

Best Global Maharashtra Entrepreneur Award of 2017

About the Award:

London Marathi Sammelan is being organised by Maharashtra Mandal London (MML) and other Marathi organisations from the 2nd till the 4th June 2017.

Overseas Maharashtra Professionals and Entrepreneurs Group (OMPEG) – MML's business affiliate – is a UK based business networking group set up exclusively to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship within Maharashtra community. OMPEG has initiated Global Maharashtra Entrepreneur Awards for the year 2017 as part of London Marathi Sammelan. We are inviting nominations from Maharashtra Entrepreneurs across the globe to participate in this initiative.

Eligibility:

1. Your business could be located anywhere in the world but you should be a Maharashtra i.e. both or either of your parents are Maharashtra OR your birth place is in Maharashtra. Those persons who have spent the past 20 years in Maharashtra and have a business located in Maharashtra also qualify as Maharashtra for the award.
2. You should be the founder of your business and employ at least five full time staff, throughout the period commencing from April 01, 2014 till date.
3. There are two categories of awards, one for start-up businesses and the other for Established businesses. The start-up business must have completed at least 3 years of accounting and should not have completed 10 years from the date of the incorporation as of 1st November 2016, the Established business being considered would be those who have completed 10 years from date of incorporation (as of 1st November 2016,).
4. You are requested to complete the application form with as much detail as possible so that the judges get a holistic picture of your entrepreneurship.

The Award:

This Award is a truly Global Maharashtra Entrepreneur Award and will consist of the following in each of the categories:

Two Gold Awards

- a. One for start-up businesses
- b. One for Established businesses

The Gold award will be presented to the “**Best Entrepreneur**” and will consist of a fully paid return trip to London and a cash award of £3000 (pounds three thousand only) and a Trophy.

The Gold award will be awarded to the “**Best Startup**” and will consist of a fully paid return trip to London and a cash award of £3000 (pounds three thousand only) and a Trophy.

Two Silver Awards

- a. One for start-up businesses
- b. One for established businesses

The silver award will be awarded to the **“Runner up Entrepreneur”** and will consist of a fully paid return trip to London and a cash award of £2000 (pounds two thousand only) and a trophy.

The silver award will be awarded to the **“Runner up Startup”** and will consist of a fully paid return trip to London and a cash award of £2000 (pounds two thousand only) and a trophy.

Consolation Awards: Based on the number of applications received and quality of application, panel, and may decide on consolation awards.

Privilege:

The Award winner will be given return flight ticket (Economy) from your base location to London and back for the duration of the function.

The winner will also be provided with stay and food facility for the duration of the function.

Participation Fee:

A confirmation of the payment of the participation fee of GBP 60 (USD 75, Euro 70, INR 5000) is to be emailed along with this application form to the email address mentioned below. The bank details where you need to transfer the fee are as per below:

City Co-Op Bank

Thane Branch

IFSC Code: IBKL0453CCB

MICR: 400314011

Account No: 011 0101 0000 1747

Where will the awards be presented?

The award ceremony will be held at a prestigious location in the City of London. The award winners may have the opportunity to participate in a debate with top industrialists of Maharashtra and meet venture capitalists, bankers, marketing consultants, and top government officials of the UK and India involved in promoting entrepreneurship.

Selection Criteria:

The selection criteria for the awards will be in line with the following parameters:

- Inspirational leadership with vision and value
- Sustainable excellence (Business results)
- Championing the cause of community advancement
- Ability to innovate and remain competitive
- Effective management of stakeholders' expectations
- Exceptional value to customers
- Building organisational capability
- Use of technology

Composition of panel for selection:

The entries will be assessed by a team of professionals consisting of Chartered Accountants, renowned industrialists and academicians. While evaluating the entries, the panel will consider the applicants' vision, overall leadership, and understanding of technology changes, sustainability and scalability of business model, innovation, adaptability, corporate social responsibility, and the value and brand creation.

The rules of the award:

The decision of the panel will be final and binding and no disputes or queries will be entertained. All incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified from the competition.

OMPEG core members, selection panelists and their family members will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

The decision will be made based on the information furnished in the application form including details of technology, performance, quality, growth rate and a short interview over video or any other media as suitable to the system.

Last date for receiving applications:

The duly filled in application should reach **mail@ompeg.org.uk** latest by 28th February, 2017. No application will be entertained after the last date.

APPLICATION FORM

Nomination for Best Global Maharashtrian Entrepreneur Award

Name of the business	
Nature of the business	
Industry sector	
Year of establishment	
Type of enterprise	<input type="checkbox"/> Startup business (At least 3 years of accounts & less than 10 years in existence)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Established business (More than 10 years in existence)
Main Products/Services	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
Name of the entrepreneur	
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	
Email ID	
Mobile number	
Landline number	
Company website	
Company address	

Educational qualification of the entrepreneur

Degree	University/Board	Year of passing

Are you a first-generation entrepreneur? Give brief antecedents.

Details of application fees paid by:

Bank Name		Date:
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What was the turnover for last 3 years?

Year	Turnover in Reporting Currency (e.g. INR for Indi, GBP for UK, USD for USA)	Number of employees
2013-14		
2014-15		
2015-16		

Do you export your Goods/Services?

Yes No

If Yes, please share the details.

Name of the Country	Name of the Product	Value/Volume

What is the value of the Products/Services Supplied to the large/important customers during the following period?

Year	Name of the Organization	Value of the Product Supplied USD \$	Name of the Product/Service
2013-14			
2014-15			
2015-16			

What is the projected turnover for next 3 years?

Year	Projected Turnover	Projected Number of Employees	Projected Annual Sales
2016-17			
2017-18			
2018-19			

What will be the main drivers for your projected turnover?

1.	5.
2.	6.
3.	7.
4.	8.

Do you use specific innovative products, services or technology that differentiates your business from others?

What are the three main challenges in the business that you had faced in the past three years, and how did you manage to overcome these challenges?

Challenges	Ways you tackled them
1.	
2.	
3.	

What is the level of your stakeholder involvement in your organization with regards to process improvement, waste reduction, and new product development?

Stakeholder: Customer/suppliers/employees/regulators/investors/others
What is the approximate number of customers you serve?

What according to you is the satisfaction level of your customer?

- a. (25% to 50%) b. (51% to 75%) c. (76% to 90%) d. Above 90%.

Do you have Complaint Handling Process?

Yes No

Number of complaints received in the last financial year.

Efforts made to add value to the customer:

Do you provide any training to the employees to upgrade their skills?

Yes No

Share a few Training Programmes conducted in the last three financial years?

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

Do you have any Employee Welfare Measures (please give examples):

What basic Amenities do you have at your work place?

1. Canteen
2. Pure drinking water
3. Clean Toilets
4. Medical Facilities (First –aid)
5. Recreation facility
6. Others (Please specify) _____

How would you rate your Brand on a scale of 1 to 10? (1= Lowest, 10= Highest) _____

Mention the best brand in your industry? _____

What is the Customer Perception of your Brand?

Very Good Good Average

What traits do you think have made you a good leader?

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Has your business positively impacted on the community in which it operates, in terms of the following:

Factors	Impact
Social	
Economic	
Environment	

Does your enterprise conserve energy?

Yes No

If Yes, Give details:

Do you adopt Pollution Control Measures?

Yes No

Do you adopt Safety Measures? Please describe these measures.

Yes No



In less than 250 words, please describe yourself as an entrepreneur, your company and its products/services

Place:

Signature of the Entrepreneur

Date: