Dear Sir,

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, with its key mandate to catalyse a cultural shift in youth for entrepreneurship promotion in the country, has instituted the annual National Entrepreneurship Awards as provisioned in the National Policy of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015.

National Entrepreneurship Awards aims to recognize the efforts and achievements of outstanding first generation entrepreneurs below the age of 30 years and celebrate the exceptional contribution of the eco-system builders in excelling in their commitment towards entrepreneurship education and enhancement of national capacity for entrepreneurship.

A total of 19 Awards have been proposed under National Entrepreneurship Awards 2016. Out of which, 16 Awards will be conferred to first generation entrepreneurs in emerging sector specific domains and the rest 3 Awards will be conferred to eminent Ecosystem Builders - Institutes, Educators, Mentors, and Hand holding organizations engaged in entrepreneurship development. The Ministry has partnered with seven premier institutes of higher learning across the country to implement the Awards.

The Ministry proposes to award the winners at an Awards’ Ceremony Function on 16th January 2017 which is most likely to be presided by the Honourable Prime Minister of India. Awardees will be awarded Rs. 10 lakh (organizations) and Rs. 5 lakh (individuals/enterprises), a trophy and a certificate. A brief note on the Awards is enclosed herewith.

In the above regard, you are requested to encourage or nominate outstanding young entrepreneurs along with institutions, organizations and mentors contributing in the promotion of entrepreneurship development to apply for National Entrepreneurship Awards 2016 through the portal www.neas.in. Last date of receipt of application is 25-12-2016.
In case of any queries, you may kindly contact to Shri P. Somarajan, Executive Consultant (FITT-IIT Delhi) at psomarajan@gmail.com Mob.9899156633.

With regards,

Enclosed: As Above

Yours sincerely,

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AWARDS 2016

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India announces the National Entrepreneurship Awards 2016 for excellence in youth entrepreneurship

(A) First Generation Entrepreneurs below the age of 30 years* in following sectors

Goods (one in each category)
1. Textiles, leather and related goods
2. Agri, food and forestry products
3. Chemicals, pharma, bio and other processed materials
4. Engineering systems
5. Handicrafts, traditional manufacturing & other goods
6. Renewable energy and waste management

Services (one in each category)
7. IT &ITES, Financial
8. Education
9. Healthcare

Special Categories in the above sectors
10. Hospitality
11. E-Commerce, logistics, transport & other services
12. Social Entrepreneurs
13. Women
14. SC/ ST
15. Persons with Disability (PwD)
16. Difficult Areas - North East/ J & K/ Islands/ Backward and rural areas

(B) Entrepreneurship ecosystem builders' recognition for excellence in contribution

1. Institutes/organizations offering courses/programmes on entrepreneurship education
2. Institutes/organizations providing incubation, mentoring and handholding support
3. Individuals - educationists, mentors, consultants contributing towards entrepreneurship development

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Registration Window Open from 10 to 25 Dec 2016. For Details, Applications and Nomination Forms log on to www.neas.in. For any queries, please contact info@neas.in.

* 5 years age relaxation for candidates from SC, ST and PwD categories