



Press Note

Honorable Vice-President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu presents the '*Champion of Change*' award to Kuldip Maity, MD & CEO, Village Financial Services

Kolkata, December 28, 2018:- Village Financial Services Ltd., a leading Kolkata based microfinance company added another feather in its cap when Dr. Kuldip Maity, MD & CEO, VFS was presented with the '*Champion of Change*' award by Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Honorable Vice-President of India at a glittering ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The awards instituted by NGO Interactive Forum on Indian Economy (IFIE) was organized to recognize those who have contributed significantly to bring meaningful change in Aspirational Districts.

Jury members looked at the development rankings of Aspirational Districts, studied the factors of change, and those responsible for it. The contributions were evaluated on the following parameters – health & nutrition, education, agriculture & water resources, financial inclusion & skill development and infrastructure.

Dr. Kuldip Maity, MD & CEO, Village Financial Services was selected as a '*Champion of Change*' for his contribution towards financial inclusion in the 'Aspirational Districts' by a high profile committee headed by Mr. K G Balakrishnan, former Chief Justice of India (CJI) and Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). Other jury members comprised of prominent personalities like former Supreme Court Justice Gyan Sudha Misra, senior journalist Ved Pratap Vaidik, veteran film maker Subhash Ghai, Pahlaj Nihalani, S.Y Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner and Padma Vibhushan, Sonal Mansingh.



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