

Press Release

Call for India's Social Change Leaders: Applications Invited for the 'Social Entrepreneur of the Year – India Award 2025'

Noida, Uttar Pradesh, March 4, 2025: [Jubilant Bhartia Foundation](https://www.jubilantbhartiafoundation.com) and the [Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship](https://www.schwabfoundation.org), a sister organisation of the World Economic Forum, are excited to open the application round for the 16th annual *Social Entrepreneur of the Year – India Award 2025 (SEOY)*. Interested candidates may submit the application form available at [jubilantbhartiafoundation.com](https://www.jubilantbhartiafoundation.com) or email the completed form to jbf.seoy@jubl.com until **March 31, 2025**.

The **winner** of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year – India Award 2024 **will be announced on August 8, 2025** in New Delhi.

Nominated individuals and organisations will be evaluated on the key parameters of Market-based, Technology-enabled, Sustainability, Direct Social Impact, Reach, Scope and Replicability.

The finalists will be chosen following an extensive search and selection process, which includes expert reviews, interviews and site visits. The winner is selected by a jury of eminent leaders and professionals from Government, Business, Media and Civil Society.

The Social Entrepreneur of the Year – India Award aims to promote, inspire and celebrate leading social entrepreneurs and their innovative solutions that address societal challenges in India and beyond.

In 2010, the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation came together to promote social innovation in India through the Social Entrepreneur of the Year – India Award, and they have since recognised and supported the growing field of social innovation in India.

Key Highlights

Who can participate: Accomplished social change leaders across diversity of large-scale, system change and social innovation models in society

How to participate: Submit application form available at www.jubilantbhartiafoundation.com or email filled form to jbf.seoy@jubl.com.

Last Date: March 31, 2025

Evaluation parameters: Market-based, Technology-enabled, Sustainability, Direct Social Impact, Reach & Scope, Replicability.

Benefits:

- Join India's leading community of social entrepreneurs.
- Showcase awardees' solutions to relevant decision-makers
- Build leadership capacity of awardees by strengthening their organisational and business strategies through executive education programmes at top universities and peer learning journeys
- Create spaces for reflection and peer-to-peer mentoring

In 2025, the award celebrates its 16th anniversary and has established itself over the last decade as one of the most respectable awards for social entrepreneurs in India.

The award recognises individuals and organisations who implement innovative, sustainable and scalable solutions that address pressing issues under-served communities face to make inclusive growth a reality in India. They work in diverse areas such as health, education, employment, water, clean energy, building identity and entitlements, financial literacy, and access to information and technology.

Past winners:

Akshay Saxena from [Avanti Fellows](#) won the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award - India 2024, presented by Mr Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Government of India.

Akshay Saxena through Avanti Fellows operates India's largest free program aimed at helping economically disadvantaged students pursue technical careers. They partner with nine major government school systems to provide intensive tutoring for over 30,000 students annually. Their initiatives have also offered free materials, assessments, and test preparation support to more than 1.5 million students. Their NEEV program specifically targets 16 million students currently in Grades 9 and 10 in government schools across India. This program is focused on developing at-home learning models to enhance Math and Science achievement in these grades, with the goal of increasing the number of government school students who choose Science in Grade 11 and pursue STEM careers.

Over the past eight years, Avanti has collaborated with the Haryana government to implement state-run interventions, both in school and at home, aimed at boosting Math and Science performance among high school students. Additionally, Avanti Fellows stands out as the only organisation to have successfully developed high-scale at-home learning programs in partnership with state governments. They are also unique in their commitment to influencing state spending and policy on test preparation. Since its inception, Avanti's intensive after-school programs have reached over 75,000 students, and their curriculum, online content, and assessments have been utilised by more than 5 million students.

Year	SEOY India Winners & Winning Organisation
2024	Akshay Saxena Avanti Fellows
2023	Shuchin Bajaj, Ujala Cygnus
2022	Aniket Doegar, Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions
2021	Pranshu Singhal, Karo Sambhav
2020	Ashraf Patel, Pravah & ComMutiny Youth Collective
2019	Shanti Raghavan & Dipesh Sutariya, EnAble India
2018	Prema Gopalan, Swayam Shikshan Prayog
2017	Urvashi Sahni, Study Hall Educational Foundation (SHEF)
2016	Neichute Doulo, Entrepreneurs Associates
2015	Poonam Bir Kasturi, Daily Dump
2014	H Sudarshan, Karuna Trust
2013	Chetna Vijay Sinha, Mann Deshi Group of ventures
2012	Anshu Gupta, Goonj
2011	Neelam Chhiber, Industree
2010	Rajiv Khandelwal & Krishnavtar Sharma, Aajeevika Bureau

About Us

In partnership with the World Economic Forum, **the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship** is the foremost global community of pioneering social innovators driving systemic change. Since 1998, it has served as a platform to advance leading models of social innovation and now encompasses almost 500 change makers active in 190 countries. It was co-founded by Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, World Economic Forum, and Hilde Schwab, Co-Founder and Chairperson, Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.

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Jubilant Bhartia Foundation (JBF), established in 2007, is the not-for-profit organisation of the Jubilant Bhartia Group. It focuses on conceptualising and implementing the Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives (CSR) for the Group. The Jubilant Bhartia Foundation's activities include various community development work, healthcare programs, cultural and sports events, environmental preservation initiatives, vocational training, women empowerment, educational activities, and promotion of Social Entrepreneurship.

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