



### **Lemon Tree Hotels Wins National Award**

NEW DELHI, INDIA, February 6, 2013-- Lemon Tree Hotels, India's largest chain of upscale hotels and resorts was honoured today with the award for Outstanding Work in the Creation of Barrier-Free Environment for Persons with Disabilities'. The National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, are presented every year by the Honourable President of India.

The award is in recognition of the pioneering manner in which Lemon Tree has designed its 20 properties across the country with an emphasis on easy accessibility and a trouble free experience for people with disabilities. Each hotel of the Lemon Tree group has a specially designed room for orthopedically challenged persons and this room is located close to the elevator. These rooms are equipped with large sliding doors, low height vision panels, barrier free spacious washrooms with grab bars equipped with low height wash basins and adjustable hand showers and sliding door wardrobes with low height hangars. In addition, an audio-visual fire alarm system and an alarm button are installed within easy reach for emergency situations.

Speaking on the occasion Davander Singh Tomar, Executive Vice President- Corporate Affairs, Lemon Tree Hotels said, "We are happy that we have been able to make a difference, by building universally accessible properties across India. We are resolved to continue understanding the needs of our physically challenged guests and employees and building properties that cater to these requirements"

Lemon Tree Hotels have been recognized for their proactive policies towards the differently-abled. Awards won by the group include Outstanding Work in the Creation of a Barrier-free Environment for Persons with Disabilities, 2012:Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India; Svayam Accessibility and Universal Design Award, 2012; NCPEDP-Shell Helen Keller Award 2012: Category C: Role Model Organizations, for the work towards promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities and NCPEDP-Shell Helen Keller Award 2012: Category B: Role Model Non-Disabled Individuals, for your work towards promoting employment opportunities for people with disabilities and Best Employer–National Award, 2011:Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. In addition, Lemon Tree Hotels has been ranked in the Top 50 Great Places to Work 2012 among large companies (>1000 employees).