akhilesh Sharma, founder and CEO of Havendaxa Pvt Ltd” Fractional ownership allows investors to access premium real estate at better rates by pooling funds. Buying a single unit may not offer discounts, but bulk purchases of 100-200 units reduce costs, benefiting investors. With a 9% annual rental yield and an IRR of 14%, investors enjoy steady rental income and long-term appreciation. The minimum investment of 50 lakh makes high-value properties accessible while ensuring diversification and professional management. This model democratizes real estate, offering stable returns, lower risk, and hassle-free ownership, making it a lucrative investment option.”

Dinesh Luthra, Branch Banking Head - Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, HDFC Bank showcased an insightful presentation at Times Power Icons Punjab 2025, emphasizing the crucial role of the MSME sector as a key driver of economic growth and employment. He highlighted HDFC Bank’s leadership in MSME lending, with assets in the segment standing at 5,03,598 crore as of March 31, 2024. He also underscored the government’s continued support through initiatives like the revamped CGTMSE scheme, Credit Guarantee to Startups (CGSS), and the Self-Reliant India Fund.

Sahil Kapoor, Senior Group Vice Presi-



Dinesh Luthra, Branch Banking Head - Haryana, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, HDFC Bank

dent of Business Development & Strategy at Rayat Bahra Group, expressed his immense pride in partnering as Knowledge partner at Times Power Icons Punjab 2025, stating, “It is a privilege to be associated with a platform that honours excellence and innovation. At Rayat Bahra Group, we are committed to fostering

education and empowering future leaders, and this partnership reflects our dedication to driving positive change and academic excellence in Punjab and beyond.”

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The objective of this research was to conduct a survey, research the probable’s, nominations and recommend the final list of recipients for the coveted Times Power Icons Punjab-2024-25 using robust methodology.

Avance Insights has developed a nominee assessment form and an objective analytical framework to assess the nominees for Times Power Icons Punjab-2024-25 in various categories.

The survey had these modules, i.e. Desk Secondary Research, Approach for sharing fact files, Factual survey (Participatory Survey) to arrive at the analysis & identify the results of business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals in different categories.

A comprehensive list of business entities / personalities and Performers and was generated with the help of the internet, social media, print -magazines, and other publications. The business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals were sent the factual data questionnaire and then rigorously followed up through telephone, email, and personal visits.

The kind of work done by the nominees with focus on innovation and value propositions, contribute to the business world, society, and nation at large, Vision for the further addition of value to business world, society, and nation in future.

In addition, feedback of each nominee was assessed through multiple tools such as social media profile scan and customers/ colleagues or public feedback. All data was objectively analyzed to assess the eligibility and suitability of the nominee for the award. The study was conducted in Punjab starting from the 2 nd week of January 2025.

Some caveats/assumptions:

- Best efforts were made to reach the maximum business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals in different categories.
- If the nomination for any specific category was not received, those categories were dropped and categories with single nominations were given unanimously.

Only those business entities /personalities and Performers and Individuals were considered who have submitted their participatory factual sheet

Note: Present survey has been exclusively conducted by an independent Research Agency named Avance Insights Pvt Ltd using stated methodology for arriving at given results. The publication house and its affiliates/employees/authorized representatives/group companies are not responsible/ liable for the said results. Readers are advised to take an informed decision before acting upon the survey results.

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