

PRESS NOTE – 5th Educator's Award 2018-19

Education is the most powerful weapon capable to change society and the world as a whole. Education is not just a process to learn facts but it is a tool to train the mind to think innovatively, creatively and critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education. Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself.

The Open Page is a fortnightly educational magazine for the society and is a reflection of modern schools and educational systems. The Open page is, "for the students, by the students and for the educators, by the educators". It is 18 years old, first published on 05 Sep 2000. Today, the circulation is about 15000 in around 3500 schools. The magazine is printed in English and Gujarati languages. This publication provides a common platform for exchange and show-case new ideas, efforts and happenings in the world of school education.

During the journey of 18years, excellent work carried out by educators in various aspects of the education came in light. These innovators who were working to improve the quality selflessly, were not being recognized and encouraged. Therefore urgent need to create a platform to recognize such creative and innovative efforts was felt and in 2014 -15, four years back the first edition of Educator's Award was announced and organized in Ahmedabad. The second award in 2015 – 16 was organized in Rajkot, the 3rd educator award was organized in Surat and the 4th educator award was organized in Vadodara.

This year the host of the award is Shanku's – Divine Child School, a well known education organization of Mehsana. Idea behind the rotation is to make the award popular and invite more and more educators to get nomination and show case their work.

Below are the award categories.

1. Pre-School Educator Award
2. Elementary-School Educator Award
3. Secondary-School Educator Award
4. Diploma / Senior-School Educator Award
5. Teacher's Educator Award
6. Principal of the year Award
7. Social Service(Educational) Award
8. Educator (Special Education) Award
9. Parent of the year Award
10. School Management Educator Award
11. Sanskrit Pathshala Educator Award

¹The procedure of the selection is transparent and is carried out in four stages. The first stage is the school itself that nominates the teachers. We have concept of torch bearers. This year we have about more than 95 torch bearers representing their districts. They are experienced and renowned educators associated with us to assist us in this Nobel cause. These torch bearers then confirm and evaluate the work carried out by the nominated educator. Their report is the second stage of selection process. In the third stage, a committee is formed to short list the nominees based on submissions and the feedback received. A list of short listed candidates in each category is prepared. In the morning of the day of the award function, short listed candidates are called at the venue and are required to give presentation. A panel of jury members; three per category; who are eminent and experienced educationist themselves; select the winner based on the presentation and interview.

The last date for the submission of nominations is December 10, 2018. The Open Page has partnered with almost one thousand schools of Gujarat for this initiative. Among its jury members are the most eminent educators and corporate houses of the state.

The Program date is 2nd February 2019 at Shanku's – Divine Child School.

For nomination forms, any further query and business association please contact: The Open Page, 4th Floor, Vishwa Arcade, Opp. Kumkum Party Plot, Near Akhbarnagar Circle, Nava Wadaj, Ahmedabad 380013; Phone: 079-27621385/86 M. 9825509516, 9586022210, 9375035060; Email: educatorsaward@gmail.com; Website: <http://www.educatorsaward.com>

We, the Open Page team is of the opinion that there is a requirement to recognize the good work carried out by educators in their field, improving teaching and learning abilities. Educator's Award is just an effort in this direction. We request one and all to join in this noble cause and let us celebrate the achievements of educators together.