



THE SINDHI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Prosperity Through Enterprise

EMERGING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

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About The Sindhi Chamber of Commerce

The Sindhi Chamber of Commerce is committed to promote economic development and social welfare of community members. In its endeavor to strengthen entrepreneurial spirit among members, The Sindhi Chamber of Commerce presents 'The Emerging Entrepreneur' Award and 'Most Promising Start Up' Award.

The Intent

In recent times the spirit of enterprise has dwindled. More and more youngsters are taking to employment, to the extent that even those coming from business backgrounds are taking the option of employment. While this may not be without its reasons, this tendency does not augur well for the youth and the country's economy as a whole. The country needs young entrepreneurs to start ventures which would provide growth to the economy and generate employment.

The Chamber believes that the sustainability of India's huge and dynamic economy is largely dependent on the success of home grown enterprises.

Therefore, The Sindhi Chamber of Commerce dedicates these awards to 'The Spirit of Entrepreneurship' amongst community members. Further, the motive is to encourage young talent to embrace the spirit of entrepreneurship and thus an age limit has been set as one of the qualifying criteria for participants.

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Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be the founder or co-founder of a business registered and operating in India, with a significant presence in South India.
- The entrepreneur should be under 40 years of age.
- The enterprise must demonstrate active operations, with a clear customer base and evidence of market demand for its products or services.
- Turnover per year: For Services Rs. 1,00,00,000/- (Rs. One Crore Only) and above and for other categories Rs. 3,00,00,000/- (Rs. Three Crore Only) and above.

Judging Criteria

- **Innovation and Creativity**
 - The entrepreneur demonstrates a unique approach, product, or service that provides a strategic advantage in the marketplace.
 - Evidence of creativity in problem-solving, business model, or market approach.
- **Business Growth and Performance**
 - Clear evidence of business growth, such as increasing revenue, customer base, or market share.
 - Strong financial performance and sound bookkeeping practices.
 - Consistent product or service turnover.
- **Vision and Leadership**
 - The entrepreneur shows outstanding qualities in developing and growing the business, with a clear vision for future expansion.
 - Demonstrates the ability to inspire and lead a team.
- **Market Understanding**
 - Deep understanding of the market, target audience, and competitive landscape.
 - Established and growing customer base.
- **Social, Environmental, or Economic Impact**

- The business contributes positively to the local community, environment, or broader society (e.g., job creation, sustainability, social responsibility).
 - Commitment to ethical business practices.
 - **Potential for Long-term Success**
 - The business model is scalable and sustainable, with clear plans for future growth and adaptability to changing market conditions.
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Application Requirements

- Completed application form with company details.
- Executive summary or pitch deck (max 10 slides/pages).
- Brief description of the business model, innovation, and market opportunity.
- Details of traction: revenue, users/customers, partnerships, or pilots.
- Profiles of founders and key team members.
- Evidence of impact (social, economic, or environmental).
- Any relevant certifications, awards, or recognitions.

Selection Process

- Initial screening for eligibility and completeness.
- Shortlisting by a panel of judges based on the above criteria.
- Finalists may be invited for interviews or to pitch before a jury panel.
- The winner will be selected based on cumulative scores and jury deliberation.

Additional Notes

- Startups led by women, underrepresented groups, or those with a strong social impact may be given special consideration or encouraged to apply.
- All information provided will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of the award evaluation.
- To apply please click on the link below. The last date for applications is 19th January 2026.
- <https://forms.gle/5ddUxjj7vRbJfsos8>



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