

L&T Electrical & Automation Wins Two National Intellectual Property Awards

L&T Electrical & Automation (E&A) has bagged two top intellectual property awards at the 4th National IP Awards 2012 organised by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).



(Left) Mr. M.K. Patki receiving the 'Top Indian Private Company (Large Scale) in Patents 2012' trophy from Mr. Saurabh Chandra. (Right) Mr. S.K. Mukherjee receiving the 'Top Indian Organisation in Designs 2012' trophy.

E&A was adjudged 'The Top Indian Private Company (Large Scale) in Patents 2012' as well as 'The Top Indian Organisation in Designs 2012' at the awards ceremony held on the occasion of World Intellectual Property Day on April 26, 2012, in New Delhi.

The awards were handed over by Mr. Saurabh Chandra, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Govt. of India, to Mr. M.K. Patki, General Manager & Head of Switchgear Design & Development Centre (SDDC), and the Strategic Initiatives team comprising Mr. S.K. Mukherjee, General Manager and Mr. Mathew Jacob, Deputy General Manager.

The National Intellectual Property (NIP) Awards were instituted by the Indian Patent Office in collaboration with CII to encourage intellectual property creation, contributing towards a strong innovation ecosystem in the country. The competition comprised three categories -- Patents, Trademarks and Designs. Significant response was received in all the three categories from top organizations across different sectors in the country.

E&A has significantly contributed to its IPR portfolio by creating conducive environment for development of inventions and other intellectual creations with dedicated and trained human resources which is a necessity to challenge the global giants with whom E&A competes with their products and services. It is indeed a tribute to E&A's researchers and engineers who annually spend around 14,50,000 hours collectively on research, development and design.

In FY12, the E&A business filed 162 Patents applications (Including 10 international filings), 14 Trademark applications, 11 Design registrations and 9 Copyrights. This was the fifth consecutive year that this business filed more than 100 Patent applications taking its tally to 856 Patent applications, 318 Designs, 147 Trademarks and 32 Copyrights. Excellence in IPR processes has resulted in creation of intellectual wealth, strong IP protection and added to its intangible assets.