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## I AM **#WORLDREADY**

The International Award for Young People, India wishes all our readers and stakeholders joy and good health!

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### Events in Focus

Virtual Award Leader Training: **16th - 18th February, 2022**, 9 am to 1:30 pm IST.  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/rsaX1nVwnw5YuXVb8>

### The Award in Action

Continuing our stories to showcase the tenacity, character and determination of Award Participants to continue their Award Journey in these unusual times.



Under the Voluntary Service section of the Award, student **Naincy Maurya**, a Bronze Award Participant of **Jindal Vidya Mandir, Salav** shares her experience with the Award Community:

As a Bronze participant, I've started working on various sections of the Award. I've found myself completely engrossed and grateful while doing so. My parents noticed a positive change in me as well. The Voluntary Service is the most peace-building and inspiring of the three. I feel satisfied and content while doing activities under this section. The smile on the face of the child after understanding a concept gives me immense pleasure. I've also picked up a number of useful skills, including time management, meaningful participation, communication, and so on. All of this has occurred solely as a result of The International Award for Young People, India! My heartfelt gratitude to my school for introducing me to this Award Programme!



### Adults in the Award Satisfaction Survey

The International Award for Young People is committed to offering the best quality support that all adults associated with the Award expect and deserve in order to have an efficient and fun-filled Award journey!

Once a year, we run a satisfaction survey for all Award Units, to allow our dedicated Award Volunteers to express their opinions about the Award, tell us about their experiences delivering the Award, and help us improve the support we give to Award Units.

To get your inputs, we request you to answer a few questions, which will guide us to serve the Award Community more efficiently, simplifying the path of the Award Leader. Please fill the survey [here](#).

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### Call for Award Stories!

The International Award for Young People, India invites all of its Award Participants and Award Leaders to send us write-ups/stories of their Award journeys. The Coronavirus induced pandemic had brought about unprecedented changes and obstacles for all of us. Millions of people around the world have been affected by the COVID-19 virus outbreak. In several places, schools and youth organisations had to be closed and people confined to their homes to reduce the spread of the virus. This proposed a challenge before youth organisations like The International Award for Young People as we all shifted to an online mode of work. However, our young and motivated Award participants did not let the pandemic deter their spirits, and with the help and support of their Award leaders, many have successfully completed the Award. We thus, call upon all our Award Participants and Leaders to share with us their journeys of pursuing the Award during this pandemic. We would love to know and publish your Award success stories in The Award Weekly.

Send us your Award stories and photographs at – [ai@iayp.in](mailto:ai@iayp.in) with the following details:

- **Name**
- **Institution**
- **Award Level**
- **Whether pursuing the Award or completed/Date of Completion**

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### YES Centre Updates

**We welcome the following Institutions into the Award Family:**

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**Introspection Around the World with Manu Jayamohan**

**Brought to you by Minerva University's WHY Series**

As part of the next WHY Series session, we'd like to introduce you to **Manu Jayamohan**, a Class of 2020 graduate.

Manu is a storyteller from Kerala who is enthralled by a stories' ability to evoke a wide range of emotions in people and transport them on a journey that encourages them to reflect on their own lives. He'll talk about his experiences with introspection and self-reflection in seven different cities throughout the world in this session. He'll demonstrate how his worldviews were challenged, allowing him to begin his journey of self-discovery. Manu believes that a learning environment should encourage students to find their passions and recognise their power to make changes. Join us to explore how to promote the discovery of your passions in the same way that Manu did, and how Minerva supported him along the way. Make a note on your calendar for **January 28th, 2022, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. IST**, to meet Manu and have a meaningful discussion. Please contact Jessica Varghese at [varghese@minerva.edu](mailto:varghese@minerva.edu) if you have any queries.

The zoom link for this session is: <https://bit.ly/WhySeries-Manu>

**Join Global Award Alumni Network**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation has set up a **Global Award Alumni Network (GAAN)** with an aim to provide added value for the existing local alumni structures and encourage forming of new structures in those countries where there is no such provision for Award Alumni as of yet. The International Award for Young People, India is proud to announce that we are now an Official Member of The Global Award Alumni Network.

Here's how you can get involved-

**1) The Global Award Alumni Portal is now LIVE! Sign up here- Global Award Alumni Network <https://alumni.intaward.org/>**

2) The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award has set up the official Facebook group for the Global Alumni Network. This group is for Award holders who would like to be involved in and informed about the development of this initiative.

We invite you to join this group at (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlobalAlumniNetwork/>)

3) Opportunities on GAAN

Stay informed about local and global employment, internship and volunteering opportunities on the Global Award Alumni Network. The platform provides job and internship opportunities to Award Alumni. Check out openings here: <https://alumni.intaward.org/>

The Global Award Alumni Network (GAAN) is a platform for you to connect, explore and grow with the International Award Community. We invite all Award Alumni to register on the website and stay connected!

Official member of



## Bronze Level Adventurous Journey during the Pandemic



### Virtual Bronze Exploration of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for Young People

The International Award for Young People (IAYP) is happy to announce the release of the **Virtual Bronze Exploration for the Bronze Award Participants**.

The Virtual Bronze Exploration is a re-imagined virtual exploration that will help to develop the group work and team skills that underpin the aim of the Adventurous Journey section of the Award. These are core life skills that many people have learnt and used for their livelihoods over the period of lockdown. We believe that these will become increasingly important life skills for everyone.

Due to the restrictions in place in the country to halt the spread of COVID-19, we have developed this Virtual Exploration to provide an opportunity for young people to stay active and complete their Award Journey. This activity will help to develop the same group working and planning skills that are expected by all Adventurous Journeys. The Virtual Bronze Exploration is completed in 5 stages:

- i. Stage 1: Preparation & Training (Part A & Part B)**
- ii. Stage 2: Group Planning**
- iii. Stage 3: Practice**
- iv. Stage 4: Virtual Journey (Expedition)**
- v. Stage 5: Research Project (Exploration)**

The Preparation & Training stage (Stage 1) will be useful and act as a base level of knowledge for your Adventurous Journeys at the Silver and Gold levels. The Planning stage (Stage 2) will ensure that the whole group works together. The Practice Journey stage (Stage 3) is your chance to test some of the ideas in your plan. The day of activity for the virtual Journey in stage 4 is intended to give a flavour of a physical expedition, using videos of virtual walks from some beautiful parts of the world.

All YES Centres (and OAC Participants) are requested to write to [vbe@dofe.in](mailto:vbe@dofe.in) to get the required files and links and assist their participants to complete their Bronze Level

## Online Record Book (ORB) Training



## The International Award for Young People and the Cambridge Assessment International Education

The International Award for Young People is presently working with Cambridge Assessment International Education in providing new ways to broaden the curriculum in the education world in India. Both our organisations believe that learning should not be confined to the classroom, but should also take place in the school environment and wider community.

Already a Cambridge International school?

If you are already a Cambridge International school and want to register for The International Award for Young People please complete [The International Award for Young People - Expression of Interest form](#).

Already delivering The International Award for Young People?

If you are already delivering The International Award for Young People and want to become a Cambridge International school please complete [Cambridge International school - Expression of Interest form](#).



# Cambridge Assessment International Education

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Millions of people around the world have been affected by the COVID-19 virus outbreak. The safeguarding of all those connected to the Award – be they participants, volunteers or staff – is paramount and we know that you will be looking to your local public health bodies to ensure risks are managed appropriately in your Award Unit.

We recognize that the virus can make it difficult for some Award participants to maintain Award activities, but it doesn't have to. [Click here](#) for some creative ways for participants to continue their Award activities at home, whilst providing enough evidence to their Assessors and Award Leaders that they can continue progress to their goals.

It is paramount that anyone considering undertaking Award activities outside of the home in areas affected by the COVID-19 virus outbreak must consult their local public health authorities before doing so.

For any queries get in touch with the National Office at [ai@iayp.in](mailto:ai@iayp.in)

World Health Organization Advice for Public: [click here](#)

Tips to build resilience and tackle the challenges of isolation during COVID-19: [Click here](#)

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