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Newsflash: India Australia Business & Community Awards 2018 Finalists Announced

Today marks an occasion of great significance for numerous professionals, businesses, and community leaders around the nation as finalists for the fifth annual India Australia Business & Community Awards (IABCA) are announced.

Click <https://www.iabca.com.au/2018-finalists> for a complete list of finalists for IABCA 2018.

Our panel of experts from across the nation, including from India have spent over eight weeks in deliberating through on our long list of entrants. This year's initiative has seen hundreds of nominees engaged across our thirteen award categories, including IABCA's new category, the Excellence in Innovation Award. Since its inception in 2014, the IABCA platform has seen a growing network of our Alumni, more than 1,200 businesses, thought leaders, and professionals have engaged through the annual awards initiative. Throughout this period, the platform has witnessed an exponential rise in not only the number of entries each year, but more importantly in their variance and quality.

The 2018 initiative has welcomed entries from wide range of industries and professions, with this year's finalists featuring the likes of leading stem cell neurosurgeons, global education initiatives, ground-breaking technology and sustainability innovators, inspiring community empowerments initiatives, and Olympians.

Winners will be announced at the annual IABCA Gala ceremony, which will be held on Friday the 12th October at the iconic Brisbane City Hall. IABCA extends their appreciation to the Queensland Government for their ongoing support of the IABCA initiative.

"Queensland is delighted to be hosting the awards for a second time and the Queensland Government is proud to be sponsoring them in such a monumental year for our State. The India Australia Business & Community Awards are a great way to promote your achievements and be publicly recognised for your part in strengthening our nations' ties."

The Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier of Queensland

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IABCA establishes gateways for the development of bilateral relationships by providing a platform through which success stories of the India-Australia engagement can be heard, exchanged, celebrated and disseminated on an international scale. Additionally, IABCA provides the opportunity for future success between aspiring businesses by promoting networking, collaboration, and the exchange of important and innovative ideas between the two nations.

The IABCA platform was recently listed as a major recommendation for further cementing the bilateral relationship under the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's ['An India Economic Strategy to 2035' Paper](#) by Peter Varghese AO.

We invite you to secure your place at the IABCA Gala and witness addresses of transnational significance from dignitary guests including His Excellency, Dr. A.M Gondane, High Commissioner of India to Australia. Watch on as outstanding innovators, professionals and community leaders are recognised for their monumental contributions to the Australia India relationship, and celebrated for achievements that extend well beyond the horizons of their individual ambitions. Learn more about the Gala, <https://www.iabca.com.au/the-gala>

IABCA would like to thank the Queensland Government, alongside our sponsors Australian Football League, BMP Technologies, HashChing, Incredible India, and Tata Consultancy Services. IABCA would also like to acknowledge its partners, Australia India Business Council, Australia India Institute, Asialink Business and the Export Council of Australia.

For interviews with finalists, featuring stories on IABCA's content hub, or for all other media enquiries, please contact Nikolas on 0449 786 056.

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