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Global Influential Leader Award for ISB alumnus

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Don Mohanlal, a PGPMAX Class of 2012 alumnus, figures in the list of 100 Pioneers and Change Agents recognised by AACSB which announced its inaugural [Global Influential Leaders Award](#) today.

Mohanlal is in the august company of Walmart Founder Sam Walton, former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, Deloitte Global CEO Punit Renjen, Citi Bank CEO Mark Mason, LEGO Group President & CEO Jørgen Vig Knudstorp, and several other eminent leaders for making an impact in the world through their business acumen, leadership, or entrepreneurial success.

This award has been instituted by [AACSB International](#) (AACSB), the premier global accrediting body and membership association for the world's leading business schools. Mohanlal's work exemplifies the innovative mindset and meaningful contributions to society that ISB graduates display around the world and every day - whether they operate within large corporations, small businesses, or the nonprofit sector.

Mohanlal graduated from the ISB's Post Graduate Programme in Management for Senior Executives, PGPMAX in 2012. Currently he serves as the Executive Director, Innovation and Impact, at the National 4-H Council, USA. Additionally, Mohanlal is Vice Chairman at the Nand & Jeet Khemka Foundation, a philanthropic entity of the Khemka Family, dedicated to making a substantial impact on the reduction of poverty, with a deep commitment to innovative collaborative and partnership approaches in the areas of integrated rural development, climate change, social entrepreneurship and school-based leadership development with values.

Mohanlal joins individuals such as the CEO of one of the world's largest global relief services, a technology pioneer who is working to cure cancer, the founder of a global e-commerce powerhouse, and an enterprising president, attributed with reviving an international toy industry favorite. More than 20 industry sectors, from consumer products to healthcare to nonprofits, across 21 countries, [are present in this year's group](#).

"ISB alumni are our brand ambassadors and standard bearers. It is naturally a proud moment for all of us at ISB as they get global recognition across various fields. ISB's PGPMAX alumni have been demonstrating an excellent record of attaining leadership positions and entrepreneurial success. As alumni of a young and fast growing programme, they are making a mark for themselves in the business world and are playing a pivotal role in contributing to the society in many ways including work, wisdom and wealth," said Ajit Rangnekar, Dean ISB.

"I am both humbled and honoured by this Award," Don Mohanlal said in response to the announcement. "ISB brought together a world class faculty and an accomplished group of leaders as my classmates. Global in outlook, it gave me an opportunity to study and to value innovation and impact on its Hyderabad Campus, Wharton, Kellogg and Fundação Dom Cabral in Brazil. It also afforded me opportunities to walk a path to be a servant leader in today's world. ISB is a role model of what a business school ought to be in a middle-income or an emerging market. And I truly benefited from it."

For the nomination process, AACSB developed a short list of open-ended questions that provided a framework for expectations for nominees. From April to June 2015, AACSB-accredited schools nominated notable alumni who have made (or are making) an impact in the world. From the nominations, a selection committee reviewed and chose stories that showed a sampling of the positive impact that business school graduates have made on society.

"It is my honor to recognise Don Mohanlal for his contributions as an influential leader, and to thank the Indian School of Business for its dedication to providing a business education environment based on engagement, innovation, and impact," said Thomas R. Robinson, president and chief executive officer of AACSB International. "If told, the success stories of all business school graduates would fill immeasurable volumes. AACSB is honored to celebrate Mohanlal's - and the collective 100 Influential Leaders - as a representation of how business school alumni have positively influenced society, as well as the management education industry's, past, present, and promising future."

For the full list of recipients, visit www.aacsb.edu/Influential-Leaders.

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