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Mr. A.M. Naik's Biography Launched

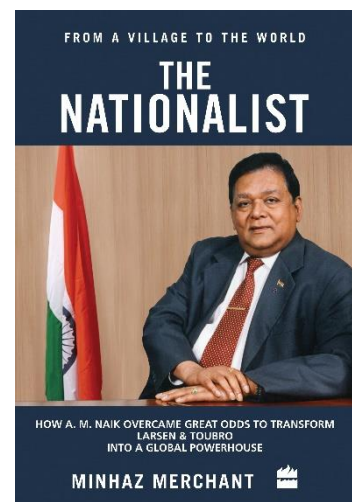
The Nationalist details AMN's journey from dust bowls of rural Gujarat to the high echelons of the business world



The much anticipated biography of Mr. A.M. Naik, L&T's Group Chairman, and one of corporate India's most celebrated personalities was released at a high profile gathering in Mumbai on November 18, 2017. Detailing Mr. Naik's extraordinary journey from rural Gujarat to the top of the business world, the book is an ode to Mr. Naik's unstinting service to L&T and the Nation.

With Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, serving as Chief Guest and Mr. Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor, and Mr. Mukesh Ambani, Chairman & Managing Director, Reliance Industries as Guests of Honour, the book launch was a glitzy affair with several industry leaders and high-ranking government officials attending the event. Also present were members of Mr. Naik's family, including his wife Mrs. Geeta Naik and son Jignesh Naik, his friends & colleagues and a number of senior L&T-ites who had gathered to pay fealty to their hero.

Spiritual Guru, Shri Ramesh Bhai Oza, launched the book.



Penned by Mr. Minhaz Merchant, renowned author & columnist, *The Nationalist* traverses the life of L&T's mercurial leader and gives the reader a detailed account of how a young man, uninhibited by his circumstances took on stultifying conventions and raised the tides of history through a combination of sheer will and determination.

The book besides touching on his key attributes and personality traits such as his resilience and ability to adapt to testing circumstances, also discusses at length Mr. Naik's extreme devotion to the nation and how his every thought is determined by keeping the country's interests first. It was no surprise therefore that Mr. Mukesh Ambani described Mr. Naik a true son-of-the-soil and the "Original Make-in-India Man".

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Naik remarked that he considers himself extremely fortunate for having realised his dream of working for L&T and reaching to a stage from where he could reshape that dream.

"I believe a company's ethos and orientation is shaped decisively by its leadership. In all my communications to employees, I have consciously tried to instill in young L&T-ites the feeling of wanting to serve the country - a cause far larger than career and company ... I pray that L&T, which has been and will always remain a part of my life, scales new heights while fulfilling its larger mission of helping build the India of a billion dreams."

A film, also named as *The Nationalist*, was screened on the occasion.