

# SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR INDIA AWARDS 2016

Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, in partnership with the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, a sister organization of the World Economic Forum, announced **Mr Neichute Doulo, Entrepreneurs Associates (EA) as the winner of the Social Entrepreneur of the Year - India 2016.**

The awards were conferred by **Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping of India** in the presence of over 300 participants at a high-level

celebration in New Delhi. The award ceremony also served as the welcome dinner of the India Economic Summit organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the World Economic Forum (WEF).

**Mr Neichute Doulo of Entrepreneurs Associates (EA)** was awarded as the Social Entrepreneur of the Year for his work in promoting entrepreneurship and peace building in north-eastern India.



L-R Mr. Olivier M. Schwab, Head of Business Engagement, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum; Ms Shereen Bhan, Managing Editor, CNBC-TV18; Ms Sudha Pillai, Board Member, Jubilant Life Sciences Ltd & Former Member Secretary, Planning Commission, Government of India; Mr Hari S Bhartia, Director, Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Co-Chairman & Founder, Jubilant Bhartia Group; Mr Nitin Gadkari, Chief Guest, Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping, Government of India; Mr Neichute Doulo, Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEYO) 2016 & Founding CEO & Coordinator, Entrepreneurs Associates; Mr Hilmi Quraishi & Mr Subhi Quraishi, Founders, ZMQ; Ms Mrinalini Kher, Trustee & Hon. Secretary, Yuva Parivartan; Mr Dipesh Sutariya & Ms Shanti Raghavan, Founders, EnAble India; Mr Vikas Shah, COO, WaterHealth India; Ms Poonam Bir Kasturi, Founder, Daily Dump & Past Winner of SEYO

Social entrepreneurs drive social innovation and transformation in various fields including education, health, environment and enterprise development. They pursue poverty alleviation goals with entrepreneurial zeal, business methods and the courage to innovate and overcome traditional practices.

Social entrepreneurship is about applying practical, innovative and sustainable approaches to benefit society in general, with an emphasis on those who are marginalized and poor. In India, the Social Entrepreneurs are bringing solutions for the bottom of the pyramid communities with sustainable business approach and strategies.

Felicitating such role model will motivate new comers in this field and enhance the impact of the effort and development

can reach to the deprived group of the society in a sustainable manner to bring Inclusive Growth.

**The main criteria for selection includes:**

- **Innovation**
- **Sustainability**
- **Direct Social Impact**
- **Reach & Scope**
- **Replicability**

For the seventh year in a row, the Social Entrepreneur of Year Awards received over 100 applications from all across India. The outreach process began on March 1st and ended on April 30th 2016. After several stages of rigorous assessment, five finalists were chosen. An independent panel of pre-eminent jury members met on 6th October to select the winner amongst the finalists.

## JURY MEMBERS



**Ms Hilde Schwab,**  
Co-Founder & Chairperson,  
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**Mr Vikram Gandhi,**  
Founder,  
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## Winner

### Mr Neichute Doulo

Entrepreneurs Associates (EA)

**Headquartered in:** Kohima Nagaland

**Year Established:** 2000

**Area of Activity:** Enterprise development and Livelihoods

**Website:** www.eanagaland.com

The Naga movement, one of the oldest unresolved armed conflicts in the world, has hampered economic development in the region. For over 20 years, EA has successfully launched the first generations of Naga and Manipuri entrepreneurs, built up vibrant local markets, catalysed local production, generated local jobs, activated financial institutions and steered government will to demonstrate that entrepreneurship can be the route to peace building.



Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2016, Mr Neichute Doulo awarded by Mr Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport, Highways and Shipping of India



Mr Olivier M Schwab, Head of Business Engagement, Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum addressing at the award ceremony

## Award Benefits

Mr Neichute Doulo will join Schwab Foundation's global network of social entrepreneurs. He will have the opportunity to participate in relevant regional summits and the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, as well as contribute to the Global Agenda Councils of WEF. These provide unprecedented access to global decision makers from the public, corporate, media, academic, and civil society sectors.

# Other Finalists

## Ms Shanti Raghavan and Mr Dipesh Sutariya

EnAble India (EI)

**Headquartered in:** Bengaluru

**Year Established:** 1999

**Area of Activity:** Disability, Skilling and Employment, Entrepreneurship Development

**Website:** [www.enable-india.org](http://www.enable-india.org)

More than 21 million people are disabled in India, accounting for 2.1% of the total population. Due to multiple factors – low education levels, inaccessible work spaces and minimal job openings – a majority remain economically unproductive. EnAble India (EI) is rapidly building the Indian ecosystem of skilling, employment and entrepreneurship for persons with disabilities. Over the last 15 years, EI has transformed the lives of 132,000 individuals with disabilities, families, community leaders and employers.



Finalists Ms Shanti Raghavan & Mr Dipesh Sutariya receiving their certificate from the Minister

## Mr Vikas Shah

Water Health India

**Headquartered in:** Hyderabad

**Year Established:** 2005

**Area of Activity:** Community access to safe water; WASH; Health

**Website:** [www.waterhealth.com](http://www.waterhealth.com)

Today, 30% of urban Indians and 90% of rural households depend on untreated surface or groundwater with high contamination levels for their drinking and cooking needs. Water Health India (WHIN) sets up networks of decentralized, community water purification systems to provide safe, high quality and affordable water to underserved rural and urban communities. For over 10 years, it has successfully installed more than 400 Water Health Centers, which serve 5 million consumers across 1,800 villages and urban local bodies.



Finalist, Mr Vikas Shah, receiving the certificate from the Minister

## Ms Mrinalini Kher

Yuva Parivartan/ Kherwadi Social Welfare Association (KSWA)

**Headquartered in:** Mumbai, Maharashtra

**Year Established:** 1928

**Area of Activity:** Livelihood

**Website:** [www.yuvaparivartan.org](http://www.yuvaparivartan.org)

Around 84.5 million of India's youth live below the poverty line (the highest in the world), accounting for 44.2% of the total youth population. For over 20 years, Yuva Parivartan has been making employability and skill training accessible and affordable to the large segment of India's BPL youth who live in remote and hostile regions. Every year, over 100,000 youth across 18 states access YP's training programmes. About 60% are placed in jobs or set up their own ventures, with average incomes increasing by a favourable 32%.



Finalist, Ms Mrinalini, receiving the certificate from the Minister

## Mr Hilmi Quraishi and Mr Subhi Quraishi

ZMQ

**Headquartered in:** New Delhi

**Year Established:** 2002

**Area of Activity:** Technology for Development- Health, Education and Livelihood

**Website:** [www.zmq.in](http://www.zmq.in)

ZMQ builds "technology for change" programmes and puts them in the hands of rural communities to increase their access to, and uptake of, critical health, education and livelihoods services. By collaborating actively with governments, international agencies, technology service providers, telecom companies and grassroots players, ZMQ has impacted 22 million lives across India, Afghanistan, six African and two Latin American countries.



Finalists, Mr Hilmi Quraishi and Mr Subhi Quraishi receiving the certificate from the Minister

# Glimpses of the Award Ceremony



Minister, Mr Nitin Gadkari with Mr Hari S Bhartia



Minister speaking at the award ceremony



Mr Hari S Bhartia interacting with the Minister



Jury meeting in progress



Participants at the award function



Minister Gadkari meeting the finalists

## ABOUT US

The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship provides unparalleled platforms at the regional and global level to highlight and advance leading models of sustainable social innovation. It identifies a select community of social entrepreneurs and engages it in shaping global, regional and industry agendas that improve the state of the world in close collaboration with the other stakeholders of the World Economic Forum.

[www.schwabfound.org](http://www.schwabfound.org)

Jubilant Bhartia Foundation, established in 2007, is a not-for-profit organisation of the Jubilant Bhartia Group. It focuses on conceptualizing and implementing the corporate social responsibility initiatives of the Jubilant Bhartia Group. The 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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