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

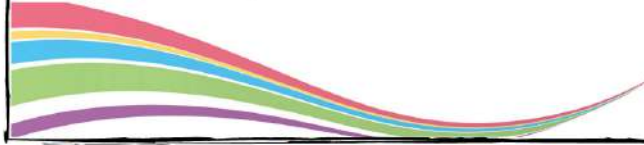
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

An update of the ORB will be released which will be for approximately 7 hours (12:30 pm to 7:30 pm IST) on Monday 10th of January. Therefore the ORB will not be available as a service for the duration. You will also be able to see a message on the website. Apologies for any inconvenience that this causes.



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### Events in Focus

**17th January 2022: Virtual Adventurous Journey Webinar, 16:00 to 17:00 Hour**  
Register here: <https://forms.gle/Gv3A3m8whzFiYTGa8>

**19th - 21st January, 2022: Virtual Award Leader Training, 09:00 to 13:30 Hours**  
<https://forms.gle/ijdUkZ6aPtDT7ayU9>

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### 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.**





**Divyanshi Sharma**, Gold Award Holder from DPS NTPC Vidyut Nagar, UP shares her Award Journey from scratch to finish.



Part 2:

The day I started my Silver Award journey, I realized that it would help me to inculcate all the values that a leader needs to have. My journey with the Gold Award helped me to master those skills further. For me, the service I provided was like a job, and the physical recreation activity instilled in me the passion that teamwork teaches. I had been a Badminton player and represented my school to many Badminton tournaments organized by CBSE and DPS Society. In the tournaments, I used my team-spirit skill that I learned in the IAYP Award Program and brought numerous laurels to the school, which changed my personality even more. Another skill I learned throughout my Residential Project was how to deal with societal problems. Rasoolpur and Bishada, both in Uttar Pradesh, had already been adopted by the school. I spent less than a week there, educating the people on cleanliness, menstrual hygiene, and other topics. Being on the outskirts for so long, discovering new things and making decisions on my own made me a responsible child. There were several adventures which removed my fear and also helped me in developing a sense of team work, kindness and of being helpful to others. I've since discovered that the Duke of Edinburgh Award has been the best source of learning values, knowing how to be fearless, maturing, and adding countless valuable experiences for every young person who has enrolled for the Award from all over the world. Personally, I believe that parents should enroll their children in the Award without hesitation or second thoughts. I am thankful to The International Award for Young People, my Award Leader, my school principal, my parents and my peer group for motivating and encouraging me to participate in all activities organized by The Award Program. I am now, a Gold Award Holder!





### 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**

### YES Centre Updates

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

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## 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 Award Journey

## Online Record Book (ORB) Training




THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL  
BE CONDUCTING

ONLINE RECORD BOOK TRAINING FOR  
ALL AWARD LEADERS

Certificate Course











Interested? Contact us at: [orb@doie.in](mailto:orb@doie.in)

## 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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