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

Greetings for Vaisakhi!



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Events in Focus

National Award Leader Training Workshop - New Delhi

Date: (2 days) 24th and 25th April, 2025

Venue: Maple Hall: Habitat World at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi –

110003, Entry Gate: (Gate No: 3 on Vardhaman Marg)

Registrations Closed

Important Update on the Adventurous Journey Section as part of The Award Programme

We are excited to announce a flexibility to the Adventure Journey requirements:

- -Bronze Level: The Practice Adventure Journey can be waived if the NAO considers that adequate preliminary training is done, and the requirements of the Adventurous Journey. This adjustment is aimed at making the Award Programme more accessible and encouraging wider participation at the introductory level.
- -Silver & Gold Levels: The Practice Adventure Journey remains a mandatory component. Participants at these levels are required to complete The Preliminary Training, the Practice Journey and the Qualifying Journeys to meet the programme's standards.

This change allows participants to focus on enjoying the experience of self discovery from the Adventure Journey experience at Bronze while maintaining the rigor and leadership development elements at Silver and Gold levels.

For any clarification/assistance, please contact the programme team.

The Award in Action - The Lawrence School, Sanawar



Gold Residential Project (June 2024)

The Award Journey meant a lot to me, as it wasn't just my dream but also the dream of someone very close to me: my mother. From my childhood, she assured me that she would make sure her children experienced the world just as she had. Although her journey was cut short, it seemed destined that I would continue this dream. Though she has travelled the world enough, the place which she adored the most was 'Africa' the jungles, the safaris, the culture, the people and the beauty and I was given the chance to visit the same.

So, as the universe conspired, I received the news of my exchange program on the day - 2nd of November, a date of immense personal significance. The timing of this news, on such a special day, filled me with a mix of joy and tears. It felt like someone was making sure that I carried on the journey, be it on my own.

With mixed emotions, I packed my bags and flew to St. Stithian's College in Johannesburg, South Africa. Upon arrival, my host family welcomed me warmly. At St. Stithian's, I embraced every opportunity, whether in the classroom or on the sports field. I attended all available classes, built strong bonds with my teachers (many of whom I am still in touch with), and even taught some classes myself. Though not a natural at math (despite being the daughter of a math teacher), I managed to help students through Mr. Pants; classes.

In the field of sports, along with my favourite sport - football, I entered the fields to play rugby, hockey, tennis and tried every possible game. I believe that we meet people for certain reasons. So, when things were going tough for me there, I met my mentor Grace Tillet who along with her mother took care of me in countless ways. Needless to say, they walked the extra mile for me. I traveled to Cape Town, Durban, and other places, gaining invaluable experiences. One such experience is that penguins do not look as cute in reality as they look in the Madagascar movies. However, nothing compares to our India and our beloved Sanawar! I strived to uphold the spirit of being a True Sanawarian, making sure that both our schools and our country's flags flew high.

In life there are days when you have to walk alone, days when you realize that even if there is nobody with you, you are always with you, it takes courage to walk alone and those who learn to do so can handle anything that comes their way. Certainly, I am World Ready after this incredible experience of life. Never give in.

-Report by **Inaaya Kumar**, **Gold** Award participant, **The Lawrence School**, **Sanawar**









Adults in the Award Satisfaction Survey

Are you an Award Leader, AJ Assessor/Supervisor, or an adult supporting the delivery of The Award Programme? If yes, we'd love to hear your thoughts! The Adults in the Award Satisfaction Survey is open until June 2025, and your feedback will guide improvements to The Award Programme.

Share your insights today: Adults in the Award Satisfaction Survey 2025

Participant Satisfaction Survey

We value your feedback! If you're about to complete or have recently completed a level of The Award, please take a moment to share your experience through the Participant Satisfaction Survey. Your insights will help us enhance the Award journey for future participants.

Access the survey here: Participant Satisfaction Survey 2025

Photo Gallery

The IAYP Gold Award Ceremony 2025 was a vibrant celebration of young people and their resilience and service. From powerful speeches by distinguished guests like Shri Naveen Jindal and Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh to mesmerizing performances and symbolic moments like the "Canvas of Achievement," the event reflected the spirit of growth and purpose. Gold Awardees and Award Leaders stood tall, supported by proud families, as they were honoured for their remarkable journeys. A truly golden day of inspiration and impact!













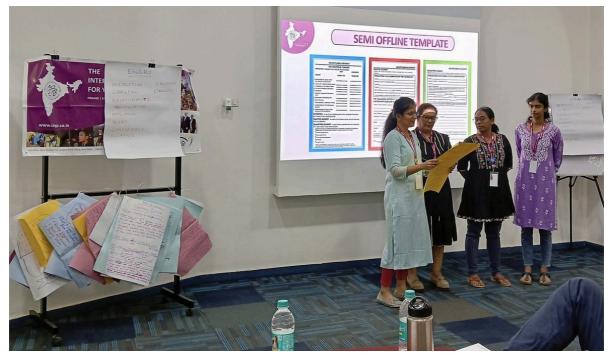
A productive meeting with Mr. B. Mahender Reddy, CEO of Sancta Maria International School, Faridabad, followed by a student orientation and Award Leaders briefing!





National Award Leader Training Workshop - Bengaluru, Karnataka - 25th and 26th March, 2025





Meeting with the leadership team at Sarala Birla Academy, Bengaluru



Share Your Award Journey and Inspire Others!

The International Award for Young People, India is excited to invite all Award Participants and Leaders to share their extraordinary Award journeys. We want to hear your stories of determination, growth, and personal triumphs!

Whether you're starting or have completed it The Award, your story matters! It will be featured in **The Award Weekly** and our social media handles, inspiring others. Share your story at **askme@dofe.in** with your name, institution, Award level, and completion date. Let's celebrate personal growth and perseverance together!

Let your story be the guiding light that inspires others to overcome challenges and strive for greatness. Your voice matters, and we can't wait to celebrate your achievements!

Note - Please share the appropriate consent form for any media along with your submission to NAO: IAYP Consent Form for Media



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.

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