TheCSRUniverse

Social Impact Conference & Awards 2025 (SICA'25)

Eligibility Criteria | Rules and Regulations

Who can apply?

- Projects/initiatives launched/funded/implemented by any Institution, companies, CSR arms, funding organizations, not-for-profit institutions, NGOs, community service providers, etc.
- Philanthropists & individual servicing at their own capacity can nominate their initiative
- Foreign companies and MNCs with ongoing/concluded CSR projects in India can nominate their initiatives

Advantage of Nomination:

- Each Nomination stands a chance to go into jury round provided it passes through our editorial scrutiny
- Irrespective of the results of the awards, each nomination will be published as a case study/success story, provided any additional information/clarification sought by the editorial team from the nominees are provided within the required timeframe after the award ceremony.
- The same case study/success story will be highlighted once in social media handles of TheCSRUniverse and TheCSRUniverse weekly Newsletter, as per the timeline decided by TheCSRUniverse Editorial Team

What are the nomination eligibility criteria for the project/service/initiative?

- The entry should be made only for social projects launched/executed (partially or completely) during the period of **April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025**
- Participation for social projects launched after on or after **April 1, 2025** is not allowed
- One organisation/individual can't make multiple entries under a particular theme. However, entries from one organisation under different themes are allowed
- The nominated projects must have provided services/support/help to people of the community/society either in their own locality or anywhere across India
- The nominated projects must not be having a profiteering business model. However, nominations are allowed for such projects where financial gains are made to make the project self-sustainable in long-term
- The applicants must be either an individual or a registered company or CSR foundation/trust or an implementing partner for a CSR project
- The nominated project must have a starting date, definitive target and current status of the project

Important Note:

- The entire award process is online
- Applicants must indicate “Confidential” and highlight the same within the document in case they do not want to share such information to any third party or any public domain other than the organisers of The CSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards.
- The presentation/movie clip/photographs shared by the nominees could be shown at the virtual event in case their entry/entries are judged as a winner or found unique.
- The total size of the documents (sent along the nomination) should not be above 10 MB. (Large files can be shared in Google Drive with open access)

Supporting Documents:

While filling the nomination, please make sure that you also submit supporting documents with your entry. The supporting documents may include the following:

- PowerPoint Presentations of the project (**Only 1 PPT, if available**)
- Brief of the overall project in word/PDF format (if available)
- Execution strategy of the project (if available)
- Audit statement/Fund utilisation report (if available)
- Photographs of the project (**Max 5 pics, if available**)
- Media Coverage (**From FY 2024-25, if available**)
- Impact stories/case studies (**from last 2 years, if available - Maximum 2**)
- Any other documents supporting your application (if available)
- Any Video Link/Google Drive link with documents related to this project (**Max 2 videos, if available - must not exceed 25 MB**)
- Any additional documents

Award Guidelines

- These Awards are based strictly on the data and supporting documents provided in the nomination form. Each category will be judged only on the submission of authentic document as per the eligibility & criteria
- **Not more than two nomination forms** - Same Organisation
- Each organization **can nominate maximum in 2 categories**
- Jury and other supporting experts including social sector leaders, social sector experts, policy makers and academicians will evaluate and rate each entry based on the nomination submitted along with supporting documents
- Each nomination form is valid for 1 entry only. If you are nominating for multiple categories, please submit each entry separately.
- Deadline for the submission of entries is highlighted **here**. Any change in the deadline will be duly notified on the award page only.
- If your company/organization wins, you will be invited to attend the event (in virtual or physical mode) and may also get featured in a special e-booklet, web platform and different social media handles.
- Project related articles will be published in case studies and other formats on TheCSRUniverse.com and associated media platforms
- The organizer of this Award ceremony (i.e Team TheCSRUniverse) reserves its rights to post/ publish any images/ photographs taken at the Awards function and such images/pictures shall become the sole property of the organizers.

- The organizer shall not be held responsible directly or indirectly for damages that may arise out of or in connection with any misrepresentation or corroborated facts disclosed by the participants.
- The organizer will not bear/reimburse any cost of nominee company/organization, individual or group of people participating at the award distribution ceremony to be held in virtual/physical mode
- By participating in the TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards 2025, participants and entries agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the organizing committee and Jury as final.
- All decisions of the Awards Jury with respect to any aspect of the **TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards 2025**, including and not limited to, eligibility of entries and selection, are final and binding on all the participants
- The entry fee for participation is non-refundable.
- All **TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards 2025** intellectual property, including but not limited to trade-marks, trade-names, logos, designs, promotional materials, web pages, source codes, drawing, illustrations, slogans and representations are owned by TCU INFOTECH PRIVATE LIMITED, the owner of the **TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards, and its past editions**. Unauthorized copying or use of any copyrighted material or intellectual property without the express written consent is strictly prohibited.

Award & Event Format

- The award ceremony will be held in physical mode and it can be changed upon the absolute discretion of the organisers.
- The entire proceeding will be streamed live through social media handles of **TheCSRUniverse**.
- The award ceremony will be conducted along the annual conference which is scheduled to be held on September 8 - 9, 2025. A detailed event agenda will be shared well in advance to all the nominees/winners/partners/delegates.
- Selected content/stories/projects/initiatives will be published on TheCSRUniverse web platform.

Nomination Fee Waiver

Nomination is completely free

As a matter of internal policy, we have taken a conscious decision to waive the nomination fees for all entries to make TheCSRUniverse Social Impact Conference & Awards more accessible. This step is aligned with our vision of being Conscious, Social, & Responsible.

Our effort is to make the entire exercise non-monetary, thus democratising the award process and bringing opportunities for everyone to present their impactful work before our esteemed jury. With this decision, we also want to bring recognition to those who remain unrecognised despite their valuable contribution to social causes and solving social problems.