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Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Schwab Foundation Invite Applications for the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award, India 2026

Noida, Uttar Pradesh, March 11, 2026: [Jubilant Bhartia Foundation](#) and the [Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship](#), a foundation working in partnership with the World Economic Forum, are pleased to announce the opening of the application round for the 17th annual *Social Entrepreneur of the Year, Award, India --2026 (SEOY)*. Interested candidates may apply via the application form available at jubilantbhartiafoundation.com by **April 5, 2026**.

The **winner** of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award, India 2026 **will be announced on August 21, 2026**, in New Delhi.

Nominated individuals and organisations will be evaluated on the key parameters including Market-Based Approach, Technology Enablement, Sustainability, Direct Social Impact, Reach, Scope, and Replicability.

The finalists will be determined 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, Award, India recognises, promotes, and celebrates leading social entrepreneurs and their innovative solutions that address societal challenges in India and beyond.

In 2010, Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship came together to promote social innovation in India through the Social Entrepreneur of the Year, Award, India and they have since acknowledged and supported the growing field of social innovation in India. In 2026, the award celebrates its 17th anniversary and has established itself as one of the most respected awards for social entrepreneurs 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.

Last Date: April 05, 2026

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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

The award recognises individuals and organisations that implement innovative, sustainable and scalable solutions that address pressing challenges faced by underserved communities, contributing to inclusive growth in India. They work in diverse areas such as health, education, employment, water, clean energy, identity and entitlements, financial literacy, and access to information and technology.

Past winners:

2025 Winner: Piyush Tewari, [SaveLIFE Foundation](#)

Award presented by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister and India's Sherpa to the G7 & G20

Piyush Tewari, Founder of the SaveLIFE Foundation (SLF), has emerged as one of India’s most influential public health innovators by confronting the country’s road safety crisis head-on. Sparked by a personal tragedy and the widespread fear that prevents bystanders from helping accident victims, he built SLF into a pioneering organisation that has reshaped national policy and on-ground emergency response. His relentless advocacy led to the creation of India’s landmark Good Samaritan Law, offering legal protection to citizens who assist road crash victims. Under his leadership, SLF developed the Zero Fatality Solutions (ZFS) model—a data-driven, systemic intervention that has reduced crash deaths by up to 67% on some of India’s most dangerous highways, transforming high-risk corridors into safer mobility zones.

Beyond life-saving interventions, Piyush has demonstrated how policy reform, rigorous evidence and institutional partnerships can unlock impact at scale. SLF’s holistic approach—integrating safer road design, better enforcement, trauma response, and community engagement—has set new national benchmarks for public health and safety. Every ₹1 invested by the organisation catalyses up to ₹350 in public funding, enabling exponential reach and systemic change. Today, vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, two-wheeler riders and low-income commuters, are significantly safer because of SLF’s work. As the winner of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award, India2025, Piyush Tewari exemplifies how personal loss can be transformed into a national movement that saves countless lives and redefines road safety as a fundamental right for all.

Year	SEOY India Winner	Organisation
2025	Piyush Tewari	SaveLIFE Foundation
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

Year	SEYO India Winner	Organisation
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 the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship

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

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About Jubilant Bhartia Foundation

Jubilant Bhartia Foundation (JBF), established in 2007, is the not-for-profit organisation of the Jubilant Bhartia Group. It focuses on conceptualising and implementing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives for the Group. The Jubilant Bhartia Foundation's activities include community development programmes, healthcare programmes, cultural and sports events, environmental preservation initiatives, vocational training, women empowerment initiatives, educational activities, and promotion of social entrepreneurship through Bharat Impact- Jubilant Bhartia Centre for Social Entrepreneurship. The centre has been established with a mission to nurture budding innovators and entrepreneurs in the social sector.

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