



JRD TATA AWARDS 2025

Conference on: Empowering Grampreneurs® for India's Economic Growth

29th July 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Program Schedule

Morning of Momentum: Stories, Performances and Conversations (1000 Hrs - 1345 Hrs.)

Session Focus: "Morning of Momentum"

Stories that Spark, Performances that Move, Conversations that Connect

1000 – 1040 Hrs	Registration & Tea Viewing of Display of Entrepreneur products
1040 – 1100 Hrs	Street Theatre by Steps for Change

Motivational Session:

1100 – 1105 Hrs	<i>Welcome Remarks and Introduction on BYST – Session Chair</i>	Ms. Deepa Wadhwa Chairperson, India–Japan Friendship Forum Member, and Trustee – <i>Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)</i>
1105 – 1130 Hrs	<i>Motivational Speech</i>	Mr. Rajiv K Chawla Key Mentor – BYST and Chairman – I am SME of India
1130 – 1145 Hrs	Bio Break	

Panel Discussion - Excellence in Entrepreneurship (1145 – 1245 Hrs)

1145 -1146 Hrs	<i>Chair</i>	Ms. Deepa Wadhwa Chairperson, India–Japan Friendship Forum Member, and Trustee – <i>Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust</i> (BYST)
1146 – 1151 Hrs	<i>Moderator</i>	Mr. Pankaj Pachauri Founder, GoNews India
1151 -1235 Hrs.	Panel Members	Mr. Giresh Mohan, General Manager, Operations, Social Investments, ITC Limited
		Dr. Sunil Shukla Director General, EDII, Ahmedabad
		Mr Ashok Khosla Chairman, Development Alternatives
		Ms. Shobhaa De Indian Novelist and Columnist
		Dr. Anand Anandalingam Professor, University of Maryland
1235 – 1240 Hrs	Q & A	
1240 – 1242 Hrs	<i>Exchange of MOU – ONDC, EDII</i>	
1242 – 1245 Hrs	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>	By Moderator
1245 – 1345 Hrs	<i>Networking Lunch</i>	
1345 – 1400 Hrs	<i>BYST Entrepreneur Success Videos</i>	

Program Schedule: Plenary 1, 1400 to 1520 Hrs.**Empowering Grampreneurs® through Technology, Quality and Sustainability**

1400 –1405 Hrs.	<i>Welcome and Context Setting</i>	Mr. Pramod Bhasin Chairman, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and Trustee – <i>Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)</i>
1405 –1412 Hrs.	<i>Digital Empowerment of Grampreneurs®</i>	Mr. Harish Krishnan MD & Chief Policy Officer, CISCO India & ASEAN
1412 – 1419 Hrs.	<i>Mentoring as a Catalyst for Quality Control</i>	Mr. Chakravarthy T. Kannan Secretary General, Quality Council of India (QCI)
1419 – 1429 Hrs.	<i>Address</i>	Ms. Nidhi Satija, IES., Director, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India
1429 –1444 Hrs	<i>By Special Guest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exchange of MoU: QCI</i> • <i>Launch of the “Go Green for Sustainable Business Growth” Tool Kit for Grassroots entrepreneurs</i> • <i>Launch of BYST Sustainability Club</i> 	
1444 – 1459 Hrs	Keynote Address by Special Guest	Mr. Shombi Sharp United Nations Resident Coordinator in India
1459 – 1504 Hrs	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>	Mr. Gaurav Dalmia Chairman, Dalmia Group Holdings, and Trustee – <i>Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)</i>
1504 – 1520 Hrs	<i>Bio Break</i>	

Program Schedule: Special Plenary (1530 Hrs. to 1630 Hrs.)**Celebrating Excellence in Entrepreneurship**

1530 – 1538 Hrs	Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia , Hon. Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of Northeastern Region, Govt. of India Chief Guest: Visit to Exhibition put up by BYST Grampreneurs® to showcase their products and services
1538 – 1540 Hrs	<i>Chief Guest arrives at the Conference Hall</i>
1540 – 1543 Hrs	<i>Welcome Address</i> Mr. Subodh Bhargava Chairman, Tata Communications & Chairman, Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)
1543 – 1548 Hrs	<i>Setting the Context</i> Ms. Lakshmi Venkataraman Venkatesan Founding and Managing Trustee Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)
1548 – 1551 Hrs	<i>Recognizing Excellence among Grampreneurs: JRD Tata Awards '25</i> Mr. Shreekant Somany Chairman & Managing Director, Somany Ceramics Limited & Member of the Jury – JRD Tata Awards 2025
1551 – 1554 Hrs	<i>Strategic Partnership</i> Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
1554 – 1607 Hrs	<i>By Chief Guest</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of MOU - CII-CEL • Release of Booklet on Successful Grampreneurs® • Presentation of JRD Tata Awards 2025
1607– 1627 Hrs	<i>Keynote Address</i> Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia Hon. Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India
1627 – 1630 Hrs	<i>Concluding Remarks</i> Mr. Harsh Pati Singhania Chairman & Managing Director, JK Paper Ltd, Director, J.K. Organisation and Trustee, Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)