



National Innovation Foundation- India

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The Tenth National Biennial Competition for Green Grassroots Unaided Technological Innovations and Traditional Knowledge

For its Tenth National Biennial Competition, National Innovation Foundation – India (NIF) seeks entries of unaided technological innovations and traditional knowledge developed at grassroots by an individual or group comprising farmers, artisans, fishermen and women, slum dwellers, workshop mechanics, students, local communities etc. The innovations can be in agriculture, machines, processes or products for farm/non-farm operations, household utility, transportation, energy conservation or generation, reduction in drudgery, development of plant varieties, development of herbal remedies for human/animal problems, or any other low cost sustainable green technologies. These should be unaided/unsupervised and an outcome of one's own creativity, without any technical support from external agencies. Special awards will be given for innovations and outstanding traditional knowledge of/for women and by/for people with physical disabilities as well. Creative ideas for innovative technologies, which may not have been developed into prototypes are also welcome.

The awards range from Rs 10,000 to Rs 7,50,000 each in different categories. Thirty five to fifty two per cent of the total prize money will be given in the form of monthly fellowship to the awardees of Lifetime achievement, National first, second and third. Fifteen per cent of the total prize money in these cases would be given to the innovator(s) for their voluntary contribution towards community welfare and nature. The award winner may undertake any activity (s)he chooses for her/his community and nature.

In addition, individuals and/or organizations that make extraordinary contributions in scouting grassroots innovations and traditional knowledge may also get recognition. Technologists adding significant value to the people's knowledge and creativity, and electronic/print journalists promoting grassroots innovations will also be recognized. Entries may be submitted along with copy of the reports. Individuals or groups may send as many entries to NIF till **March 31, 2017**.

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The entries may be sent to the following address:

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Note: People with professional background/experience and students enrolled in professional courses are not eligible for any support/recognition from NIF though they are welcome to add value to the grassroots innovations. For detailed eligibility criteria and guidelines please refer to webpage: <http://www.nif.org.in/announcement>.