



'National Entrepreneurship Awards 2019'

Nomination/Self-nomination to open on www.neas.gov.in from 01.08.2019 to 10.09.2019

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 to entrepreneurship development.

A total of 45 Awards under NEA2019 have been carefully considered to enable participation of young entrepreneurs upto the age of 40 years and their ecosystem builders across sectors, geographies and socio-economic background through the process of Nomination/Self-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 grand Award Ceremony proposed to be in the second week of November 2019.

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			6	
Total Awards				45	

Award Category A: Enterprise Awards - 39 Awards

Award Types under Category A1 i.e. initial investment up to ₹ 1 L (13 Awards)

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: Initial investment above ₹1 L to ₹ 10 L (13 Awards)

A3: Initial investment above ₹10 L to ₹1 Cr (13 Awards)

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- 6 Awards

Award types under Ecosystem Builders Category:

1. Entrepreneurship Development Institutes/ Organisations
2. Incubation Centre (Government)
3. Incubation Centre (Private)
4. Mentor (Government)
5. Mentor (Private)
6. Promoters Rural Producer Group Enterprise

2. Implementation Mechanism

Candidates will be mobilised through Nomination/Self-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/Self-Nomination

The call for Nomination/Self-Nomination to open from 01.08.2019 to 10.09.2019. Please visit www.neas.gov.in to nominate deserving candidates.