



Premier congratulates Neville Roach AO

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NSW Premier Morris Iemma today congratulated business and community leader **Neville Roach AO** who has received a top award from the Indian Government.

The President of India, Pratibha Devisingh Patil, will present Mr Roach with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award today.

Mr Roach is the first Australian to receive this prestigious award.

It is presented each year to no more than 15 overseas Indians.

Mr Roach, who was born in India, came to Australia in 1961 and is widely regarded as one of the most prominent people of Indian origin in Australia.

“Mr Roach is highly respected for his many contributions to Australian society, from the local community, to IT, social policy, education, multicultural relations and international diplomacy,” Mr Iemma said.

“This award reflects Mr Roach’s dedication over several decades to building the India-Australia relationship, which has prospered as a result of his work.

Mr Roach’s leadership of the business delegation that accompanied me to India last year contributed significantly to the success of the mission.

Mr Roach is a member of the NSW Government’s Asia Business Council, Chairman Emeritus of the Australia India Business Council and former Chairman of Fujitsu Australia.

He is currently Chairman of TCS-FNS, an Australian banking solutions company acquired by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) India and of TCS Management.

In 2000, Mr Roach was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for his service to business and for his contribution to the development of Australian multiculturalism.