

The end is the beginning : ATF Awards 2022



Greetings from AssisTech Foundation (ATF)!

All great things come to an end. After few months of hustle and bustle, we finally concluded the **ATF Awards 2022: India's First Assistive Technology Awards** with a grand felicitation ceremony organised at **IIT Madras Research Park as a part of EMPOWER 2022 : India's biggest Assistive Technology conference** on October 14, 2022.

I, on my behalf of Team ATF, would like to thank all of you for attending the gala of assistive technology sector : ATF Awards 2022. We were delighted to witness an immense support from all of you. A hearty congratulations to all the winners. They are indeed moving towards revolutionizing the Assistive Technology ecosystem and making the world an inclusive place.

The award ceremony was graced by the presence of many industry leaders and academicians. We express our sincere gratitude to **Mr Arun Jain** (MD, Intellect Design Arena Ltd), **Prof. Ashok Jhunjunwala** (President, IIT Madras Research Park), **Mr. Lakshmi Naryananan** (Ex-vice chairman and ex-CEO, Cognizant and Former Chairman, ICT Academy), **Ms. Sujatha Srinivasan** (Head, TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2), Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Madras), **Mr Srikanth Rajan** (Chairman & MD, SmartKapital) & **Ms. Rekha Murthy Rangarajan** (Director, Data Patterns) for gracing us with their presence and felicitating the winners.

We also would like to extend gratitude towards **Mr. Som Mittal** (Former President & Chairman, NASSCOM), **Mr. Chapal Khasnabis** (Head (a.i) of the Access to Assistive Technology and Medical Devices Unit, WHO), **Rahul Dravid** (Great Indian Cricketer & Head

Coach, Indian Cricket Team) & **Ms. Catherine Holloway** (Academic Director, Global Disability Innovation Hub) for their continuous support to ATF and sending their warm regards and Congratulatory messages for ATF Awards 2022 winners.

The award ceremony was indeed a gala with the presence of all the great Assistive Technology Stakeholders. It was not just an occasion for felicitating the winners but also an opportunity for various stakeholders like startups, educational institutions, government organisations, NGOs etc to interact and network with each other and prospective investors and industry leaders.

After witnessing this grand celebration of the Assistive Technology ecosystem, we are certainly assured that the future of Assistive Technology is bright and positive. Our theme of the ceremony was "Everybody has an ability to change disability" : a thought that certainly reflects the power all of us hold and the responsibility all of us have to make this world an inclusive place. While all of us have to put an individual effort, these organisations who have won the ATF Awards are doing that great work at a large scale and making it possible for people with disabilities to live a life with dignity and get access to learning and livelihood opportunities.

The end is the beginning. With a successful commencement of ATF Awards 2022, we are all set to move forward and launch ATF Awards 2023 really soon. Moreover, during ATF Awards 2022, we also **launched Cohort 5 of ATF Enable Acceleration Program**. We encourage all the Assistive Technology based startups who are creating solutions for people with disabilities to apply for it and grow together with us. **I am also attaching a link for watching the felicitation ceremony in case you have missed it.**

Till then keep supporting us and let's together create a world of joy by empowering every person with disabilities.

With best regards,
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WINNERS OF ATF AWARDS 2022

Emerging Startups

BEST AT START-UP FOR INNOVATION
(Sponsored by ThoughtWorks)

SOCIODENT



Established Startups

BEST AT START-UP : Jury's Choice
True Assistive Technology



WOMEN AHEAD: BEST WOMEN-LED AT START-UP
Dhanvantri Biomedical



MOST IMPACTFUL AT START-UP
Neomotion



BEST AT START-UP: PEOPLE'S CHOICE
Dhanvantri Biomedical



Enablers

CSR INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR
Tech Mahindra Foundation



BEST AT INITIATIVE AMONG NGOs
Amar Seva Sangam



BEST GOVERNMENT AT INITIATIVE
AIIMS DELHI



BEST AT INITIATIVE AMONG EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
IIT DELHI



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