

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.)

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.

Special Category Award with investment up to ₹ 1L (4 Nos.)

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.)

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

Special Category Awards with investment
above ₹ 1L to ₹ 10L (4 Nos.) and above ₹ 10L to
₹ 1Cr (4 Nos.)

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.