

**Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023 and 11th Biennial National Grassroots
Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge awards of NIF**

On 10th April 2023, the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented 11th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge awards of NIF to Grassroots Innovators and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge holders of the country. She inaugurated the annual Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023 at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and interacted with the 7th batch of Innovation scholar in-residence program. Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences, Govt. of India and Dr Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India were also present on this occasion.

The annual Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) is country's flagship initiative towards recognizing and rewarding creativity of common man of our country. Organized by Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India and the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) - India under the aegis of Rashtrapati Bhavan, FINE is unique effort in the sense that it promotes Science, Technology and Innovation and together bring about a cultural shift amongst citizens for profound interest in Entrepreneurship. Year on year, the festival continues to reinforce, an unwavering commitment of country's Presidency, DST and NIF towards promotion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. FINE is an excellent platform for grassroots innovators to demonstrate the inherent merit in their innovations.

The Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Awards of the National Innovation Foundation (NIF) – India is the most prestigious recognition in this field. The awardees experience very rewarding journeys and the fact that many awardees later are conferred with many other prestigious awards, speaks volume about the important role that this first recognition plays in the life of grassroots innovators and outstanding traditional knowledge holders. Year on year, there are instances where grassroots innovators make their presence felt and it remains a fact that most of the times, the recognition through the Biennial National Grassroots Innovation and Outstanding Traditional Knowledge Awards of NIF remains their first major recognition in life.

The four-day Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023 consisted of a series of five roundtables on topics of contemporary importance viz. Scaling up and commercialization of innovations; Innovations for wealth creation and employment; Inclusive and sustainable development; Healthcare Innovations; Energy and Environment. Through the roundtables, experts

from various fields like the Policy makers from the Government, Innovators, Entrepreneurs, Start-up founders, Investment firms, Academicians, representatives from industry and incubators, a quality discussion on contemporary issues relating to Innovation and Entrepreneurship eco-system, and the optimal solutions around it was undertaken. A rapportization summary of the five roundtables was presented to the Hon'ble President of India highlighting significant policy changes in the field of Innovations and Entrepreneurship which could help the country. A major attraction during the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023 was a large exhibition of innovations which was open for public throughout the four-day duration i.e. 10th – 13th April 2023. Several thousand visitors primarily school students from Delhi and nearby States and UT's have visited the exhibition and experienced grassroots and student innovations.

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Dr. Jitendra Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology & Earth Sciences, Govt. of India released the Biennial National Grassroots Innovation Awards Book 2023 and presented its first copy to Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu



Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented a National Award (First) to Smt. Aniyamma Baby from Kerala for her technology Innovative Multiple Rooting Propagation Method for Cashew



Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu interacted with the 7th batch of Innovation Scholar In-residence programme



Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) 2023



A rapportization summary of five roundtables was presented to Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu by NIF on 13th April 2023



Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu interacted with the student and grassroots innovators during the Exhibition visit at Rashtrapati Bhavan during FINE 2023



Glimpse from five roundtables organized during FINE 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan