



JRD TATA AWARDS 2025
Empowering Grampreneurs® for India's Economic Growth
29th July 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Program: Special Plenary: 1540 Hrs. to 1650 Hrs.

Mentoring plays a crucial role in helping underprivileged youth overcome barriers and become successful entrepreneurs.

A cadre of dedicated mentors, embedded within institutions, can make a strong impact and hand-hold first-time entrepreneurs to build sustainable businesses.

BYST has successfully trained and onboarded a cadre of nearly 18,000 mentors, through customized training modules co-developed with City & Guilds, the UK's leading accreditation agency. These mentors have supported 50,000 entrepreneurs to launch and scale up their businesses. Over the years, more than 10% of these entrepreneurs have become Lakhpatis and Crorepatis.

It is time for Indian business leaders and investors to enroll as mentors and use their industry expertise and networks to advise young entrepreneurs and help create strong market linkages, share best practices and serve as role models for them.

Special Plenary: Celebrating Excellence in Entrepreneurship

1540 – 1550 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
1550 – 1554 Hrs	Group Photograph of Chief Guest with all Nominees and their Mentors
1554 – 1555 Hrs	<i>Chief Guest arrives at the Conference Hall</i>
1555 – 1600 Hrs	Welcome Address Mr. Subodh Bhargava Chairman, Tata Communications & Chairman, Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)
1600 – 1607 Hrs	Setting the Context Ms. Lakshmi Venkataraman Venkatesan Founding and Managing Trustee Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)

1607 – 1612 Hrs	<i>Recognizing Excellence among Grampreneurs: JRD Tata Awards '25</i>	Mr. Shreekant Somany <i>Chairman & Managing Director, Somany Ceramics Limited & Member of the Jury – JRD Tata Awards 2025</i>
1612 – 1625 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	
1625 – 1645 Hrs	Keynote Address	Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia <i>Hon. Minister of Communications and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India</i>
1645 – 1650 Hrs	Concluding Remarks	Mr. Harsh Pati Singhania <i>CMD, JK Paper Ltd and Trustee, Bharatiya Yuva Shakti Trust (BYST)</i>