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

Greetings for Onam and Happy Teacher's Day!



Events in Focus

National Award Leader Training Workshop - Chandigarh

Date & Time: 25 & 26 September (Thursday and Friday); 8:30 AM to 5 PM

Venue: Lemon Tree Hotel, Plot No: 3 MW, Industrial Area Phase I, Chandigarh -160002

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/NUSZjopAe4h1BeCM8

Last Few Seats Remaining!

The Award in Action - Teacher's Day Special Edition!

Teacher's Day 2025

As the IAYP Mentor, I have been fortunate to be nurtured and supported by My Honourable Principal, Dr. Ekta Dhawan, whose vision has been the cornerstone of every milestone we have achieved. Her unwavering encouragement enabled our students to step out of their comfort zones and dedicate themselves to meaningful causes—whether teaching underprivileged children, conducting cleanliness drives, extending care and donations at Kusht Ashram, or staging Nukkad Nataks to raise awareness on pressing issues like drug addiction and environmental degradation. She Always Guide me For each step. Beacuse of Her Guidancel Received layp award on the basis of Voluntary Service.





Special Thanks

Award Leader Anju Datt Bhardwaj

For your unwavering encouragement, guidance, and support throughout my IAYP journey. Your belief in my abilities made this musical achievement possible.

"Thank you for being the melody that kept me going when learning the guitar seemed difficult."

Happy Teachers' Day!

To all the amazing teachers at OP Jindal Modern School, Hisar Your dedication shapes our future and inspires us every day.

With gratitude, Tanvi



Dear Principal Nandita Sahu Ma'am

In the garden of education, you are the nurturing sun, Whose warmth and wisdom help young dreams to run.

You believed in IAYP when it was just a vision,
Your faith transformed it into our mission.
With open arms, you welcomed this noble cause,
Never hesitating, never seeking pause.

When resources were needed, you opened every door,
When challenges arose, you encouraged us to soar.
Your leadership style, so gentle yet strong,
Has been our guiding melody, our inspiring song.

Under your guidance, OPJMS has grown,
A place where young talents are carefully sown.
You've created an environment where dreams take flight,
Where every child's potential burns bright.

Through IAYP expeditions on mountains high,
Through service projects that reach the sky,
Your support has been our constant companion,
Making every achievement our shared champion.

On this Teachers' Day 2025, with gratitude so deep, Your kindness and support, forever we'll keep. Thank you, dear Principal, for believing in our way You make every moment a Teachers' Day!

With immense gratitude and respect,

Anju Datt Bhardwaj

IAYP Award Leader

Nurturing Journeys, Nurturing Myself: My Path as an Award Leader

By Anita Basera, Amity International School, Mohali



My journey with the International Award for Young People (IAYP) began in 2015, when I stepped into the role of Award Leader at Amity International School, Vasundhara Sector-6. At that time, I was only beginning to explore the depth of the Award. Over the years, I immersed myself in its ethos, learning the programme inside out, and most importantly, mentoring students as they embarked on their own award journeys.

Each cohort brought fresh energy and unique challenges. Guiding students year after year, watching them persevere through their chosen skills, adventures, and voluntary service, and celebrating their success at the completion of the Award has been deeply fulfilling. What made this work truly meaningful was not just supporting individual growth but also

creating community-based programmes that extended impact far beyond the school walls.







Reflections on Leadership

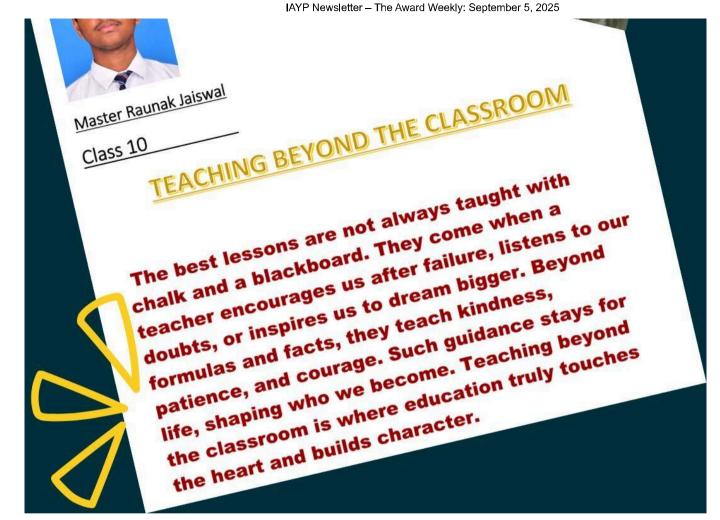
The privilege of guiding young minds

As an Award Leader, I've had the extraordinary privilege of witnessing transformations that go far beyond certificates and achievements. I've seen shy students evolve into confident leaders, watched anxious teenagers conquer their fears on mountain trails, and observed young hearts expand with compassion through community service.

Each IAYP journey I facilitate is unique, yet they all share common threads: the initial uncertainty, the gradual building of confidence, the moments of breakthrough, and finally, the profound sense of accomplishment. My role isn't just to guide them through the program requirements - it's to be their cheerleader, their safety net, and sometimes, their gentle push toward greatness.

The most rewarding moments come not from the ceremony where they receive their awards, but from the quiet conversations where they share how the program has changed their perspective on life, on challenges, and on their own potential.







International Award For Young People



"To every teacher, thank you. Your dedication and often working hard behind the scenes are essential part in students life."

Master Keshav Agarwal

Class 10

TEACHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Classrooms have always been regarded as the "Temple of Education." For centuries, they have been the sacred spaces where knowledge is shared and received. Yet, the truth is that the most important and lifechanging lessons are not always confined within four walls. One doesn't need a classroom to teach; what one truly needs is the determination to inspire.

The ultimate source of wisdom and values has always been our teachers. From the great Emperor **Ashoka** to the legendary warrior **Arjuna**, every path of greatness was illuminated by the guiding light of a teacher. From a very young age, children look up to their teachers, often trying to emulate them, carrying their influence far beyond the classroom.

Our teachers are not only respected within the classroom but also beyond it because of their moral values

dedication, and selfless work. Their lives inspire us to strive for something meaningful—something that earns respect and appreciation from people around us.

Teachers have taught us invaluable lessons:

- · Through their cooperation with colleagues, they show us the value of team spirit.
- On occasions like Children's Day or other school events, when they lead together in unison, they teach
 us leadership, teamwork, and collaboration by example.

There are countless lessons we absorb from our teachers, but above all, they instill in us the belief that we can be the change we wish to see in the world.

So today, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to **all my teachers**. Each one of you has played a role in shaping not just my education, but also my character, my values, and my dreams. You are the guiding lights who continue to illuminate our paths, reminding us that teaching is not just a profession—it is a mission of shaping lives.

Thank you, dear teachers, for being our mentors, motivators, and second parents.



- 1) On this teacher's day I want to express
 my sincere gratitude for your guidance
 and support you truly make learning a joy.

 Rima Nath
- 2) To our Dedicated teachers thank you for your endless support and guidance. You truly inspire us to be our best. Happy

teacher's day..

- Roumi Mondal

Thank you for lighting up our learning journey. Happy teacher's day.

- Riya Das

4) Thank you, teachers, for guiding us, inspiring us, and for your endless patience and dedication to our education. We are grateful for everything you do to shape our future and make learning a joyful experience.

- Samarpita Maity

A Journey of Gratitude

From Bronze to Silver, then shining Gold, You walked beside us, calm and bold. In service to others, our hearts you stirred, With every kind action, you shaped each word.

Through fields of effort, in play and skill, You taught us patience, strength, and will. Each recreation, each task we tried, Your steady guidance was our pride.

On mountain trails and rivers wide, In every journey, you were our guide. Award Leaders, mentors true and dear, We thank you deeply, year by year.

By: S. SADHANA HAL NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL



Reflections of an Award Leader

Over the past three years as an Award Leader, I've had the privilege of mentoring passionate youth through transformative experiences. From organizing record-breaking seedball drives to guiding their first adventure trek to Mullayanagiri, each moment was a lesson in resilience and teamwork. Volunteering with Vatsala's special children deepened their empathy, while physical recreation and skill development-built confidence and discipline. Watching them grow through service, challenge, and creativity has been deeply rewarding. I've seen shy participants become bold leaders, and every step of their journey reminded me why nurturing potential is the most powerful form of leadership. I sincerely thank the management for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout this journey.





Reflections of an Award Leader: A Journey of Learning and Gratitude

"Behind every achievement are inspired participants, a supportive Principal, and a committed Management—the true pillars of the Award journey".

Over the past three years, my journey as an Award Leader has been both fulfilling and transformative. Guiding and mentoring participants through the Award programme has allowed me to witness their growth, resilience, and ability to take responsibility for their own learning. One of the proudest moments was leading the record-making seedball activity, where students collectively prepared and planted 5,500 seedballs—an inspiring example of youth engagement in environmental conservation. Our first Adventurous Journey to Mullayangiri tested our endurance, teamwork, and leadership in real-life conditions, leaving lasting memories of courage and camaraderie.

Equally rewarding was their community service with the children of HAL Vathsalya, which fostered empathy, patience, and inclusivity. Through regular physical recreation activities, students developed fitness, discipline, and perseverance, while the Skills section enabled them to explore creativity and personal interests with commitment and dedication.

This holistic journey of service, adventure, skill, and fitness has shaped not only the participants but also me as a mentor. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our respected Principal and the school Education Committee for their unwavering support and encouragement in enabling the smooth

conduct of the Award programme.

Name: Ms. Preet Kaur

School: HAL New Public School- Bangalore

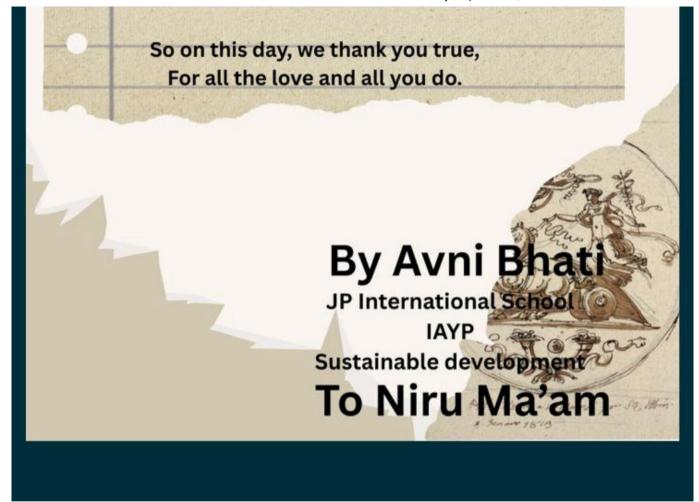


Happy Teacher's Local Day Day Juns i for Lappy Teacher's

A teacher is a guiding star,
Who shows us who we truly are.
With gentle words and patient care,
You teach us lessons everywhere.

You shape our thoughts, you help us see,
The best that we can ever be.
You light the way, remove the fear,
With every step, you're always near.

Not just in books, but life you teach,
With dreams and goals within our reach.
Your wisdom shines, both kind and bright,
You fill our hearts with endless light.



As an Award Leader, under the guidance of my Director, Major General TPS Waraich, VSM (Retd) I have had the privilege of mentoring my students through the IAYP journey. With his support and encouragement I was able to guide participants in performing all four activities-Community service, Skill development, Physical Recreation and Adventurous journeys. Witnessing their growth, discipline, and confidence has been deeply rewarding, and it strengthens my belief in the transformative power of the Award.

"Guiding each step with care and cheer,

Watching my students grow year by year.

Through skills, service, and journeys wide,

Their courage and spirit fill me with pride."

- Amit Sood.

(Mathematics Faculty Sr. School & IAYP Award Leader)



Yadavindra Public School,

Through mountains high and trials deep,
You walked with courage, a flame to keep.
With every step, every long breath on the trail,
You taught me that strength never fails.

Your smile, so lovely and bright,
It fails the shining moon at night.
Your effort to make us world ready,
You've shown the best i can be.

Even when life threw storms at me.

I remembered your undauntedness, and faced all problems with fearlessness.

Now here i say,
Ma'am I'm grateful.
With every lesson, every laughter filled moment,
You are a mentor, a friend so true,
Im stronger now, because of you.

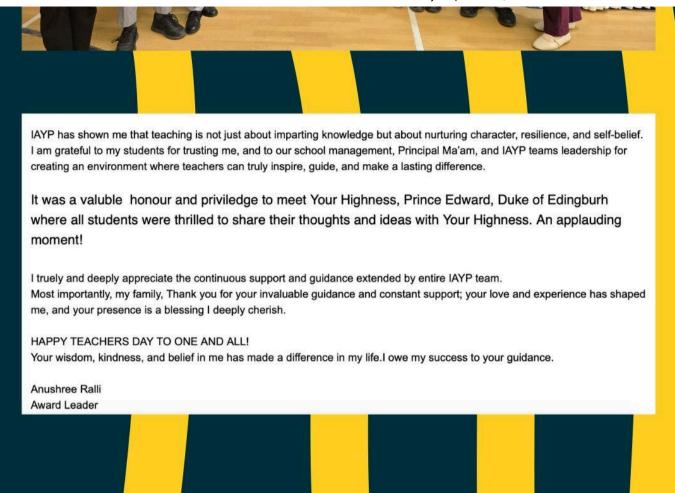
- Khushi Vermani La Martiniere Girls' College, Lucknow.

I ALWAYS WANT TO LEAD THE WAY I AM LED!

I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed Chairperson, Dr. (Mrs.) Amita Chauhan Ma'am, our Honourable Founder President, Dr. Ashok K. Chauhan Sir, and our Respected Principal, Ms. Meenu Kanwar Ma'am, for their constant guidance, encouragement, and vision. Their support has led me not only to educate but also mentor students through programs like IAYP, helping them grow into responsible, confident, and compassionate individuals.

As a teacher and Award Leader, my greatest joy comes from seeing my students learn, explore, and overcome challenges; whether in the classroom or through their Award journeys. Watching them progress from Bronze to Silver and now to Gold, I have seen hesitant students gain confidence, quiet ones find their voice, and determined ones cultivate patience. Each moment of teaching, mentoring, and guiding has been deeply rewarding.





Name: Priyamvada Rao

School: Amity International School, Mayur Vihar

I, Priyamvada Rao of Class 12-D, Amity International school, Mayur Vihar, have had the privilege of being guided by my Award Leader Ms. Anushree Ralli, through every stage of my IAYP journey; from achieving my Bronze and Silver medals to now working towards my Gold level Award. For the past four years, she has been a constant source of support and guidance, not just to me but to the entire IAYP community in my school. Through setbacks, challenges, moments of doubt, and even the silliest of problems, her encouragement has always pushed me forward.

What makes her role so special is the way she has been present in every aspect of the experience, not only helping me grow within the Award but also teaching me lessons that go far beyond it. Her belief in me has never wavered, and that consistency has made all the difference in my growth.

I am deeply grateful for her mentorship and for the bond of care and support we share. Her dedication to guiding all of us reminds me every day of the value of having a mentor who truly cares and goes above and beyond to support your growth.

Warm Regards, Priyamvada Rao

My Award Leader has been more than a guide—
a mentor who walked beside me, showing me patience when I struggled, and celebrating even my smallest wins.

Through the Award journey, you taught me discipline, resilience, and confidence.

Your support turned challenges into learning, and experiences into milestones. Thank you for being the teacher who makes every step feel meaningful.

- Kripali Agarwal, CS International, Erode

I honestly don't know how to put into words the memories I cherish and the endless love my mentors, Ms. Chitra SL and Mr. Shanmugasundar, have poured into me throughout this IAYP journey. Their guidance hasn't just helped me achieve an award—it has shaped who I am, and I can't thank them enough.

Their love for nature inspired me to see the world differently, to step outside, explore, and appreciate every little thing around me. Their incredible patience taught me how to talk to people calmly, build relationships, and face challenges without getting frustrated. Their kindness gently nudged me toward voluntary service, something I never enjoyed as a child, but now I feel proud to contribute and help others.

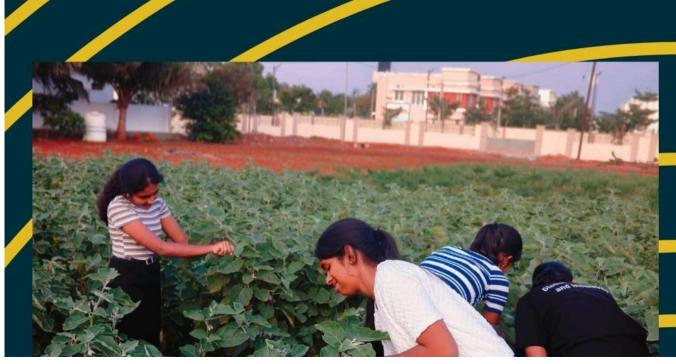
Through practice sessions and adventurous journeys, they stayed by our side, tolerating our whining, helping us face our fears of heights and insects, and guiding us with such calmness and love. They didn't just teach—they nurtured, inspired, and transformed me. Even now, they patiently help us with goal-setting and self-improvement, believing in us even when we doubt ourselves.

I am forever grateful to them, and I love them more than words can say. Happy Teachers' Day, Ma'am and Sir!

From:

CS Academy, International, Erode

G Shivanikha





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I am truly grateful to my Award Leader for being a role model throughout this journey. Your guidance went beyond instructions—you gave us the confidence to take initiative, to learn from mistakes, and to discover our own strengths. You showed us that the Award is not only about goals, but also about the process of becoming better each day. Your encouragement made difficult tasks feel possible, and your constant support helped us stay motivated. Thank you for shaping this experience into one that will stay with me for a lifetime.

- Pyndah Lakshmi Cs academy International



Master Harsh Kumar

Class 10

"GUIDES BEYOND THE BLACKBOARD, MENTORS BEYOND MEASURE"

TEACHING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Today, I remain profoundly grateful to those mentors who discerned potential in me when I could not, transforming fear into faith and doubt into determination. They were more than educators; they were inspirers who ignited curiosity and confidence. With patience, they nurtured not only my intellect but also my character, teaching that failure is not defeat but a stepping stone to success. Their wisdom, integrity, and compassion still resonate within me, echoing their timeless reminder: "You have brilliance in you; don't hide it behind fear."



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CS Academy, International, Erode

G Shivanikha

The IAYP journey seems like it should be about completing activities, but I've undertaken it to grow as a person. While giving back to the land by planting trees, or simply engaging with the elders at the old age home, every action performed has taught me something very valuable. However, it is the guidance I have received which has set me apart from the rest. Having an award in guidance is a strong pillar, especially when it comes to my progress—cheering me up during tough times, helping me

On the day of this Teacher's Day, I commemorate the mentors who inspire us in a hushed yet impactful way. Your faith in us has turned ordinary memories into unforgettable memories and made this Award journey something I will cherish for a lifetime.

On Teachers' Day, it is a privilege to honour my IAYP Award Leader—someone whose guidance and encouragement made Latienge a lesson in confidence and teamwork. or for me my award leader guiding and encourage from my silver journey

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My Award Leader, Ms. Maryam, has been an incredible source of guidance and inspiration throughout my award journey. I have known her since I was 9 years old, and she has consistently encouraged me to challenge myself and explore new opportunities. She has nurtured my skills in fine arts and calligraphy, guided me to manage tasks efficiently, and inspired me to use my creativity without restrictions.

Her advice and support have made each activity a meaningful learning experience, helping me reflect on my strengths and push beyond my comfort zone. I am grateful for her mentorship, which has not only enhanced my award journey but also taught me valuable lessons that I will carry forward in life.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Best regards,
Aishwarya Mitra
Amity International School Noida



Pooja Gautam

Report on the Guidance of My Mentor Ms. Pooja Gautam (Award Leader)

Bawa Lalvani public school Kapurthala

The International Award for Young People (IAYP) has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life. It has not only given me opportunities to grow but has also shaped my character in ways I never imagined. Behind this growth stands my mentor Ms. Pooja Gautam, whose guidance and inspiration have played a very important role in my journey.

From the very beginning, Ms. Pooja encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and engage with activities that would make me more responsible, compassionate, and confident. One of the most impactful experiences was our visit to Shri Shri Vidya Mandir as part of the IAYP program. Until then, I never really thought deeply about the struggles of underprivileged children. I used to see poor kids but hardly gave any thought to what their lives might actually be like.

My teachers have played a very important role in my IAYP activities. From the very beginning, they guided me with patience and care, helping me understand every step of the process. They encouraged me to explore new skills, take part in community service, and stay committed to my goals. Whenever I faced any challenges, they motivated me, gave me confidence, and helped me find solutions instead of giving up. Their constant support made every activity not only meaningful but also enjoyable, and it inspired me to work harder and learn more. I truly feel that without their guidance, I would not have been able to grow in the same way or achieve so much during this journey. I am deeply grateful to them for their time, kindness, and dedication.

Gaurika Mehta 11th Grade,

Dharav High School, Ajmer Road, Jaipur

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the Award Leaders and Mentors of the **International Award for Young People (IAYP)** for their constant support and guidance throughout this journey.

Whether it was the **selection of activities**, **setting meaningful goals**, or even deciding on the **weekly schedules**, you were always there to help us—both online and offline. Your patience, encouragement, and dedication made each step smoother and more meaningful.

I truly hope to succeed in this Award journey, not just for myself but **especially for our mentors**, who have been our guiding lights from the very beginning. I wish to dedicate my achievement in this program to all of you.

Thank you once again for believing in us and being there at every step.

With gratitude,

Grade 9 B Dharav High School, Ajmer Road, Jaipur

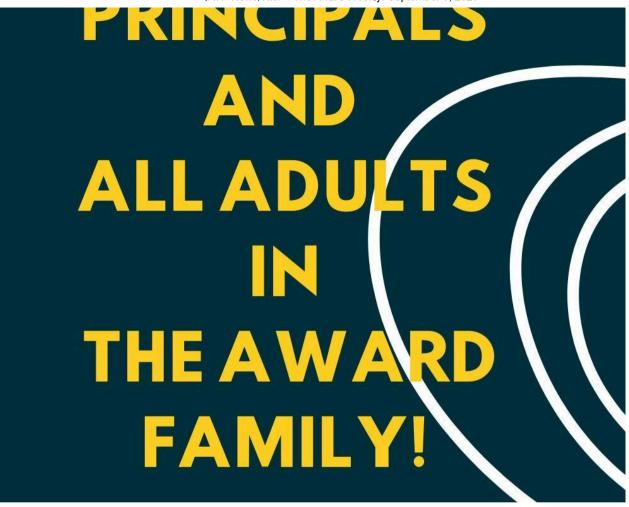
During my time in the IAYP, the teachers have been really helpful and are continuing to guide me as well as the other students. They are patient, understanding and motivating when it comes to helping us refine our skills and interests. They have helped us learn about the rules and benefits. By guiding us towards finishing our goals and making a full use of the programme, they are truly setting a great example for us to follow when it comes to finishing our goals. I feel grateful and motivated for having such helping and courageous teachers to help me throughout this programme.

Naisha Shekhawat

Class 9 D

Dharav High School, Ajmer Road, Jaipur





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

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