Winners Announced for the Prosus Social Impact Challenge for Accessibility

Congratulations to the three winners of the Prosus Social Impact Challenge for Accessibility 2022, RUT3, Dextroware Devices, and Translead Medtech. This announcement concludes the third year of the Prosus SICA (Social Impact Challenge for Accessibility), supported by Invest India, Social Alpha, and Startup India. The winning Assistive Technology start-ups will receive grants to help scale and expand their business to benefit those with disabilities and empower them to lead independent lives.

ISRO and Social Alpha Join Hands to Establish SpaceTech Innovation Platform: SpIN

We are excited to announce our joint initiative with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch the SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN), India's first dedicated platform for innovation curation and venture development for the burgeoning space entrepreneurial ecosystem.

This unique public-private collaboration for start-ups and SMEs in the space industry is a significant step forward in propelling India's recent space reform policies forward, and will work towards identifying and unleashing the market potential of our most promising space tech innovators and entrepreneurs.

SpIN will primarily focus on facilitating space tech entrepreneurs in three distinct innovation categories: Geospatial Technologies and Downstream Applications; Enabling Technologies for Space & Mobility; and Aerospace Materials, Sensors, and Avionics.

Through this partnership, ISRO will support the creation of an open innovation and scale-up platform for all space ecosystem stakeholders and promote active collaboration to make early-stage space start-ups successful. Through this venture, Social Alpha makes its first entry in the area of space tech, a vertical that has the potential to grow manifolds and introduce game-changing innovations that can have lasting social and environmental impact in the coming years.

SpIN has also launched its first innovation challenge, and we encourage early-stage start-ups developing solutions in the areas of maritime and land transportation, urbanisation, mapping and surveying, disaster management, food security, sustainable agriculture, environmental monitoring, and natural resources management, among others, to apply! Applications close on February 6.

DBS Foundation Singapore announced 23 awardees under its flagship grant program on Tuesday, Dec 6. The list of awardees includes 15 social enterprises and eight small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Under the grant, SGD 3 million will be disbursed to them to help tackle social and environmental challenges.

We are happy to announce that Urdhavam Environmental Technologies Pvt. Ltd. is one of the 15 Social Enterprises and will be receiving a grant of SGD 1,50,000 under this program.

Ankita Kumar from Mocxa was lauded at the SmartBio Awards by the Government of Karnataka, Department of IT, BT, Science & Technology. Congratulations to them for winning the award for "Best Product Against Covid-19."