



## **TCIF awarded for its effort in addressing issue of HIV/AIDS among truckers**

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TCI Foundation the social arm of Transport Corporation of India Ltd., has added another feather in its cap by bagging the first ever Mahindra Navistar Transport Excellence Award under the NGO category – 'Accepting No Limits', for the Project Kavach - an endeavour to address the issue of HIV/AIDS among truckers.

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At a glittering ceremony held in Delhi on 19th December'11, these prestigious award were presented by Praful Patel, Honorable Minister of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Govt. of India, S. Sundareshan, Secretary, Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises, Anand Mahindra, Chairman, Mahindra Navistar Automotives Ltd.

and Vice-Chairman & Managing Director-Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., Dr. Pawan Goenka – Director, Mahindra Navistar Automotives Ltd. and President, Automotives & Farm sector - Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd & Nalin Mehta Managing Director – Mahindra Navistar Automotives Ltd.

Prominent transporters and dealers from different walks of transport ecosystem witnessed the glorious ceremony dedicated to the Transport Industry. Shri Praful Patel extended his heartiest congratulation to all the Award winners whose relentless pursuit for excellence gave them the winning edge.

Receiving the award on behalf of TCI Foundation, Dr Indra Singh, Project Director, TCIF said, “It is our constant endeavour to make life better for the truckers who are the lifeline for the sector. Project Kavach an initiative supported by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation aims to work for the truckers who, owing to the long absence from home coupled with tough working conditions are highly vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

The project was incepted in the year 2004 with presence in more than 35 locations across India. Project Kavach's efforts have also been recognized by National AIDS Control Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. In the year 2009, TCI Foundation was contracted as Technical Support Group to NACO to upscale & oversee 100+ intervention of the National Truckers programme.

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