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'National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018'

Call for nomination to open on www.neas.gov.in from second week of October-2018

As an important step to catalyse a cultural shift in youth for entrepreneurship, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) **has instituted the National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) to recognize and honour outstanding young first generation entrepreneurs and their Ecosystem Builders** for their outstanding contribution in entrepreneurship development.

A total of **43 Awards** under NEA2018 have been carefully considered to enable participation of young achievers **below the age of 40 years** and their ecosystem builders **across sectors, geographies and socio-economic background** through the **process of nomination**. The purpose is to highlight models of excellence for others to emulate and improve upon.

Winners will receive a Trophy, Certificate and a Cash Prize of ₹ 5 lakh (enterprises/ individuals) and ₹ 10 lakh (organizations/ institutes), in a high profile Award Ceremony proposed to be held in the third week of December 2018.

1. Awards: Awards will be presented under the following Award Categories:

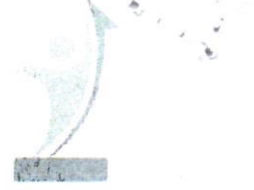| Award Category			Types of Awards under each Category	No. of Awards
A	Enterprise Awards	A1	Initial investment up to ₹1 L		
			Sector Awards	9
			Special Category Awards	4
		A2	Initial investment above ₹1 L to ₹ 10 L		
			Sector Awards	9
			Special Category Awards	4
		A3	Initial investment above ₹ 10 L to ₹1 Cr		
			Sector Awards	9
			Special Category Awards	4
B	Eco-system Builder Awards			4
			Total Awards	43

Award Category A: Enterprise Awards - 39 Awards
Award Types under Category A1 i.e. initial investment up to ₹ 1 L:

Sector Awards with investment up to ₹ 1L (9 Nos.)	Special Category Award with investment up to ₹ 1L (4 Nos.)
1. Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods 2. Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech 3. Chemicals, pharma, bio and others 4. Retail Trade 5. Renewable energy and waste management 6. Handicrafts 7. Healthcare 8. Hospitality, Tourism & Travel 9. Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other services	1. Women Entrepreneur 2. Entrepreneur from SC/ST Category 3. Entrepreneur from PwDs Category 4. Entrepreneur from Difficult Areas

Award Types under Categories A2 and A3 i.e. initial investment above ₹1 L to ₹ 10 L and Initial investment above ₹10 L to ₹1 Cr:

Sector Awards with investment above ₹ 1L to ₹ 10L (9 Nos.) and above ₹ 10L to ₹1Cr (9 Nos.)	Special Category Awards with investment above ₹ 1L to ₹ 10L (4 Nos.) and above ₹ 10L to ₹ 1Cr (4 Nos.)
1. Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods 2. Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech 3. Chemicals, pharma, bio and others 4. Engineering systems, base metals & articles, machinery & mechanical appliances and medical devices 5. Renewable energy and waste management 6. Handicrafts 7. Healthcare 8. Hospitality, Tourism & Travel 9. Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other	1. Women Entrepreneur 2. Entrepreneur from SC/ST Category 3. Entrepreneur from PwDs Category 4. Entrepreneur from Difficult Areas

Award Category B: Ecosystem Builders Award- 4 Awards

Award types under Ecosystem Builders Category:

1. Entrepreneurship Development Institutes/ Organisations
2. Incubation Centres
3. Mentors
4. Promoters Rural Producer Group Enterprise

2. Implementation Mechanism

Candidates will be mobilised through nomination, and undergo a three-level rigorous evaluation process, wherein, in the last step the National Jury of eminent persons drawn from academia/research, industry, social sector, banking etc, selects the winners. To ensure excellence of the National Award, the Jury has the power to not award any applicant in a given category, if applications are found unsatisfactory.

3. Call for Nomination

Nomination to be open from second week of October-2018. Please visit www.neas.gov.in to nominate deserving candidates.