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### **Five pioneer social innovators are finalists of the prestigious Social Ent. of the Year Award India 2022**

Noida, August 25, 2022: The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and Jubilant Bhartia Foundation announced the finalists of the 13th Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022 today.

The following highly accomplished individuals with their transformational social ventures have been selected as the finalists: (1) Osama Manzar Digital Empowerment Foundation, [www.defindia.org](http://www.defindia.org), (2) Ajaita Shah Frontier Markets, [www.frontiermks.com](http://www.frontiermks.com) (3) Aniket Doegar Haqdarshak, [www.haqdarshak.com](http://www.haqdarshak.com) (4) Wilma Rodrigues Saahas Zero Waste & NGO Saahas, [www.saahaszerowaste.com](http://www.saahaszerowaste.com), [www.saahas.org](http://www.saahas.org) (5) Meera Shenoy Youth4Jobs, [www.youth4jobs.org](http://www.youth4jobs.org)

The winner of the '13th Social Entrepreneur of the Year' (SEOY) Award - India 2022 will be announced in an event on Thursday, 15 September 2022. The award ceremony will be attended by dignitaries from various fields, across the globe to celebrate and appreciate the extraordinary contribution of these passionate individuals.

The SEOY award aims to honour and recognise accomplished social change leaders across a diversity of large-scale, system change and social innovation models in society. These change leaders are key enablers of an inclusive, sustainable and equitable world.

This year's finalists of the SEOY Award India, are inspiring, visionary individuals who met various stringent criteria of evaluation for their selection. The chosen finalists are technology-enabled experts working for the underserved in fields of digital literacy and empowerment (financial inclusion), financial technology, agricultural technology, e-commerce, rural technology, social protection, livelihood, waste management, education and skilling and advocacy for people with disability. The SEOY award - India 2022 opened for applications in February 2022 and received over 100 submissions, out of which over 60% are women.