Headline: 23 young minds awarded for their innovations

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Winners with their coveted awards at Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Auditorium in Dadar on Wednesday —Abhinav P Kocharekar

Young minds awarded for their innovations in field of agriculture, IT, science, engg & medical

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As many as 23 young minds from across the state were awarded on Wednesday for their in-

Wednesday for their innovation in the field of IT, agriculture, science, medical and pharmacy at the Young Innovator Awards held at Shivaji Park. The event was organised by Zee 24 Taas and dna in association with NSE.

The innovators, who are students, were shortlisted from over 700 applicants from 2,000 colleges

across Maharashtra. A jury filtered these designs over two concentrated rounds of selection based on different parameters.

Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis was the chief guest at the event, which was attended by education minister Vinod Tawde, IIT-Bombay director Devang Khakhar, National Stock

Exchange CEO Chitra Ramkrishna, Dr Arun Nigvekar, Dr Ram Takavle, vice chancellor Dr Sanjay Deshmukh, Dr Tatyarao Lahane, GD Yadav and dna & Zee24Taas editor-in-chief Dr Uday Nirgudkar.

Referring to the young talent, Fadnavis remarked that these are not young innovators but

inspirations.

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"Our Prime Minister has dreamt of making India a start-up nation and for this we would have to provide capital along with opportunities to such youngsters. For the want of the same, young bright minds and best of the brains had opted to go abroad and we have to recognize such talent," added the CM.

Chitra Ramkrishna, shared an inspiring case study of the NSE as a specimen of the Make in India.

She said: "20 years ago when NSE was built, the technology was developed inside India rather than getting it from outside the country because there is no dearth of knowledge here." She also decoded the trick to inspire innovation is to motivate them financially to commercialise their ideas.

These designs are not only innovative but pocket friendly as well. An IIT student, Trivikram Annamalai has created a working prototype of a low-cost vein detector for as low as Rs2,000.

WINNERS

Agriculture: 1) Gaurab Saha, 2) Akshay Hargude

IT: 1) Indranil Chandra and Abhinendra Singh, 2) Chirag Atal, Himanshu Maheshwari, Breejesh Rathod, Sagar Kamdar

Science: 1) Amey Nerkar, 2) Harishchand Nishad

Engineering: 1) Arun Chavan, Akshay Moholkar and Bhuvan Aneja, 2) Rohit Singh, Hitarath Patel, Tanmay Shinde, Navnath Mane and Rahul Kapoor

Medical: 1) Trivikra Annamalai, 2) Rohit Bhaskar, Rushikeh Shinde and Hem Kothari

Pharmacy: 1) Jainabbee Shaikh