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Vedant Educator Excellence Award October 15, 2020



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VEDANT AWARD Felicitation Function 2019

On August 30th & 31st, 2019 Contribution to the Education and Best Research Practices Awards were falicitated in a National Conference at Rajkot, Gujarat.













About the Vedant Educator Excellence Award

WHAT...

The Vedant Educator Excellence Award has been announced with a clear and conscious vision of recognising and felicitating the best educators from all over the country. We want to call forward all those individuals who have addressed key education challenges and demonstrated a positive impact on students and in society.

The Educator Excellence Award acknowledges individuals who have contributed in the most holistic way of spreading knowledge and surmounting educational challenges at any level and in all environments.

Each year, the Vedant Educator Excellence Award will recognise and honour 10 such inspirational educators and also felicitate 150 other educators with honourable mentions to form the coveted list of 160 educators who will be stars of the given year.

WHY...

The Vedant Educator Excellence Award has been set up to not only recognise and honour the contributions of noteworthy educators but also to inspire young minds to realise the value of educators in our society. These unsung heroes pledge their life to better the lives of learners by teaching day in and day out, listening to the doubts of students, creating innovative syllabus modules and fine-tuning curriculum to keep up with the times. Some of them are also going above and beyond in developing skill-based trainings and publishing articles and books on the same.

This award aims to encourage and empower the educators in giving their best to the field of education. They have the power to inspire others to take up the vocation of teaching.

We also encourage them to pen down their expertise through publications which can guide future generations.



HOW...

Educators from different streams of education are hereby called upon to submit their applications.

The Vedant Foundation prides itself in its transparency, and the process of selection and shortlisting is open and straightforward. This is a merit-based award with tests to ensure the credibility of genuine applicants. The points will be attributed on the submission of relevant documents and other requirements.

There will be a total of 160 winners who will receive the prestigious Trophy and Certificate of the Educator Excellence Award along with vouchers and other gifts. They would be felicitated in a Gala function arranged by the Vedant Foundation in 2021 (The function is planned in 2021, considering the Covid pandemic situations raised in 2020). Each participant will receive an assured Certificate & Excellence Kit.

Award Declaration is on 15th OCTOBER...

Why?

We have chosen to announce the winners of the Educator Excellence Award on 15th October because it is a very special day. It is the birth anniversary of our beloved Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Dr. Kalam is known to many as the honourable President of India and 'Missile Man' for his accomplishments in science, but in his heart, he was always a teacher first.

His contributions to the field of education were immense. Throughout his lifetime he worked on projects that would provide education to each and every child in India. As a committed educator, he inspired millions of young people to achieve their very best. He also tried to reform the education system by supporting new methods of learning which focused on using the imagination and did not resort to rote learning. He also tried to push students to not be afraid of science because he believed scientific innovation would make India a superpower.

Dr. Kalam always led by example and is an inspiration to educators worldwide. Once, Dr. Kalam was asked how he would love to be remembered by the nation to which he responded that he would love to be remembered as a teacher. Even after serving his term as President, he returned as a visiting professor to institutions like the IIMs and other Indian Universities. He even breathed his last while giving a lecture to students at IIM Shillong. Such was his dedication to teaching even at 83 years of age.

He had said, 'Teachers have to realize that they are the builders of the society'. On this day, we are honoured to celebrate the great Dr. Kalam and felicitate the builders of society who now walk in his footsteps with the Educator Excellence Awards.

By Whom:

Reputed educationalists and top level officials, ministers will be invited in the Felicitation ceremony.

When:

Considering Covid 19 pandemic situations, the award ceremony is planned in the year of 2021. Winners name will be announced online on October 15, 2020, Excellence kit, trophy and gifts will be sent by courier.

WHO CAN APPLY

The 2020 Educator Excellence Award submission procedure accepts applications. This award is felicitated to the individual only. More than one educator can apply from one organisation.

Applicants:



Individual Teachers/ Educators who have dedicated themselves to the education field



School Teachers/ College Teachers/ UG - PG Faculty Members/ Professors / Visiting Faculties



Government/ Private/ Coaching Class/ NGO/ Self Employed, Trainers or Anyone who has actively contributed to education

About Applications:

Applicants need to submit the online registration form followed by the online application form along with the required documents and other formalities before the last day.

Only one application can be submitted for an individual educator. Other educators working for the same organisation need to apply separately.

Applications are accepted in English language only. Video and article submissions are accepted in English or Hindi languages only. No regional languages are accepted.

Applicant must be Indian Citizen.

What are the prizes?

Top 10 Winners will be awarded with cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-, vouchers worth Rs. 6000/-** for Book Publication, Book Listing on Marketplace, Book Promotions on Social Media, Certificate, Trophy, Badge, Journal*, Wall Frame with Certificate.

Top 11 to 160 Winners will be awarded with memento, Certificate, Badge, Journal*, Wall Frame with Certificate, Vouchers of worth Rs. 6000/-** for Book Publication, Book Listing on Market-place, Book Promotions on Social Media.

Rest of all participants will surely get the **certificate**, **medal**, **badge**, **journal***, **Wall Frame with Certificate**, **Voucher** worth Rs. 6000/-** for Book Publication, Book Listing on Marketplace, Book Promotions on Social Media.

Note: * For those only who have submitted article.

The other benefits

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Vedant Educational Services will provide an opportunity for the excellent educators having excellent courses to share their knowledge to more than 1,00,000+ present associated learners of Vedant.



Each participant will be given a special discount on the Vedant online/offline teachers training for the next two years i.e. June 2020 to June 2022.



Disclaimer: The images are just examples. Actual trophy, awards may vary from the posted images.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

- Make a note of the Important Dates provided.
- > The online registration process and fee payment are mandatory.
- The online application form requires submission of documents and other proofs of work. This form can be filled in parts and can be saved online in partial completion state.
- > Once the final date of application submission is done, all the documents and proofs uploaded till that date will be considered for evaluation.
- The point allocation is a straightforward process whose details is given in the shortlisting process section and hence, should not be contested by applicants.
- Vedant Foundation reserves all the rights to evaluate/validate the data and information submitted by the applicant.
- > In order for the application form to be eligible, your submission must...
 - be entered into the official form on the online system
 - be complete and accurate
 - be submitted online by the official deadline

Rejection of the Application:

If application is found with wrong, fake or misguiding information or malpractice etc., Team Vedant will strike the application and application gets rejected automatically. Vedant Foundation holds all the rights to reject the application. In such cases, fee would not berefunded and application will be cancelled automatically.

TERMS & CONDITIONS



Educator Excellence Awards and its judges do not independently verify the information contained in your award application and are relying on you to provide accurate and truthful information in your award entry. In case of copyright or other legal matter, participant/applicant is solely responsible. Vedant Foundation or any representative of Vedant is not liable or responsible for the same.

By taking part in this competition, applicants agree that their personal details will be included in a database owned by the Vedant Foundation, which will be the exclusive custodian of the Vedant Foundation. The said details for the purpose of managing the specified competition and/or future events by Vedant Foundation. Vedant Foundation holds all the rights for the same.

Video and Article contents submitted by the applicant is sole property of Vedant Foundation for publication purpose. Intellectual rights will remain with the applicant.

Vedant Foundation is authorized by the applicant to use their video and text content submitted during application for publishing on YouTube, Website and other platforms. No separate permission is needed by Vedant Foundation from the applicant.

The Vedant Foundation reserves the right to publicise the finalists and the winning projects by means of any kind of communication (internal and/or commercial advertising), through any promotional media (press, magazines, catalogues, websites, etc.) and all over the world. This communication may be in the form of pictures, recordings (audio and video) and texts supplied by each of the finalists and other educators.

The Vedant Foundation reserves the right to modify the conditions of the call for applicants and/or the Awards at any time. Vedant Foundation will not be liable if the awards are extended, shortened, modified or cancelled, or if problems arise with the website or due to loss of materials in email and/or postal services.

Applicants cannot dispute the choice of Finalists or the winning projects nor can they dispute the allocation of the Awards. Applying for the 2020 Educator Excellence Awards implies full acceptance of and respect for these rules by the applicants. Interpretation of these rules falls within the exclusive competence of the Vedant Foundation.

In case if there are any changes/updates in terms, conditions and/or award process, we will notify on your registered email about the same.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Activity	Important Dates
Online Registration Form Filling with payment of fees	15 th June, 2020 to 30 th September, 2020
Submission of supporting documents and media	1 st August, 2020 to 30th September, 2020
Evaluation and Result Preparations	1 st October to 14 th October 2020
Announcement of Winners	15 th October, 2020
Trophy and Certificate Dispatch by Courier	16 th October to 30 th October, 2020
Felicitation in Gala Award Ceremony	2021 (Date will be announced and notification will be sent to all participants.)

Fee: We are charging a token amount of Rs. 1500/- for registration.

Application Link: www.vedant.org.in/awards

Rules, Regulations, Terms & Conditions link: www.vedant.org.in/awards/tc

Helpline: Write us on: awards@vedant.org.in

Call/WhatsApp: 9726999915 / 9106606989

About Vedant Foundation

Meaningful interventions for a global knowledge society

The Vedant Foundation believes that 'Knowledge is Power'. Our main purpose is to empower every individual and organisation that is seeking knowledge. Helping the right education reach each and every person is our goal. We believe through this we can contribute to a purpose filled society. We want to create an ecosystem of meaningful interventions for all kinds of knowledge services.

Since 2014, the Vedant Foundation has been associated with initiatives which tirelessly work towards the upliftment of society through educational programs and trainings. We have conducted trainings for youth on employability skills which in turn boost their confidence and help them get employment. We have also conducted camps to create awareness in the society about girls' education, menstrual health and hygiene, issues of child labour which are concerns that need to be addressed in an informed manner. Along with this we have provided support and guidance to numerous educational institutions in strengthening their teaching and learning methodologies.

We believe in ensuring a bright tomorrow by supporting students and teachers today. What is required is easy access to the right knowledge at the right place and at the right time. The Vedant Foundation plans to create educational institutions to provide students with the best knowledge, best opportunity at the right time.

A seed can grow only when it receives the right conditions, quantity and quality of soil, water and sunlight. Hence, we believe that the hidden potential of students comes forth only when they have excellent teachers that provide the necessary conditions for their growth and nurture their abilities by providing the right environment.

With 'Educator Excellence Award' on 15th October every year, we wish to celebrate the educator whose role is often undervalued in the creation of the next generation of thinkers and change makers. This Award has been set-up to honour educators from all over the country for their accomplishments and contributions in the field of education. We believe their innovative methods, deep commitments, and numerous sacrifices, relentless effort need to be celebrated, commended and venerated. "Educator Excellence Award" is our humble step in that direction.

OUR STORY:

As we made our careers in the field of education we observed many areas which could be improved with a different approach. This journey of being the change we want to see in the world has prompted us to step out of linear career progression to contributing in our own way to society.

Ours are small steps in direction that is the need of the hour - informing and empowering youth leading to long term positive ripple effects!



Goals:

Current goal: Conduct the I'm Ready - MHM program for 1.6 million girls in the menstrual age in Gujarat by 2023.

Starting young - developing new age educational practices and support by engaging and enhancing school education.

To empower young girls with the skill of spoken English and in turn build confidence, spirit of stepping out of their comfort zone, taking on challenges and succeeding.

To empower the young generation with the best possible employability skills, to help them stand on their feet and/or to build a mass of career ready employees

To equip and empower the youth to turn entrepreneurs and support new ideas and ventures through incubation and hand holding

Award best practices in teaching and research across subjects that contribute effectively to the next generation's needs.

We would like to extend the invitation to each one of you - individual, organisation, small/big come let's partner/join hands in gifting through our unique way to the initiatives of change within us to outside of us!

"The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the rose."

THE SHORTLISTING PROCESS

Each applicant will be awarded points as per the guidelines table given below. The maximum points that can be earned are 200.

Sr. No.	Criteria	Details	Maximum Points
1.	Rating the Applicant as an Educator i) Principal (5 Points) ii) Trustee/ Campus Director/ CRC/ BRC/ TPO/ DEO (5 Points) iii) Parents (5 Points) iv) Students (5 Points) v) Teachers (5 Points)	Each person submitting their feedback needs to 'Sign up' to provide their ratings and review. The correct option needs to be selected from the drop-down. Minimum ratings are expected.	25
2.	Conducting Training for Vedant Foundation Each applicant can conduct trainings for Vedant Foundation to earn points or can submit proof of awareness trainings conducted by the applicant in the past. Training must be provided to the needy mass or in any Government school.	Each applicant can conduct trainings or submit proof of past trainings - maximum 3 and will be awarded 5 points for each training. The applicant can submit proof of conducted trainings in form of Photos and/or videos of the sessions conducted at Government schools or to the needy students. Training areas can be from the following list: a) MHM - Menstrual Hygiene Management b) Anti-Child Labour c) Computer Literacy Training d) Health & Hygiene e) Career Guidance f) Yoga g) Self Defence h) Any other awareness topic	15
3.	Article on Teaching Methodology Each applicant can submit a self-written article on their teaching methodology, best teaching-learning processes which have helped the educator to bring the positive change in the learners and society respectively.	Only one submission per applicant and there will be maximum 5 points for an article. Topic Name: 'How to create a positive difference in the lives of learners' with a major focus on Teaching Methods and Innovations. ers and society respectively. The article should be: a) Plagiarism-free content b) Original - Creative Write-up c) Minimum 500 words	5

		d) Format: i) Article Title ii) Authors name, Designation, Institute name, Location iii) Abstract iv) Full Article v) Conclusion if any vi) References if any	
4.	Video Presentation The applicant needs to submit a video introduction about themselves, their achievements and best teaching-learning practices that makes him/her excellent educator.	Only one video submission per applicant is permitted and will be given maximum 5 points for the same. Applicants need to speak on 'My Best Practices in Teaching-Learning Process'. Following instructions need to be followed: a) Presentation format can be: i) PPT/Prezi ii) PDF iii) A lecture iv) Can use animations v) Can be a panel discussion vi) Can use only audio b) Mandatory: i) Audio should be audible ii) The video should be visible iii) Standard Definition or High Definition iv) Minimum time duration: 5 minutes	5
5.	Published Books The applicant can submit the names of the books they have published.	Maximum 5 books can be submitted by each applicant. One point for each book will be allocated. Book ISBN and Title page should be uploaded in the application.	5
6.	Published Articles The applicant can submit the names of the Articles they have published, name of publisher and date of publication.	Maximum 5 articles can be submitted by each applicant. One point will be allocated to each published article. a) For articles published online - Copy and paste the link along with the Certificate. b) If published in print version then scan the pages with a Scanner App and upload along with the Certificate. Also provide the details of publication.	5

7.	Courses Prepared The applicant can submit courses prepared by them in the online or offline mode.	Maximum two courses will be accepted per applicant, and there will be given maximum 5 points for each course. a) For courses published online Copy and paste the link. b) For courses published in hard copy/soft copy but haven't been published anywhere else, upload the full course in PDF format.	10
8.	Awards The applicant can submit the names of the awards they have won in the past.	Each applicant can submit maximum of 3 awards and will be given 10 points for each award. As proof, they will need to upload a photograph and Certificate which will be validated. Any regional, national or international award will be accepted.	30
9.	Teacher's Aptitude Test The applicant needs to appear for an online aptitude test which will have MCQs, True or False Statements and Fill in the blanks.	The test consists of 100 Points. Questions will be related to teaching-learning processes, pedagogy, teaching methods, learning methods, basic computer skills etc. There will be no syllabus or book/material for the test. It is general in nature and does not need separate preparation.	100
	Total Points		200

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