

Vote of Thanks by

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Hon'ble Vice President, Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, National Security Adviser, Secretaries to the Union Government, Chief Secretaries of States, Administrators of Union Territories, Heads of Services, distinguished guests, award winners, Media representatives, participants, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my privilege to have to propose a Vote of Thanks on this occasion. I on behalf of the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances and the civil services fraternity here, wish to thank the Vice President for gracing this Day and sharing his thoughts with us. Over the last four years a lot of eagerness and enthusiasm has been generated over the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration. In 2006 we received 97 nominations, in 2007 there were 94 nominations and in 2008 we got 106 nominations. We are extremely grateful to the Vice President to have acceded to our request for inaugurating the event and giving away the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

I wish to place on record our sincere appreciation to the Cabinet Secretary for his cooperation and leadership. He has been an inspiration to our Department in guiding this event.

I thank the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister for his unstinted support.

I would also like to thank the National Security Adviser for sparing his time to be with us.

I would like to thank all our honoured guests for their presence and participation today.

An event like this cannot happen overnight. The wheels start rolling months before. It requires planning and a bird's eye for details. We have been fortunate enough to be backed by a team of very motivated and

dedicated colleagues who know their job and are result-oriented. I cannot thank everyone enough for their involvement and their willingness to take on the completion of tasks beyond their comfort zones! I extend my thanks to the Secretaries to the Government of India, the Chief Secretaries, all the Heads of Services and all the other officers for their kind presence on this occasion.

I would like to thank our knowledge partners for preparing the Theme papers for the panel discussions. I also wish to express my gratitude to the writers of articles in the just released book BYOB and thank the publishers.

We owe special gratitude to the officials of the DAVP, Doordarshan, NIC, CPWD, ITDC, the audio-visual staff, Vigyan Bhavan staff, volunteers and officials who have worked hard to provide the logistic support and to ensure that this day becomes a memorable success. I would like to thank the press and media contacts for covering this event.

I would like to thank my Department staff for all the hard work they have put in for several months.

Thank you very much. Thank you for being with us.