

## **Brief on Various activities under FINE 2018**

Around 250 innovative exhibits of school students, grassroots innovators, technology students, entrepreneurs, Industry representatives and Public sector organisations will be on display from March 19-23, 2018.

Gandhian Young Technological Innovation (GYTI) Awards will be presented on first day of FINE. GYTI celebrates the spirit of student innovation in all the fields of engineering, science, technology and design through extremely affordable/frugal solution or the ones pushing the technological edge. This year 2915 entries were received in 54 technology domains from 312 universities institutes belonging to 34 states & Union Territories.

The innovation clubs of universities/colleges/institutions/schools, where the President is visitor, will share their activities through poster Exhibition/ innovative exhibits and will share their achievements in promoting innovation within their campus and outside including selected case studies. The representatives of the various institutions of higher learning will be participating in a group discussion about lessons they wish to share about searching, spreading and celebrating grassroots innovations. They will also share how they sensed the unmet social needs and tried to solve them. The group recommendations will be presented in the last session.

FINE will involve Government-Industry interaction on how to enrich innovation ecosystem will be organised. Different workshops will be organized on themes relevant to innovators such as idea farming,

funding for innovators and innovative ventures etc. Further, four roundtables will be organised to discuss issues related to the following themes: S&T led Innovations for Societal Application, Nurturing Innovation Ecosystem, Role of Government in Scaling Up and Commercialization of Innovations including Start-ups, and lastly, Innovations for Sustainable Agriculture with Special Focus on Bamboo and Herbal Medicine, Aroma, Fragrance and Flavours.

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