

City NGO wins award for work in area of women's empowerment

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MUMBAI: Four non-profit organisations, including Stree Mukti Sanghatana from Mumbai, were awarded Rs 10 lakh each for their work towards women's empowerment on Friday.

The Social Innovation Honours were given by EdelGive Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the financial services firm, Edelweiss. Eight non-government organizations including Akshara, a city-based women's resource centre, were adjudged runners-up and awarded Rs 1 lakh each.

"These awards help in creating awareness and expanding the existing programmes,"

THE WINNING NGOS

Stree Mukti Sanghatana
– Economic Security and Livihoods, Mumbai

Goonj – Health and Well-being, New Delhi

Ashadeep – Health and Well-being, Guwahati, Assam

Video Volunteers – Rights and Representation, Goa

said Jyoti Mhapsekar, founder of Stree Mukti Sanghatana, who received the award for their 10-year-old ParisarVikas (area development) programme. "The programme trains women waste-pickers in waste management such as composting and recycling," said Mhapsekar.

The Foundation received 250 applications from across India and shortlisted 20. "The Tata

Institute of Social Sciences did a field assessment of the short listed NGOs and narrowed them down to three per category," said Vidya Shah, executive director, EdelGive Foundation.

The jury members included former IAS officer Chandra Iyengar, stock market investor trader Rakesh Jhunjunwala and businesswoman Anu Aga.