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

***Greetings for a Happy International Women's Day on March 8!***



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## Event in Focus

### National Award Leader Training Workshop - New Delhi

Date: 23 & 24 March, 2026 (Mon-Tue)

Venue: Maple Hall: Habitat World at India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Timings: 09:00 am to 5:00 pm (both days)

Registration Fee: Rs.4000/-

Last date to register: 10th March, 2026

Registration Link- <https://forms.gle/XsTtBKuAXpvC7DgY9>

## Announcement: Annual Gold Award Ceremony 2026

The International Award for Young People, India is pleased to announce that the Annual Gold Award Ceremony 2026 is tentatively scheduled to be held on 20th and 21st April 2026 at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.

**Kindly note that the last date for submission of Gold Award Diaries is 20th March 2026.**

Further details regarding invitations and programme schedule will be shared in due course. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our Gold Awardees!

## Key Insights - 2025 Participant Satisfaction Survey - India

The findings of the 2025 Participant Satisfaction Survey for India were recently shared during a call with The Award Foundation, providing valuable insights into participants' experiences across the Award programme. Participants highlighted personal growth and self-development as the most impactful outcome of their Award journey. Skills development, including leadership, teamwork and time management, also emerged as a significant benefit. Many participants reflected positively on the Adventurous Journey and the opportunity to engage in new experiences and challenges, which helped build confidence, resilience and independence. Overall, the findings reflect the strong and growing impact of the Award in India. By encouraging young people to challenge themselves, develop new skills and contribute to their communities, the Award continues to inspire a generation of confident, capable and compassionate individuals! With each new participant, the Award strengthens its mission of shaping a generation that is truly #WorldReady.



*Reviewing India's 2025 Participant Satisfaction Survey findings with The Award Foundation team!*

**The Award in Action - Bawa Lalvani Public School,  
Kapurthala**



*“Awareness creates understanding and service turns understanding into action.”*  
*-Bawa Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala*

I, Nikhil Shori had the opportunity to take part in a community service visit to a Leprosy Home along with my class. The visit was aimed at extending care and support to the residents, especially the elderly and differently abled individuals. Interacting with the residents through meaningful conversations and continuous engagement helped address their social and emotional needs, and it was heartening to see them feel valued, respected and truly wanted. We also encouraged them to reconnect with their relatives and friends in an effort to rebuild broken relationships. As part of our service initiative, we distributed food and clothes to the residents. Additionally, we presented a street play titled “Drug Addiction” as an awareness campaign to educate and sensitize the audience. This visit was a deeply enriching experience for me, as it strengthened my sense of empathy, social responsibility, and awareness.

I also had the privilege of participating in a community service activity as part of The International Award for Young People; where our Form IX group volunteered at Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Vidyalaya, an initiative of the Art of Living. Teaching and interacting with children from the area was a deeply humbling and enriching experience that strengthened my sense of social awareness and responsibility. Along with academic engagement, we donated winter clothes and packed food items to support their daily needs. We also spent time playing games with the children in the garden, creating moments of joy and laughter that we will cherish forever. The event, aptly titled “Happy Learning and Happy Teaching,” truly reflected the spirit of the day. One of the most meaningful lessons I took away from this experience was that spreading happiness returns to us in manifold ways. The cheerful smiles on the children’s faces filled me with immense joy, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to serve the community.

Alongside this, I also had the honour of participating in sewa at the State Gurdwara Sahib along with the Grade IX Blossoms and IX Commendables. We engaged in meaningful service by supporting construction work, lifting bricks, clearing pathways,

and assisting on-site tasks with sincerity, strength, and dedication. Beyond the physical effort, this experience taught us humility, discipline, and the true essence of selfless service. We also took part in Langar Sewa, distributing food, cleaning utensils, and ensuring the Gurdwara premises remained clean and welcoming. This was not merely about building structures, but about building character and values. Through this sewa, I learned that true service begins where comfort ends, and serving others with devotion brings a deep sense of peace, gratitude, and spiritual fulfillment.

Lastly, I participated in a Nukkad Natak performed at the railway station and the local Sabzi Mandi, focusing on important social themes such as Save Environment, Drug Addiction, and Save Earth. Performing in public spaces allowed us to directly engage with people from different walks of life and spread awareness in a powerful and impactful way. Through our street play, we aimed to educate and sensitize the public about the harmful effects of drug addiction and the urgent need to protect our environment. This experience boosted my confidence, strengthened my communication skills, and deepened my sense of social responsibility. Most importantly, it made me realise how creative expression can be an effective tool for bringing about positive change in society. I felt so proud that I am part of IAYP and am also thankful to my Award Leader, Pooja Gautam Ma'am.

-Report by **Nikhil Shori, Silver Award Participant & Bronze Award holder, Bawa Lalvani Public School, Kapurthala**





## Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF) - Youth Led Solutions 2026 Call for Applications

**The Youth Empowerment Fund** is back and we are looking for more youth-led projects!

If you are a young changemaker between 14-30 years old, now is your chance to submit your innovative project ideas to unlock project funding, capacity building opportunities, and access to a global network of youth making a difference!

- We are looking for youth-led projects that are innovative, bring positive impact to the community, and advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- It doesn't matter if you're just an individual young person, a group of like-minded youth, or a formal youth-led organization, the Youth Empowerment Fund provides a range of funding opportunities. So, what are you waiting for?
- Submit your youth-led innovative idea during 10 - 31 March 2026, 23:59 CET
- Apply now by clicking the link here : <https://bit.ly/YEFOpenCall> (Please note that the site will start accepting applications only from 10 March 2026)

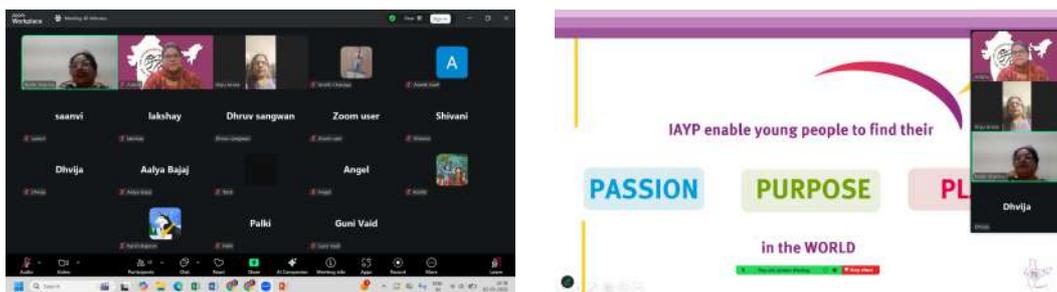
*The Youth Empowerment Fund is powered by a partnership between the EU and the Big Six Youth Organizations, through the Global Youth Mobilization.*

## Photo Gallery

### Online Orientation for Vellore International School - 13th February 2026



### Online Orientation for Dyal Singh Public School, Panipat - 2nd March 2026



## 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](mailto: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***



# 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.

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