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Manoj Tirodkar receives the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) "Young Entrepreneur's Trophy" at the hands of Sunil "Bharti" Mittal.

Mr. Manoj Tirodkar, Chairman & Managing Director, of GTL Limited (formerly Global Tele-Systems Limited) has been awarded the CII Young Entrepreneur's Trophy. The award was presented on the 29th of August, 2002, at a ceremony in New Delhi, by Mr. Sunil "Bharti" Mittal, Chairman & Group Managing Director, Bharti Enterprises Ltd.

This award is in recognition of the entrepreneurial spirit and innovativeness and is awarded bi-annually to a manager below 40 years of age. Judging on the high quality of nominations, this year, the Panel of Judges at CII instituted a new award - The Young Entrepreneur's Trophy and Mr. Manoj Tirodkar is the first recipient of it.

The awards jury comprised of Mr. Ramesh Sarin, Chairman, Carrier Aircon Ltd, Mr. Govinda Raghavan, President, Carrier Aircon Ltd, Mr. Shunu Sen, Quadra Advisory, Mr. Arun Bharat Ram, Vice President, SRF Ltd, Mr. Vipin Sondhi, Managing Director, Tecumseh Products India Ltd and Mr. N. Srinivasan, Deputy Director General, CII.

While presenting the awards, Mr. Mittal said, "It was significant that the awardees represented the new technology sector. A sector, which afforded an opportunity to grow and find a niche. Given an appropriate environment, youth could change the future of India. Even with the cast entrepreneurial base, there are opportunities for the young with relentless effort and dedication to make a place for themselves".

Mr. Tirodkar set up Global Tele-Systems Limited (now known as GTL Limited) in 1987 at the age of 23. With his vision and insight, he led the company to being a leading Network Engineering and IT Services Company, with a turnover of over Rs.532 crores (US\$ 110.89 million) as of March 2002.

About GTL Limited

GTL Limited is a leading Network Engineering and IT Services company with an annual turnover of Rs 532.81 crores, for the year ended March 31, 2002. GTL's vision is to "Spearhead Technology-driven Business Innovations". GTL brings together various technologies to address the client's critical business imperatives.

With employees strength of more than 2400, GTL is present in 21 locations in India and 11 locations internationally, which include USA, UK, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Mauritius, Singapore, Middle East, New Zealand and Australia.

GTL focuses on Industry Verticals such as IT & Telecom, Healthcare & Pharmaceutical, Banking, Finance & Insurance, Manufacturing and Hospitality.

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