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CEAT's startup competition for mobility solutions

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HOMEGROWN TYRE MAKER CEAT, the flagship company of RPG Enterprises, has announced the launch of 'Excellerator', a competition aimed at startups offering solutions for new age mobility businesses including connected vehicles, shared mobility services and fleet management/logistics services. The competition will identify entrepreneurs that are addressing large market opportunities in the above areas and that could have close synergies with

CEAT's business.

CEAT has increased its thrust on innovation to align itself with emerging trends in the mobility space. Through Excellerator, CEAT aims to identify and partner with upcoming startups to strengthen its positioning in such areas. The company has already identified these areas (connected, shared and tech enabled fleet management) as having substantial potential and will be aiming to invest and develop strong partnerships with such businesses.

For Excellerator, the applications are



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presently open till September 30. All applications will be evaluated and short-listed by CEAT, with shortlisted entrepreneurs being invited to RPG House in

Mumbai, to showcase their business ideas to a jury comprising of CEAT's senior management. The grand finale will be held in November. The winning startup(s) may get a chance to raise funds from CEAT and gain access to CEAT's business network across India to enhance its reach. The winners would also get mentoring and guidance from CEAT's experienced management.

Anant Goenka MD, CEAT, said, "We are looking forward to bringing on board entrepreneurs who can provide viable solutions for our business needs. Along with the winners, we will work together towards achieving our common goals for the future of the automobile industry."

CEAT has already invested in Tyresmore, an online tyre retailer and doorstep fitment provider, and more recently invested in eFleet Systems – an ERP platform for fleet operators.