

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Felicitates Entrepreneurs and Individuals at National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018

- *The awards aim to honour outstanding contributions in entrepreneurship development*
- *30 young entrepreneurs and 3 entrepreneurship ecosystem builders, conferred with the award*
- *The award included trophy, certificate and cash prize up to Rs 10 lakhs*



Delhi, January 04, 2018: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) today concluded the third edition of the National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA), by honouring 30 outstanding young entrepreneurs and three entrepreneurship ecosystem builders for their exceptional contribution in entrepreneurship development at a ceremony held in New Delhi. The awards were conferred in the presence of Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation; Shri Anantkumar Hegde, Minister of State for Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Dr. KP Krishnan, Secretary, MSDE.

Among the winners and models of excellence included Ms. Roshan Kahtoon, 23, from Bihar, who is an inspiration to many. Despite her physical disability, she has beaten all odds and has set up a small bangle manufacturing unit. Ms. Shruthi Reddy Sethi, 33, of Kolkata, who started Anthyesti Funeral Services to provide end-to-end funeral management service, Ms. Tana Sumpaaged, 35, of the Nyishi tribe, Arunachal Pradesh, who is successfully running piggery farms and fisheries and also helping local people, women, housewives and unemployed youth with quality training and livelihood support. Among others felicitated were Mr. Mahipal Chary Kadivendi, 38, of Telangana, who has developed a self-propelled weeder-cum-cultivator that can be used for a number of agricultural processes such as hoeing, weeding, tilling, sowing and also for applying fertilizer or insecticides.

Shri Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, said, “I would like to congratulate all award winners for their exemplary performance. The definition of entrepreneurship is constantly evolving and with change in fixed tenure jobs, the nature of working environment is changing with more people creating their job space versus joining a certain industry. There are ample opportunities for our youth to be gainfully engaged in launching start-up initiatives in the country. “

He further added, “The economic growth of a country depends on the economic growth of its people. The youth needs to be empowered today with skills which can empower them. The change in market environment is no more a challenge, but has become an opportunity for many. Government of India’s initiatives like Mudra Yojana, Start Up India, the GeM portal, etc. are giving the best and most conducive environment to our young entrepreneurs.”

Congratulating the winners, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, said, "Adopting an inclusive approach, this year new categories were introduced for grassroot entrepreneurs with special focus on women, persons with disabilities, SC/STs and entrepreneurs from difficult areas. Our endeavour has been to incubate entrepreneurial spirit to build self-sustainable livelihood. National Entrepreneurship Awards not only recognises small and medium entrepreneurs, but creates aspirations for all those who are willing to innovate, and are

determined to create their own enterprise. India is emerging as the fastest growing economy in the world and we are committed to promote entrepreneurship to fuel growth”

Talking about the award recipients this year, **Minister of State, MSDE, Shri Anantkumar Hegde**, said, "Our country's strength is its human resource. The Government is committed to supporting everyone - across small, medium or large categories of entrepreneurs, and create market linkages for all. No entrepreneur is different from another as each has to invest the same amount of passion, grit and commitment in their venture. National Entrepreneurship Awards is a recognition of immense talent that our youth has. I would urge our youth to work hard, take risks and write their own destiny. This is just the beginning. There are immense opportunities in the country and sky is the limit."

Milind Kamble, Founder & Chairman, The Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said, "The current incumbent government is making commendable efforts to create a strong support system for entrepreneurs across categories including those who are marginalized. I would give AAA rating to the Government for being Accessible, Accommodating and being Action oriented. We are happy to associate with the Ministry and commit our support in their endeavors to boost the MSME sector."

The National Entrepreneurship Awards (NEA) was instituted by MSDE in 2016 to encourage a culture of entrepreneurship across the country. A total of 33 winners – 30 Young Entrepreneurs and 3 Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Builders were awarded. Each of the enterprise/individual winners received a trophy, certificate and a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, while each of the winning organizations/institutes received a trophy, certificate and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

The Awards ceremony witnessed attendance from senior officials of the ministry, members of the Skill Sector Councils, corporate leaders; successful and budding entrepreneurs among others.

Annexure; List of Winners

Enterprise Award Category

Award Sub-Category / Sector	Name of Applicant (organisation or individual, as the case may be)	Entrepreneur's Name	Age
A1 Category (with initial investment up to Rs 1 lakh)			
Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods	Heelium	1.Mr. Prateek Sharma 2.Mr.Siddharth Jain (Co-founder)	31
Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech	Solar Power Agriculture Engineering Enterprises	Mr. Sangappa Sankanagoud	30
Chemicals, pharma, bio and others	Nera Herbal Organic Products Co.	Ms. Neha Bhatt	34
Retail	Xcraft Online Private Limited,	1.Mr. Rahul Baruah 2.Mr.Anupam Nath (Co-founder)	30
Renewable energy and waste management	Vaultra Energy Solutions	Mr. Gautam Chokhani 2.Aman Tiwari (Co-founder) 3.Ameya Sathe (Co-founder)	25
Handicrafts	Chandrakala Verma	Ms. Chandrakala Verma	
Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other services	Teamwork Talent	1.Mr. Mansur Modan 2.Imran Chada (Co-founder)	26
Healthcare	PregBuddy Technologies Private Limited	Ms. Sivareena Sarika	27
Hospitality, Tourism & Travel	BeerbalWisery	Ms. Aprajita Bhadouria	22

Women	Zonu Meat Processing Pvt Ltd	Dr Vanramhlimpuii	32
SC/ST	Utpal Das E Governences	Mr. Utpal Das	37
PwD	Jeevika Bangle Unit	Ms. Roushan khatoon	23
Difficult Area	Moni Handicraft Centre	Ms. Dulu Moni Kalita	28
A2 Category (with initial investment above Rs. 1 lakh and up to Rs 10 lakh)			
Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods	MOMZJOY (By Fresh Venturz LLP)	Ms. Kriti Baveja	29
Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech	Varun Engineering Works	Mr. Kadivendi Mahipal Chary	38
Chemicals, pharma, bio and others	BioEra Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd	1.Mr. Siddharth Salunke 2.Mrs Asha Salunke (Co-founder)	39
Engineering systems, base metals & articles, machinery & mechanical appliances and medical devices	Robolab Technologies Private Limited	1.Mr. Pratik Deshmukh 2.Ajit Balaji (Co-founder) 3. Amol Gulhane (Co-founder)	27
Renewable energy and waste management	VRG Energy India Pvt Ltd	1.Mr. Vijay Rathod 2.Ritesh Kamani(Co-founder) 3.Mr.Ghanshyam Kapuriya (Co-founder)	32
Handicrafts	Mahesh Handicrafts	1.Mr. Ashok Chouhan 2.Arjun Chouhan(Co-founder) 3. Mahesh Chouhan (Co-founder)	40
Healthcare	Medimation Education Pvt Ltd	1.Dr. Manasi Bavkar 2.Maithili Bavkar (Co-founder)	30
Logistics, transports,	Anthyesti Funeral	1.Ms. Shruthi Reddy	33

e-commerce & other services	Services Pvt. Ltd	Sethi 2.Suhasani Reddy(Co-founder)	
Women	BleeTech Innovations Pvt Ltd	Ms. Nupura Kirloskar (Co-founder) Ms. Janhavi Joshi (Co-founder)	26
SC/ST	Border Area Multipurpose Coop Society Ltd, Hollongi	Ms. Tana Sumpa	35
PwD	Saraghsoft technologies Pvt Ltd	1.Mr. Pradeep Shankar M 2.Mr Promod kumar M (Co-founder)	31
Difficult Area	Nungjeng Fabrication	Mr. Maipaksana Raj kumar	38
A3 Category A3 (with initial investment above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs. 1 crore)			
Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech	PETARWAR GRAMIN POULTRY SELF SUPPORTING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD	Ms. Seema Devi (Co-founder) Ms. Kajri Devi (Co-founder) Mr. Kishor Kumar (Co-founder)	27
Chemicals, pharma, bio and others	Hem Chemical And Pharma Industries	Mr. Ritesh Kumar J Patel (Co-founder)	39
Healthcare	Aakar Innovations Pvt. Ltd.	Mr. Jaydeep Mandal	33
Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other services	SteelMInt Info Services LLP	Mr. Dhruv Goel (Co-founder) Mr. Sumit Agrawal (Co-founder)	34
Women	Pawar Chhayaben Hemkant	Ms. Pawar Chhayaben Hemkant	28

Ecosystem Builders

Award Sub-Category	Name of Applicant (organisation or individual, as the case may be)	Name	Contact Details
Incubation Centres	Centre for Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship	Mr. Kunal Upadhyay	kunal@bharat.fund
Promoters Rural Producer Group Enterprise	Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives (CInI)	Mr. Ganesh Neelam, Director	Mr. Sirshendu Paul (contact person) gneelam@tatatrusters.org , spaul@tatatrusters.org
Mentor	Dr. Suryanil Ghosh	Dr. Suryanil Ghosh	

The National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018 had the following 12 institutes/organizations as its partners:

1. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
2. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
6. Institute of Rural Management, Anand
7. National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development, Mumbai
8. National Innovation Foundation, Ahmedabad
9. National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad
10. Rural Development & Self-Employment Training Institute, Bangalore
11. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai
12. Xavier School of Management, Jamshedpur [Lead Partner]