

Social Entrepreneurs of the Year



Geeta Dharmarajan
Founder
president, Katha

Ved Arya
Founder,
Srijan

Socially Aware Corporate of the Year



Piramal Enterprises
Ajay Piramal, Chairman

Social Enterprise of the Year



NAZ Foundation (India) Trust
Anjali Gopalan, Founder



MEET THE JURY: (From left) Pratham Education Foundation co-founder & CEO Madhav Chavan, Ford Foundation Regional Director Pradeep Nair, Tata Institute of Social Sciences Chairman S Ramadorai, Omidyar Network India Advisors Managing Director Roopa Kudva, and GiveIndia Director & CEO Atul Satija at the BS CSR Awards Jury meeting in Mumbai. Bain Capital Private Equity MD Amit Chandra (inset) joined via videoconferencing



Jury picks top 3 in CSR

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"I see partnerships in everything we do," says Ved Arya, who co-founded Srijan, which stands for Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action, in 1997 and has just started an initiative that supports the entry of trained and educated professionals into the development sector under the aegis of the Buddha Fellowship.

Arya, along with Geeta Dharmarajan, writer, social entrepreneur, educationist and founder of Katha, is the joint winner of the 2018 *Business Standard* award for

social entrepreneur. For both, the desire to break through a system that was falling its people was high, but that did not lead them to plough a lonely furrow. Collaborations and teamwork are critical to the work they do.

S Ramadorai, chairman of Tata Institute of Social Sciences as well as of the jury that chose the winners of the social excellence awards, says it was a tough choice. The jury took a long time before concurring that the passion, dedication and resilience that the two had demonstrated made them jointly worthy of the award.

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