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A Voice of Creative Grassroots Innovators

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My dear Prof S Satyanarayana,

Greetings from Techpedia, SRISTI

**Sub: Giving visibility and voice to the projects of your students at national and international level through GYTI awards at Festival of Innovation (FOIN), Rashtrapati Bhavan, March 5, 2017**

As you are kindly aware, Techpedia, an initiative of Honey Bee Network at SRISTI aims at putting the problems of small enterprises, informal sector, grassroots innovators and other social sectors on the agenda of the young technology students across the country. SRISTI is providing a platform ([www.techpedia.sristi.org](http://www.techpedia.sristi.org)) for the industry and academic institutions to collaborate, co-create and foster distributed and horizontal innovations.

Techpedia.sristi.org is an aggregator of aspirations of young students to make India a creative, collaborative and compassionate society. Every year, SRISTI celebrates through the Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards, a spirit of student led innovation in the fields of engineering, science, biotechnology, agriculture, medical technology, architecture, food science etc. Extremely affordable/frugal manufacturable technologies developed for, or with communities at grassroots in any sector are specially encouraged. Social, environmental, grassroots applications of selected technologies will be paid a special attention.

Categories of awards are:

- MLM (More from less for many), Frugal Innovation Award- ideas that economise on the use of material and/or extremely affordable and sustainable.
- SRISTI, Socially relevant technological innovation Award-ideas that address unmet social needs or improve the functioning of existing solutions, increase affordability and/or improve circularity i.e. ecological compatibility.
- Technological-edge Award- ideas that push the frontiers in any technological domain
- BIRAC-SRISTI award of Rs. 15 Lac each to 15 students for biotechnological / medical / healthcare innovation and Rs. 1 Lac award each for validating/value adding grassroots innovations to 100 students
- Hari Om Ashram Prerit Dr. Amulya K.N. Reddy GYTI Award, five awards of Rs. 50,000 each

The awards will be given in the month of March, every year, chaired by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar (Chairperson, NIF), during the Festival of Innovations hosted by The office of the President of India, the Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. Next award function will be held most likely on March 5, 2017. We have requested the Prime Minister to give away these awards but have not received confirmation from his office as yet.

Over the last few years, the rise in the quality of student innovations being recognised under GYTI awards ([gyti.techpedia.in](http://gyti.techpedia.in)) is entirely due to support from colleagues like you. Our future effort to build an inclusive innovation eco-system crucially hinges on your continued help.

We request your kind cooperation in:

- Supporting techpedia by encouraging your students/librarian to upload all the abstracts of UG/PG/Ph.D projects at techpedia platform (or send us a bulk file and we will upload it on your behalf) for wider visibility, promotion of originality and innovations
- Spreading the attached announcement of GYTI, among your colleagues and network members
- Advising us new contact whom we could write for supporting this platform and volunteering for the Honey Bee Network

We look forward to your continued support, guidance and help in making India innovative, collaborative and inclusive.

Thanks and warm personal regards,



Anil K Gupta