

# Rewarding life

**Rajendra S. Pawar** (right), chairman & co-founder, NIIT group, has been honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Geospatial Media, an international media company with the mandate of making a difference through geospatial knowledge in world economy and society. Pawar received the prestigious award for his decades of service and leadership in helping Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and associated technologies germinate and grow in India since the late 1980s. "I am humbled and honoured to receive this award. It gives me great pleasure to see our efforts of driving GIS proliferation in India over the last 28 years, receive leading industry recognition. Servicing the largest number of users, NIIT has seen GIS evolve into an all-pervasive technology that is helping organisations make informed decisions. Being a part of this journey, has indeed, been a very enjoyable experience. I am confident that the momentum and the capability created by us will be fundamental in



meeting the government's vision of Digital India and in creating Smart Cities," he said. The award was introduced to recognise and acknowledge contributions of individuals, institutions and enterprises working toward creating awareness, raising the profile, enhancing utilisation and strengthening business opportunities for the geospatial industry in India. ♦

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