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The 7th Edition of eNGO Challenge Award 2020-21 Announces 24 Civil Society and NGO Innovators and Best Practices

The eNGO Challenge Award, since 2013, is a platform that recognize, encourage & promote grassroots organizations and initiatives working for the holistic and inclusive development of communities in development, social and technological innovations. The 7th edition of the Award innovators and best practices are announced on May 28, 2021.

The Jury held in April 2021 in a virtual mode due to Covid 19 pandemic, to identify and select the winners and special mentions was presided over by an expert group from government, industry, academia, civil society.

For the 7th edition, a total of 104 nominations across 9 categories from different countries from South Asia were received during the pandemic, out of which 29 initiatives were selected after the first round of screening for the final evaluation by the Jury.

Altogether there are 15 winning initiatives as innovations and best practices for the 7th edition and the list includes –

- SnehAI – AI companion for young people,
- Badminton Initiative Mizoram,
- One Earth One Home,
- Building Entrepreneurship to Stop Trafficking (BEST),
- Thakurgaon Mozzarella Cheese Production, Branding, Packaging & Distribution project,
- Empowering Tribal Women with the Philosophy of Social Entrepreneurship,
- Develop the knowledge, attitude, aptitude and skills of rural women in Uttarakhand to increase their,
- Urban Forestry using Miyawaki Method,
- Sunhera Kal, Chikkajala Waste Management Program,
- The Hunger Map Project,
- Deepening and Up scaling Accountability and Transparency Tools to Secure Rights and Entitlements,
- Technology to enable and augment Organ Donation,
- Youth 4 Jobs Online Training,
- Digital Shakshar Campaign 1.0,
- Sanitary Pad Relief Campaign during Lockdown

A total of 9 initiatives are declared as Special Mentions (runners up) and the list includes –

- eSakhi: A digital village catalyst,
- Improving Kannada, Tulu and Konkani Wikipedia & sister projects,
- Successful Re-integration of Trafficking Survivor,
- Comprehensive Care, Support & Treatment for Persons with Disability (CCST-PWDs) Program,
- Sustainable Livelihood For Rural Women,
- Financial Literacy & Inclusion Program,
- Primary Healthcare Centres, PHCs Upgradation,
- Initiatives to address malnutrition among children in Shahapur, Thane,
- #StayHomeStory Campaign

The winning initiatives are being recognised for – using best of new age tools like ICT, Digital, Management, Governance, Outreach and Engagements under 8 categories.

The winning projects are privileged and encouraged to apply as direct entries for competition at the next edition of the World Summit Award (<https://wsa-global.org/>).

Due to the second wave of Covid 19 pandemic and keeping in mind the present circumstances, there is no formal event to recognise and celebrate the winners of the 7th eNGO Challenge Award 2020-21. Instead, there shall be a formal announcement of the Winners and Special Mentions on 28th May 2021 at 5:00 PM at <https://engochallenge.org/> , social media platforms and through emails.

The eNGO Challenge is annually organized by the New Delhi based Digital Empowerment Foundation (DEF) and the World Summit Award (WSA).

