



'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			Total Awards	43

Award Category A: Enterprise Awards - 39 Awards

Award Types under Category A1 i.e. initial investment up to ₹ 1 L:

<p>Sector Awards with investment up to ₹ 1L (9 Nos.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods Agriculture, food processing and forestry - also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech Chemicals, pharma, bio and others Retail Trade Renewable energy and waste management Handicrafts Healthcare Hospitality, Tourism & Travel Logistics, transports, e-commerce & other services 	<p>Special Category Award with investment up to ₹ 1L (4 Nos.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Women Entrepreneur Entrepreneur from SC/ST Category Entrepreneur from PwDs Category Entrepreneur from Difficult Areas
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