

CORE SECTOR COMMUNIQUE

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Four, to the Fore!

Dear Friends,

The Core Sector Communique is now celebrating the completion of three years and cherishing the moments that take us into the fourth year of our being. As we look back fondly to the days behind us, we recall the struggle – the test by fire – that we have taken, struggle that gives us the courage to look ahead. When we were but a gleam in the eye, well wishers had asked us to desist from taking the plunge. When we were fighting it out in the killing fields, many had opined that our struggle was one akin to putting good money after bad. Today, when we are continuing, steadfast on the trail to the summit, some are skeptical still. Skepticism, that embolden us to become even more audacious.

And it is this audacity that has prompted us to institute the Core Awards for Excellence. An annual event where we will honour the men and women who, despite the odds ranged against them to continue their perennial search for excellence. Yes, resources are scarce and conventional prudence suggested that we conserve for the harsh winter as is customary. And this is what we find revolting – the act of being ordinary. That is why, throwing caution to the wind we have taken on us the task of instituting the awards. The task is daunting. Perhaps even foolhardy, but the challenge eggs us on. For the mission that we have set out for ourselves is a simple one – to break free from the shackles of the ordinary. To stand apart from the crowd, in our own little way, but with head held high and our belief in the self resolute. Compromise is a word we loathe – and we shall continue to tread the path that we have chosen. Lead life on terms that we set.



From this issue we are starting another series – leaders of the ether world. And where best to start this series than Outokumpu – the global giant whose operations are as stainless as the steel they make? It will be our endeavour to bring such entities from around the world so that we can learn from them and embrace the factors that make them what they are – path breakers.

We also have all the other regular features and hope that you will continue to shower the blessings that give us the courage to endure. Do let us know when we stumble and tick us off when we err. For it is through your eyes that we see so far. It is because we stand on the shoulders of giants like you that we walk so tall.

Happy Reading,

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