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# **Mr A.M.Naik, L&T CMD, conferred Gujarat's Highest State Honour**

**Ahmedabad, January 13, 2009,** The Government of Gujarat conferred the Gujarat Garima (Pride of Gujarat) award on Mr A.M.Naik, Chairman & Managing Director, Larsen & Toubro, at a glittering ceremony on the opening day of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors' Summit in Ahmedabad. This is the highest civilian honour awarded by the Government of Gujarat.

Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi presented the award, comprising of a shawl and a citation, to Mr. Naik in the presence of his council of ministers, legislators, visiting state guests and other dignitaries.

The citation, read out by the principal secretary to Chief Minister, highlighted Mr. Naik's achievements as a professional who has transformed L&T into an engineering powerhouse, and his specific contributions to numerous social initiatives, both in the state of Gujarat as well as other parts of India.

In his address, Mr. Naik said, "I always had a very strong feeling and sense of attachment with Gujarat and I have today felt that the state has the same feelings and bondage with me. This makes the honour very distinct from many other awards. It has come to me from my home state." Mr. Naik gave the example of L&T anthem that spells out the return that we owe to the land of our birth. He spoke about the contribution and key projects L&T has executed in the state.

In his address, Mr. Modi recalled Mr. Naik's contribution to the state that houses L&T's manufacturing facilities for critical engineering projects that caters to the defence and other vital sectors. He complimented Mr. Naik for his contributions to Gujarat in the areas of employment generation, rural area upliftment and a number of social initiatives.