



## 'National Entrepreneurship Awards 2018'

Call for nomination to open on [www.neas.gov.in](http://www.neas.gov.in) from 12.10.2018 to 11.11.2018

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 entrepreneurs **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 towards the end 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	
<b>Total Awards</b>				<b>43</b>	

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

### 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.)	Special Category Awards with investment above ₹ 1L to ₹ 10L (4 Nos.) and above ₹ 10L to ₹ 1Cr (4 Nos.)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textile, textile articles, leather and related goods</li> <li>Agriculture, food processing and forestry – also includes vegetable products, vegetable fats, prepared foodstuffs and agri-tech</li> <li>Chemicals, pharma, bio and others</li> <li>Engineering systems, base metals &amp; articles, machinery &amp; mechanical appliances and medical devices</li> <li>Renewable energy and waste management</li> <li>Handicrafts</li> <li>Healthcare</li> <li>Hospitality, Tourism &amp; Travel</li> <li>Logistics, transports, e-commerce &amp; other</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women Entrepreneur</li> <li>Entrepreneur from SC/ST Category</li> <li>Entrepreneur from PwDs Category</li> <li>Entrepreneur from Difficult Areas</li> </ol>

### Award Category B: Ecosystem Builders Award- 4 Awards

#### Award types under Ecosystem Builders Category:

- Entrepreneurship Development Institutes/ Organisations
- Incubation Centres
- Mentors
- 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

The call for nomination to open from 12.10.2018 to 11.11.2018. Please visit [www.neas.gov.in](http://www.neas.gov.in) to nominate deserving candidates.