

Nilekani backs IIM grad's start-up ideas

New Delhi, Nov. 1: Top business leaders including Deepak Parekh and Nandan Nilekani have come together to back an innovative concept of an IIM graduate penning down 21 innovative ideas in form short stories — all of which can be start-up business opportunities. The ideas include motorcycle taxis, terrace farms, asset sweating, pisciculture, state-to-state tourism promotion, rural medics and fashion sourcing.

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Published by Bloomsbury, the book contains 21 short stories. Mr Nawal said he is reaching out to corporate houses and government departments, both at the Centre and state levels, to take forward the ideas emanating

from each of his 21 stories and has already got positive feedback from many.

Accolades are coming from many quarters, including top banker and eminent industry leader Deepak Parekh, Infosys co-founder and former UIDAI chairman Nandan Nilekani and Dipak C. Jain, former Dean —

Kellogg School of Management and INSEAD. Mr Parekh said the book is "truly inspiring for it offers simple, innovative ideas that may well be transformational."

"Through 21 short stories, the book captures relatable, everyday life experiences of the common man. Each character displays a spirit of true entrepreneurship, reflecting the determination to bring a positive change in India," he said. Mr Parekh, chairman HDFC, said that Mr Nawal has marked his debut as one of India's most promising and thought-provoking new-age authors and 'India Can' is a must-read. —PTI