

# EASTERN PROVINCE

## SRI LANKA

# ENTREPRENEUR

## AWARD

### — 2026 —

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# **ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2026 EASTERN PROVINCE**

*Celebrating the best Entrepreneurs of Eastern Province*

**Jointly Organized By**

**National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA)**

**with**

**Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry  
and Agriculture (BDCCIA)**

## Entrepreneur Awards

The National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) and the Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA) are organizing the above Awards Competition for the Entrepreneurs in the Eastern Province, for the 1st time this year.

Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA) has been assisting the MSMEs in the regions from a long period and gives special focus towards the upliftment of SMEs in the provinces to develop their businesses and conduct training programmes/workshops on skills development, human resources, e-commerce, including for the differently able entrepreneurs.

The awards competition initiated by National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA) and Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA) is another service for the MSMEs conducted for the entrepreneurs in the Eastern Province.

At this year's Awards Competition, over **50 awards** will be presented in recognition of outstanding entrepreneurial excellence. These include awards for winners, runners-up, and merit certificate recipients across a wide range of business sectors and business scales. In addition, **13 Special Excellence Awards** will be presented to recognize exceptional achievements in 13 specific thematic areas of excellence. A new category of awards has also been introduced this year to honor organizations and institutions—including banks and finance companies, insurance providers, training institutes, funding organizations, and NGOs—that have made significant contributions to developing and upskilling entrepreneurs. Furthermore, the **Eastern Province Entrepreneur Awards** will recognize the Overall Winner, as well as Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award winners, further celebrating excellence in entrepreneurship across the province.

The grand Award Ceremony of “**Entrepreneur Awards 2026 - Eastern Province**” will be held on **Saturday, 21st November 2026 at Techno Park, Eastern University, Batticaloa, Sri Lanka** amidst a large gathering of business organizations, entrepreneurs, Government representatives etc.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE AWARDS

- Recognize and reward entrepreneurs in the Eastern Province.
- Motivate and Encourage entrepreneurs to enhance their contribution to the Economic Development of the Province and the country at large.
- Stimulate Entrepreneurs to seek excellence in their respective field of business

## CATEGORIES AND SECTORS

- Industry / Manufacturing
- Agriculture / Livestock / fisheries
- Services (Hospitality / Tourism / Other Services)

### Classification of the above business sectors

| • Industry / Manufacturing          | • Agriculture /                   | • Services     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Apparel                             | Tea Plantation                    | ICT Services   |
| Handloom                            | Rubber Plantation                 | Hospitality    |
| Handicrafts and Toys                | Coconut Production                | Tourism        |
| Rubber Products                     | Spices                            | Beauty culture |
| Boat/craft building                 | Processed food / beverages        | Logistics      |
| Gem and Jewelry                     | Essential Oils and condiments     | Education      |
| Ceramic and Glass Products          | Herbal and Ayurveda products      | Construction   |
| Furniture / Wooden Products         | Organic Agriculture products      | Healthcare     |
| Chemical / Paint products           |                                   | Other Services |
| Footwear / Leather Products         | • Livestock / fisheries           |                |
| Light Engineering                   | Seafood and Aqua culture products |                |
| Transport and Automobile Components | Ornamental fish                   |                |
| Electronics s Electrical products   | Dairy Products                    |                |
| Stationery and paper products       | Poultry                           |                |
| Packaging                           | Other meat Products               |                |
| Pharmaceuticals                     |                                   |                |
| Any other                           |                                   |                |

### SCALE OF THE ENTERPRISES

| Category | Economic Sector | No of Employees | Annual Turnover (LKR) |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Micro    | Industry Sector | Less than 10    | Less than 20 million  |
|          | Services Sector | Less than 05    |                       |
| Small    | Industry Sector | 10 to 50        | 21 to 350 million     |
|          | Services Sector | 05 to 50        |                       |
| Medium   | Industry Sector | 51 to 200       | 351 to 1000 million   |
|          | Services Sector |                 |                       |
| Large    | Industry Sector | More than 201   | Over 1000 million     |
|          | Services Sector |                 |                       |

## AWARDS

The following awards will be presented at the ceremony

- **The Best Entrepreneur of the year 2026 - Eastern Province (Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards)**

This is the most prestigious award of the event. It recognizes the most outstanding enterprises in the province in 2024/2025.

Note: The financial year for evaluation purposes shall be considered as follows:

- If an organization's financial year commences on 1st January and ends on 31st December, the organization should submit its financial statements for the year 2024.
- If an organization's financial year commences on 1st April 2024 and ends on 31st March 2025, the organization should submit its financial statements for the year 2024/2025.

- **Best Entrepreneur - Category/Sector Awards (12 Award Winners, 12 Runner-Ups and Merit Certificates)**

These are the main awards of the event. It recognizes outstanding enterprises in three sectors under 4 categories

| No of Awards                                  | Category | Award                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| Industry/ Manufacturing sector                |          |                         |
| 01                                            | Micro    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Small    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Medium   | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Large    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| Agriculture/Livestock s Fisheries sector      |          |                         |
| 01                                            | Micro    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Small    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Medium   | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Large    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| Services (Hospitality/Tourism/Other Services) |          |                         |
| 01                                            | Micro    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Small    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Medium   | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 01                                            | Large    | Best Entrepreneur Award |
| 36                                            | Total    |                         |

- **Special Awards / Thematic Excellence Awards (13 Awards)**

13 special Awards will be presented to the best performance in following thematic areas.

1. Award for the best Environmentally Friendly Enterprise
2. Award for the best Exporter - Products
3. Award for the best Exporter - Services
4. Award for the best Productive Enterprise
5. Award for the best Innovative Enterprise
6. Award for the best Value-Added Enterprise
7. Award for the best Energy Efficiency Enterprise
8. Award for the Best Youth Entrepreneur (Age: Year 18-35)
6. Award for the Best Women Entrepreneur
10. Award for the Best Differently abled Entrepreneur
11. Award for Business Enterprise giving most jobs for females
12. Award for Business Enterprise with Sustainable business practices
13. Award for the Best Entrepreneur who is strong in Financial Performance
14. Awards for the best Import Substitute enterprise

- **Newly introduced Award**

1. Best Entrepreneur Enabling Organization Award - Merit, Runner-Up s Winner

## **ELIGIBILITY**

**Each applicant must fulfill the following criteria to be eligible for the Awards**

- Enterprises should be located within the Western Province (Branches of national level business organization will not be eligible for this Awards)
- Enterprise should be in either scale of enterprise (Micro, Small, Medium or Large scale) as per their applying category
- All applying enterprises should have valid business registration at the time of Application (BRC)

## **SELECTION PROCEDURE**

All applications for the Awards will be evaluated according to the clearly defined and transparent criteria and will be reviewed by a panel of judges with multidisciplinary expertise. The selection will be done at 4 stages:

- I. Desk Review
- II. Preliminary screening and short listing
- III. Interviews
- IV. Field visits (if necessary)

## SELECTION CRITERIA (MARKING SCHEME)

| #    | Selection Criteria for the Sector/category and Thematic Excellence Awards | Marks       |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| i    | Leadership and Strategy                                                   | 100         |
| ii   | Innovativeness /Technology                                                | 80          |
| iii  | Global s Local Market reach                                               | 120         |
| iv   | Market share / Growth Strategies                                          | 150         |
| v    | Human Capital                                                             | 100         |
| vi   | Productivity and Quality                                                  | 100         |
| vii  | Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)                                     | 80          |
| viii | Energy Efficiency s Environment Sustainability                            | 120         |
| ix   | Financial Performance and Business Focus                                  | 150         |
|      | <b>Total</b>                                                              | <b>1000</b> |

## EVALUATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be evaluated by an eminent Panel of Judges who would make the final selection of the awards recipients after the careful review of applications and the outcome of the field verifications.

Panel of Judges would comprise of representatives from the following Institutions/Sectors:

- National Enterprise Development Authority (NEDA)
- Banking Sector
- Government Sector
- Private Sector

## BENEFITS FOR AWARD WINNERS

The Award winners will be entitled to receive the following benefits:

- Provincial and national level recognition
- Provincial and national level publicity through print and digital media
- An opportunity to make their businesses advanced and gain valuable exposure through a preferential treatment from NEDA, Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA) and other Associated institutions

## SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The completed applications should be submitted by hand addressed to the Secretary General/CEO, Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA), No.23,Mamangam Road, Batticaloa to be received on or before 4.00 p.m. on **Friday, 23 October 2026** with the following submission fee.

| Category | LKR      |
|----------|----------|
| Micro    | 2,000/-  |
| Small    | 4,000/-  |
| Medium   | 10,000/- |
| Large    | 20,000/- |

Payment could be made in cash or cheque in favor of “**Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA)**” and crossed A/C Payee only. Once the final application is submitted, the submission fee will not be returned even if the application is withdrawn subsequently.

Our Bank Account details are as follows:

**Bank Account:** Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC

**Account No:** C/A 1105001801

**Account Name:** Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (BDCCIA)  
(Please email us scanned copy of the deposit slip / Online transfer slip to

[battichamberc@gmail.com](mailto:battichamberc@gmail.com); [secretarybdccia@gmail.com](mailto:secretarybdccia@gmail.com)

## AWARD CEREMONY

The Award Ceremony will be held on Saturday, 21 November 2026 at Techno Park, Eastern university, Batticaloa, Srilanka with the association of stakeholders in the Eastern Province.

## CONTACT US



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