

Conferred the Lifetime Management Excellence Award 2023-24

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Dr. Manoranjan Sharma, Chief Economist, Infomerics Ratings, has been conferred the Lifetime Management Excellence Award 2023-24 by Prestige Institute of Management & Research (PIMR), Gwalior "in recognition of his accomplishments as an Economist, Researcher, Reviewer, Trainer, and Torchbearer in the field of economic research and data analysis for Academia and industry and being an illustrious and prominent banker, trainer and researcher". PIMR, Gwalior, which is an autonomous, UGC NAAC accredited 'A' Grade institute, has grown to be recognized as a premier Institute for higher learning in Central India.

This Award was preceded by (a) the IDSAs Research Award for outstanding research in the area of economic development, particularly sustainable development by the Guru Arjan Dev Institute of Development Studies, Amritsar for the year 2021 and (b) the IIF CSR Award 2021 by the Indian Institute of Finance, Delhi for "a deep and abiding interest in a broad-basing of the process and pattern of the development process and the needs of the poor, deprived and marginalized sections of society" and "driven by the objective of giving back to the society".

He has been recognized as an expert by the UN Virtual University (UNVU) for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNVU advances human dignity and protects the planet through its work on transformative issues (e.g., climate, health, gender equality, human rights, data and technology, peace, and humanitarian response) critical to humanity's shared future.

He has also been identified as an Expert by the Oxford Policy Management (OPM), which was originally established at the University of Oxford in 1979 to help low- and middle-income countries achieve growth and reduce poverty and disadvantage. OPM has since grown to support governments globally across sectors, viz., health, finance, education, climate change, and public sector management. OPM is defined by rigorous analytical skills, bringing together academic thinking and practical experience to offer context-specific and evidence-based advice by working across the policy cycle to offer integrated policy support to support sustained impact.

In his case, there have been three driving forces:

- 1. "Swantah sukhayo"; i.e., the satisfaction of the self;
- 2. the persuasive philosophy of giving back to the society; and
- 3. the difference between the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee demonstrates that like water, knowledge must always flow; it cannot be stagnant, lest it becomes a cesspool.





