

14<sup>th</sup> February 2014: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sankuls Day

**Calling for Nominations from students:**

**Innovative Students' Co-Creation Awards for Leadership and Excellence (i-SCALE)**

GTU Innovation Council has established Pedagogical Innovation Awards for appreciating the significant contributions of various stakeholders. Last year, the awards were given away by Padmashree Dr Vijay Bhatkar during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innovation Sankul Day on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Outstanding contributors from academia and industry won the Awards.

This year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sankuls Day will be organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pedagogical Innovation Award function. Awards, titled **Innovative Students' Co-Creation Awards for Leadership and Excellence (i-SCALE)** have been established to scout, recognize and award student-led initiatives in the fields of innovation, technology development, pedagogy, leadership, entrepreneurship and similar other endeavours.

Many a times student volunteers at various colleges have voluntarily formed groups and have taken up a mission to either create value for many or value for money. Without much external support, these teams of students have shown extraordinary leadership and innovation working on these missions. These may include efforts like

- successful participation in national level challenges/ competitions in teams in various fields of science and technology, innovation etc.,
- Leading the organization of tech-fests / B-fests and similar other endeavours, which made a great deal of impact,
- initiatives for developing a creative learning environment in their campus and
- creating a voluntary network for taking up a job, which may have created a significant impact.

The Awards are not for discrete individuals. The Awards will be given to core team members who might have led such initiatives for a significant amount of time during their college time. The teams, whose members have graduated during the past two years at GTU are also eligible for the Awards.

We would like to consider a broad range of nominations across colleges of engineering, management, pharmacy, diploma, MCA and others.

Criteria for judgement:

- the impact of the initiative ,
- persistent and extraordinary efforts and
- sustainable approach.

A Jury will be constituted for deciding the final list of these teams who will be awarded on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014. In every nomination, an authentication letter / mail from the concerned college for verification of the original contributors will be required. The jury members or a representative from the University may also have a telephonic talk with the team, and if necessary with their faculty guides for accepting their claims. One key person of the initiative can register in the given link

[http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination\\_iSCALE.aspx](http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination_iSCALE.aspx)) and submit the profile of their initiative which will be given to the jury. During the evaluation process the student co-ordinator of the particular initiative will be considered as the point of contact. The decision of the Jury will be final.

The core team will be invited to accept the Award on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

**Quick Links:**

Home Page: <http://awards.gtu.ac.in/>

Nomination form for i-SCALE 2014: [http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination\\_iSCALE.aspx](http://awards.gtu.ac.in/nomination_iSCALE.aspx)

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