India innovation competition 2009

Indias Department of Science & Technology has launched the India Innovation Initiative to capture innovative ideas from young Indians on the topic: Technology innovation for masses and global impacts. Deadline for receiving entries is May 30, 2009.

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Department of Science & Technology (DST) have now joined hands with Agilent to launch nationwide innovation competition for all innovators in India in the age group of 18+ years. The competition will be challenge based.

The objective of the India Innovation Initiative is to create an innovation eco-system in the country by sensitising, encouraging and promoting innovators and facilitating commercialisation of the innovations.

Topic for 2009:

Technology Innovation for Masses and Global Impacts

Description of the topic: The project entry should be technology based and should have the potential to address some of the pertinent problems in the society related to industry, community, global climate changes, water scarcity or any other such concerns/ issues. The innovation should also have a potential for commercialisation.

Who can participate:

Participation is open to all innovators in the age group of 18 years and above.

This includes:

* All colleges, universities and institutes.
* Innovators from R&D institutions and labs.
* Entrepreneurs, industry professionals and freelance innovators.
* Grassroots innovators through NGOs and rural development organisations.

How to enter the contest?

Participants may enter the contest through either the online registration process or through offline registration.

Registration:

Visit **www.innovationgrid.org/i3** or register online.

Project Upload:

The participants can upload their project reports through www.innovationgrid.org/i3

Offline registration process:

Hard copies of the filled-in registration form and project reports can be mailed to CII

Awards:

The best innovations selected by the panel of judges at the National Fair will be awarded cash prizes.

Select innovations will be offered the following support:

1. Support for making business proposal and for commercialisation by IIM Ahmedabad.

2. Technology-based innovations requiring technical improvement will be attached to a mentor from R&D labs through DST network.

3. Select potential innovations will be offered IP facilitation/ licensing/ commercialisation support.

Screening process:

The innovative projects will go through two levels of screening. A panel of judges comprising eminent scientists, industrialists and experts will do the first screening. There will be a second screening process at the National Fair for selecting the top five innovations. These selected innovations/ innovators will be awarded cash prizes and offered IP protection and licensing/ commercialisation support.

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For further details please click here.

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