

NASSCOM Foundation and Mphasis announce the winners for the NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum 2017

Nine best social innovations for the year 2016-17 to get catalytic grants and support to scale mentoring from Mphasis and technology advisory services from Accenture Labs

New Delhi, February 15, 2017: NASSCOM Foundation, in collaboration with industry leaders Mphasis and Accenture, today announced the winners of the ninth edition of the **NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum** - a platform that fosters innovative use of technology to create sustained social impact. Arguably, the largest Social Innovation Honours run in India, NSIF received over 1300 applications this year out of which, 9 winners were chosen after going through a rigorous two level Jury process in the categories of **Primary and Secondary Education, Primary Healthcare, Accessibility, Livelihood and Agriculture, Environment and other socially relevant areas.**

With support from **Mphasis**, the Forum will award **catalytic grants to the tune of Rs. 40 Lakhs** to the winners in **Primary and Secondary Education and Accessibility categories while also providing all the winners with support to scale mentoring.**

NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum 2017

A NASSCOM Foundation Initiative

Total Grants: INR 40 lakhs +

**Technology Advisory + Mentoring
Support**

Platform Partner and Innovation

Catalyst: Mphasis

Technology Advisory Partner:

Accenture Labs

Total Applications Received: 1300+

Total Number of Winners: 9

Accenture Labs will provide technology development and advisory support to select winners applying cutting-edge digital technologies, including artificial intelligence and Internet of Things, to scale social impact.

All the winners will also be provided with support to scale services and industry led mentoring from the Forum.

Category	Winner
Mphasis Primary and Secondary Education	Headstreams - For enhancing English learning for students from Government Schools through their Arivu-Disha program. mGuru - For developing affordable English and Mathematics learning mobile applications for students from low-income- backgrounds. Pratham Books - For creating StoryWeaver, a free online open source repository of children's books.
Accessibility	BleeTech Innovations Pvt Ltd. - For creating a wearable device, that alerts individuals with hearing impairment about important sounds and activities that they must be vigilant of.
Primary Healthcare	Incredible Devices - For developing, an automated Catheter Reprocessing System that monitors and standardizes the process of cleaning catheters, vastly reducing the health and safety risks associated with treatment of cardio vascular diseases.
Livelihood and Agriculture	Nubesol Technologies Pvt. Ltd. - For developing KrishiSuchak, an android application that delivers relevant agricultural information to farmers free of cost.
Environment	Shelter Associates - For building an end-to-end GIS based solution that maps sanitation infrastructure across slums.

Other Social Issues	Grameen Foundation India - For providing mobile banking services and financial education to women borrowers in rural settings.
Youth Innovators	Andrews S - For developing PhysioFastHeal, a wearable device that aims to aid the physiotherapy treatment for patients suffering from a stroke or cerebral palsy.

The jury that selected the winners comprised of many renowned industry stalwarts like **Debjani Ghosh**, Vice President, Sales and Marketing Group, Managing Director, South Asia, Intel Corporation; **Padmaja Ruparel**, President, Indian Angel Network; **Sanjay Podder**, Managing Director, Accenture Labs, Bengaluru; **Sara Chamberlain**, Director Digital, at BBC Media Action, India; **Puneet Bhirani**, Executive Vice President - Chief People & Administrative officer, Mphasis; **Dr. Ganesh Natarajan**, Executive Chairman, Founder, 5F World, Chairman, NASSCOM Foundation.

Commenting on the occasion, **Puneet Bhirani**, Chief People and Administrative Officer, Mphasis, said *“Digital technologies and disruptive innovation play a pivotal role in solving developmental issues economically and at scale. In this edition of NSIF, the applications stood out for their innovation quotient, contextual use of relevant technologies, sustainable operational models and high impact potential. I would like to congratulate all the winners and wish them the best in their endeavours to positively transform development outcomes”*.

Sanjay Podder, Managing Director, Accenture Labs, Bengaluru said, *“Technology is playing an increasingly critical role in accelerating social transformation and we are committed to support social entrepreneurs in applying emerging technologies for social reform. Accenture Labs is pleased to facilitate this ‘Tech for Good’ initiative, helping to build digitally-enabled innovative solutions to address the most pervasive social concerns such as health, education and gender equality. We congratulate the winners on their achievement and honour their contributions in changing the way our world works and lives.”*

Dr. Ganesh Natarajan, Chairman, NASSCOM Foundation said, *“India is a country on the verge of change; a change being brought about by a unique amalgamation of technology with high intellect and a will to succeed against all odds and complexities. NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum celebrates this change by honouring its true flag bearers and showing them the way to scalability and greater impact through catalytic grants, mentoring and technology assistance. I would like to congratulate the winners and believe that these solutions can fuel the growth of our country towards solving the problems in Primary and Secondary Education, Accessibility for all, Livelihood and Agriculture, Healthcare, environment and other social issues.”*

As India’s leading “Tech for Good” platform, the Forum receives interest from numerous innovators each year from far corners of the country. Through focussed support, the Forum has helped scale some of the most impactful initiatives fostering inclusive development.

About NASSCOM Foundation:

NASSCOM Foundation is a leading non-profit organization driving technology for good. The Foundation’s work is just as expansive and evolutionary as the potential that technology and corporate India entail. Drawing strength from its parent body NASSCOM, the Foundation works closely with four major stakeholders: NASSCOM member companies, NGOs, emerging social enterprises and Government to foster a strategic relationship between technology and development. NASSCOM Foundation’s core initiatives include working for Persons with Disabilities, fostering innovative solutions for social good, creating unique skilling models for underserved communities, and digital literacy where it is the industry partner to the Govt. of India’s National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM / DiSHA)

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