

“Strength of India’s economy will be Entrepreneurship”- Arun Jaitley

National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017 winners announced on the occasion of the 3rd Anniversary of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

- Winners received cash award of INR 5 lakh (enterprises and individuals) and INR 10 lakh (organizations/institutes)
- Felicitation of ‘Champions of Change’;acknowledging contributions of DGT’s and NSDC’s training providers in skill development
- Release of National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) Manuals by NSDA
- Release of ‘Swalamban Ki Ore’, a compilation of entrepreneurial success stories from NIESBUD & IIE



New Delhi, 9th November 2017: Embarking on an ambitious mission to empower Indian youth with skill training and employability, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today hosted the *National Entrepreneurship Awards 2017*, marking the completion of three glorious years of its inception today. The awards were conferred in the august presence of **Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon’ble Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, His Excellency Shri Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, Dr K.P Krishnan, Secretary, MSDE; Jyotsna Sitling, Joint Secretary, MSDE, Sunita Chhibba, Senior Adviser and Ms Chanda Kochhar, Managing Director & CEO, ICICI Bank Ltd.**

The National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) was instituted by MSDE in 2016 to encourage a culture of entrepreneurship across the country. This year the second edition of awards were conducted which saw participation from 2880 applicants out of which 45 were shortlisted; and finally 15 winners across defined categories, were announced and awarded.

Congratulating all the entrepreneurs recognised by MSDE in the 2nd version of the awards this year highlighting the challenges of limited job creation capacity, **Shri Arun Jaitley, Hon’ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs**, said, “India has a much younger population versus other advanced economies. This is a huge opportunity for us to scale up and skill our workforce and reap our



demographic dividend and service economies. Conventionally our focus was on awarding degrees with always a debate on how we link them to jobs. Over a period of time we have realised that we need to skill our youth for these jobs.”

He further added “Conventionally people were skilled according to their communities but as economies develop and there is advent of technology, we need to realize the importance of reskilling and upskilling, to bridge the demand supply gap. As the economy expands, a specialized skilled workforce is the need to the hour. “

“The Strength of India’s economy will be entrepreneurship. We have to ensure that we do not restrict the youth. We let them unleash their energy, allow them to move away from the beaten track and build new ideas for the new India,” he further added.

Speaking on the occasion **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** said, “India has become an emerging market for global investors and entrepreneurship can majorly contribute to the country’s economy. Skill development and entrepreneurship form the basis for the growth of any country. Our endeavour is to empower our youth and equip them with the right skill sets and create a conducive environment to help them build sustainable business solutions/model. In the years to come, entrepreneurship will be the key to attain a double-digit GDP.”

“A stable business environment, market-oriented reforms like raising of FDI caps, implementation of GST, and key initiatives like Make in India, Mudra Yojana, Stand up India and Start Up India are encouraging aspiring and ambitious Indians. The youth should leverage them,” he further added.

The core committee of implementing partners of NEAS2017 comprised of the seven premier institutes which oversaw the scheme implementation. These institutes included- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi; Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur; Indian Institute of Technology Bombay; Indian Institute of Technology Madras; Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad; XLRI Jamshedpur; Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai. The first National Entrepreneurship Awards Ceremony was held last year where Shri Rajnath Singh, Hon’ble Minister for Home Affairs.

Winners were given a cash award of Rs 5 lakh (enterprises and individuals) and Rs. 10 lakh (organizations/institutes) along with a certificate and trophy recognising their efforts of being the change agents in India’s development. The national jury for NEA 2017 includes eminent persons drawn from academia/research, industry, social sector, banking etc. and is as follows:

- a. *Academia/ Research* – Dr. RA Mashelkar, Former DG CSIR
- b. *Banking and Investment* – Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai, Former Chairman and MD HDFC
- c. *Social Entrepreneur* – Dr. Devi Shetty, Founder Narayana Hrudalaya
- d. *Mentor* – Mr. Mohandas Pai, Chairman Manipal Global Education
- e. *Social entrepreneur* – Mr. Anant Pandhare, Medical Director, Dr. Hedgewar Hospital, Aurangadab
- f. *Industry* – Mr. Milind Kamble, Founder Chairman, Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI)

The foundation day ceremony was well attended by senior delegates from the ministry, members of the Skill Sector Councils, leaders from Corporate India; successful and budding entrepreneurs among others.

Sharing his message, **Shri Anantkumar Hegde, Hon'ble Minister of State, MSDE** shared, "For thousands of years, the nation's economy was run on what our people made or produced with their hands – be it clothing from weavers or items from potters and blacksmiths or produce from farmers. All these were based on the inherent entrepreneurship capabilities of the people of our great land. It is this entrepreneurial spirit the Government aims to tap into and bring the best out of our people. To achieve this goal, numerous programs have been launched encouraging entrepreneurship, including funding programs and other initiatives that can handhold entrepreneurs during the early years."

On this occasion, National Quality Assurance Framework (NQAF) Manuals were released by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) which will provides the benchmarks or quality criteria which the different organizations involved in education and training must meet in order to be accredited to provide education and training/skills activities.

Further, to encourage development of entrepreneurial skills among school students, course module on entrepreneurship was released for class IX and X. Capturing success stories of entrepreneurs who have walked the extra mile to initiate positive changes, a compilation handbook 'Swalamban ki Ore' was also jointly released by National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE).

NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARD 2017

List of Winners

(a) Award Track

S.No	Award (Sub-Category)	Winner
1	Agri, food and forestry products	Rays Culinary Delights Pvt. Ltd.
2	Engineering systems	SenseGiz Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
3	Renewable energy and waste management	Atomberg Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
4	IT & ITES, Financial	Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.
5	Education	Simulanis Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
6	Hospitality	Oravel Stays Pvt. Ltd.
7	E-Commerce, logistics, transport & other services	LogiNext Solutions Pvt Ltd.
8	Social Enterprises	Sampurn(e)arth Environment Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
9	Barefoot Enterprises	Thejaswini Coconut Farmers Producer Company Ltd.
10	Woman Enterprise	SP Robotic Works Pvt. Ltd.

(b) Recognition Track

S.No	Award Category	Winner
11	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Government)	C-Camp
12	Incubation, mentorship & handholding support (Private)	IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad
13	Mentor (Government)	Dr. G. Subba Ramaiah
14	Mentor (Government) Jury Special Award	Dr. Renu Swaroop
15	Mentor (Private)	Vishwanathan

Champions of Change

Champions of Change under Directorate General Training (DGT) ecosystem: (Long Term Skill Development)

Best State Engaging Apprentices	Haryana
Best Employer: CPSU	BHEL
Best Employer: SPSU	MSEDCL, Maharashtra
Best Employer: PRIVATE	Aegis India, Gurgaon

Champions of change under National Skill Development Corporation ecosystem: (Short Term Skill Development)

Champion Sector Skill Council	Textile Sector Skill Council
Champion Training Provider under fee-based program	LabourNet Services India Private Limited
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (100+ centers)	IL&FS Skill Development Corporation
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (50 - 100 centers)	Orion Edutech
Champion Training Provider under PMKVY (less than	Shri Technologies



50 centers):	
Champion PIA under RPL (non-government)	EduJobs Academy
Champion PIA under RPL (government)	Rubber Board
Champion Employer (PMKVY)	ISON
Champion Corporate: Special Recognition	ICICI Bank

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