

Celebrating the contribution of educators

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Higher Education Forum (HEF) recognises and felicitates teachers for their meticulous efforts and continuous contribution to the field of education.



HEF team and awardees gather together after the function.

Like every year, the Higher Education Forum (HEF) recognised and felicitated teachers for their continuous contribution and efforts towards the education field. The founders of HEF

along with stalwarts of the education field congratulated teachers at the eighth annual Teachers' Day award ceremony hosted on September 9 at the Indian School of Design and Innovation, (ISDI)

Lower Parel in association with the Indian School of Management and Entrepreneurship (ISME).

The members of HEF felicitated 23 educators mainly teachers and contributors to the

field of education from varied fields. The event was inaugurated by the traditional lighting of the lamp and presided over by HEF Founder and Convener Dr. A K Sen Gupta and other senior members of the forum.

The welcome note by Dr Heena Thakkar, Vice Dean of the ISME, highlighted the whole idea of studying in India and improving the education scenario of the country. Focussing on the honour of hosting the third consecutive award ceremony, Thakkar stated that ISME is proud to acknowledge the achievements of teachers. Thakkar said, "Good quality teaching, infrastructure and facilities for learning are the key factors of the education scenario of India. We encourage the concept of Skill India and Start up India by moulding students and providing them the best of facilities."

Gupta drew light on the importance of the role of teachers and the significance of their contribution. "Teachers are the most important fulcrum of the socio economic development of the people. Unfortunately most of

the work that a teacher does often goes unrecognised so we at HEF want to recognise this work. We want to celebrate the life and hard work of teachers that help mould students into successful individuals," he added.

Since the last eight years, the HEF has recognised and awarded over 150 teachers for their contribution. "We want everyone to help HEF so that we can grow and reach out to more people. Let us not bother about what others are doing but we should do our bit to help students and enlighten lives," Gupta appealed.

Apart from awarding a list of awardees given below, HEF also felicitated its members like Dr C S Adhikari Former Dean-Academics, ITM Business School; Dr Ravindra Pratap Gupta CEO, Oriental Institute of Management; Prof Rajesh K Nair Faculty, SIES College of Management Studies; and Dr Swati Kulkarni Faculty, SIES College of Management Studies for their contribution to HEF.

HEF Founder and Convener Dr. A K Sen Gupta giving a speech.



HEF Award in association with Free Press Journal (FPJ) for Best Teacher in Marketing
Dr C Babu

Director, Durgadevi Saraf Institute of Management Studies (DSIMS)

He did his MBA from Madurai Kamaraj University and completed his PhD from Faculty of Management Studies, Gurukul Kangri University, Uttarakhand. His area of teaching and research are on Consumer Behaviour and Business Strategy. He was awarded as the outstanding Dean for successfully setting up a new campus for School of Management and Media Studies (SAMS) in Dehradun.



HEF Award for Best Teacher in Operations Management
Dr R Sesha Iyer

Professor, S P Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR) and former Director, SPJIMR

He is currently Professor at S.P.Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai. He has been the Director of SPJIMR from 2007 to 2015. His areas of specialisation are operations research (decision science), manufacturing planning and control, supply chain management analytics, lean six sigma. He teaches in all major programs of SPJIMR (PGDM / PGPM / PGEMP / GMP).



HEF Award in association with JTT University (JTTU) towards Academic Excellence
Dr Dhaval Pujara

Professor, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Institute of Technology, Nirma University, Ahmedabad

He is the Deputy Director, Academic Development & Research Cell, Nirma University, Ahmedabad. He has published more than 29 high quality research papers in reputed journals / conferences and a book in the field of Antenna and Microwave Engineering. He has been instrumental in developing University Mentoring Policy.



HEF Award in association with SMJV's CKSV Institute of Management Vadodara on Academic Leadership
Dr A D Vanjari

Former Principal, RAV's Laxmichand Golwala College of Commerce and Economics

He has been nominated as the Observer of Examination and CAP centres for Mumbai and Kalyan Regions by the Vice Chancellor of the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University. He introduced two specialty programme— B.Com (Banking and Insurance) and B.Com (Financial Markets); and one innovative programme— B.Com (Investment Management).



Prof H C Malkani Memorial Award in Economics
Dr Vasudev P Iyer

Head, Department of Business Economics, Tolani College of Commerce

He has published 'Human Resource Development through Health in India' paper presented at a University-level seminar held at Pragati College, Dombivli, on November 2004. Also published the 'Challenges faced by Digital Libraries' at two-day national conference on digital libraries—'Reshaping Traditional Libraries into Next Generation Libraries' organised by Tolani College of Commerce.



HEF Special Award in association with JTT University (JTTU) on Academic Leadership
Tejal R Amin

Chairperson, Navrachana Education Society, Gujarat

She has been closely associated with industry, education and socio-cultural activities in Vadodara city since the last 35 years. She is a director of Jyoti Ltd. and a full-time director of JSL Industries, Mogar, both leading engineering companies in this country, manufacturing high-technology engineering products. The Government of Gujarat has also nominated her as a director on the board of GSPC LNG Limited.



HEF Award in association with Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on Finance and Financial Management
Dr Chandan Das Gupta

Professor, Finance, School of Business, NMIMS

He has worked in a frontline sector bank in India in senior management grade in the following strategic units of the bank—industrial finance branch, lease department, investment and funds management department, branch banking, computer policy and planning department, organisational restructuring, insurance, faculty member.



Prof Mukesh Harihar Memorial Award on Innovative Teaching Pedagogy
Dr Rashmi Gopinathan

Associate Professor, D.Y Patil University, School of Management

She is an active member of the NEN (National Entrepreneurship Network) and ENACTUS. She is a PhD holder in management with her research work done in the area of entrepreneurship, women entrepreneurship for the grass-root level. Her research was done for Government of Maharashtra. She heads the entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship Cell at D.Y. Patil, School of Management.



HEF Award for Best Teacher in Human Resource Management
Dr Preeti S Rawat

Professor, OB / HR, and Chairperson HRM, K J Somaiya Institute of Management Studies & Research

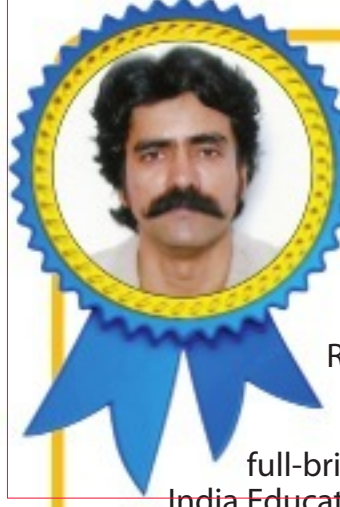
She is the Editor of peer reviewed journal Business Perspectives and Research which is a bi-annual journal of SIMSR published by SAGE Publications. She is on the editorial board of the journal is International Journal of Management and Leadership Studies (IJMLS) which is a biennial journal of Management University of Africa (MUA), Nairobi, South Africa.



Advocate G M Shirahatti Memorial Award to a promising advocate
Adv L S Shetty

Head, L. S. Shetty & Associates

He has worked as Advocate, former Law Secretary to Government of Goa, worked as Deputy Legal Advisor to the Government of India and Assistant Legal Advisor to the Government of India in the Ministry of Law & Justice, Branch Secretariat at Mumbai during the years 1992-2003. He was also appointed as the Government Pleader for the Union of India in the Bombay High Court at Mumbai during the years 1996-2005.



Dr N B Laxmeshwar Memorial Award on research in science
Dr Satish Sarfare

Associate Professor, SIES College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Sion (West)

He is an approved PG Teacher and Research Supervisor from the University of Mumbai. He has the distinction of being selected as a full-bright scholar (2013-2014) by the USA-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) for his Post-Doctoral Studies and was invited by two prestigious universities in the USA. Finally he joined the Centre for Natural Products Research, University of Mississippi, USA as a full-bright scholar and completed his post-doctoral research there.



Smt Leelavathi Nair Memorial Award for Contribution to Alternative Education
Dr Sumithra Prasad

General Secretary, DORAI Foundation

She has presented papers on varied topics like life span approach, multiple intelligence, cognitive behaviour modification therapy, life skills training, neighbourhood initiatives across national and international seminars and consultation programs. She has been conferred with a Doctorate of Social Service (Pondicherry) 2017; and accredited practitioner of Recreational and Emotional Development Programs, Mumbai. (2011).



Smt B G Shirahatti Memorial Award to Outstanding Woman Educationist
Dr Rekha Bajaj

Teacher Training Coordinator and Quality Assurance, Podar International School, Khar

She has conducted certified programme leader for Cambridge International Diploma in Teaching and Learning (CIDTL). She has also developed in-house Podar course to train teachers for teaching in International Schools called - PGCTE Post-graduate certificate in International Teacher Education. She also designs innovative teaching activities and games for e-learning.



HEF Lifetime Achievement Award
Dr Sharad Sarin

Former Professor, Marketing and Strategic Management, XLRI

Over the last 40 years, he has been involved in several consultancy assignments in marketing and strategic management. These include market studies and conducting workshops to facilitate formulation of strategic and marketing plans. Amongst the academic institutions, he was on the governing board of XLRI, Jamshedpur, (1993-2004) and on the board of the Mudra Institute of Communications, Ahmedabad, (1991-2010).



5th Dr Suresh Ghai Memorial Award for Outstanding Management Education Leadership
Dr Subhash Sharma

Director, Indian Business Academy (IBA), Bengaluru

He has assisted in building innovative institutions from their creation stage which are now at the national and international level. These include, Women's Institute for Studies in Development Oriented Management (WISDOM), at Banasthali University, Banasthali, Rajasthan, Founding Director, Indian Institute of Plantation Management, Bangalore and Founding member.



4th Dr P N Singh Memorial Award towards Outstanding Academic Leadership
Dr M R Rao

Former Dean- ISB, Hyderabad

He is currently professor and dean emeritus at the ISB. Prior to ISB, he was director of the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIM-B). He held various positions at IIM-B including that of professor, visiting professor, dean, director and professor emeritus. He also taught as a tenured professor of operations research at the Stern School of Business, New York University and as an associate professor at the Graduate School of Management, University of Rochester.



Dr Sarojini Devi Memorial Award in Chemistry
Dr Ravindra G Deshmukh

Principal, Konkan Gyanpeeth Karjat College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Karjat

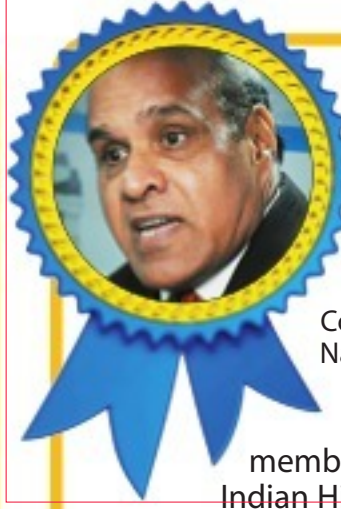
He is the Chairman, Unfair Means Enquiry Committee of the University of Mumbai and a member, Board of Studies, Chemistry, University of Mumbai. He has published about 15 research papers about Synthesis, characterisation of transition metal complexes of ambidentate ligands.



HEF Award for Best Teacher in Engineering
Dr Kaushal K Prasad

Principal, Finolex Academy of Management and Technology, Ratnagiri

He has conducted analytical study of thrust force for drilled composite and optimisation of drilling parameters for maximum tensile strength of composite material. He obtained his M.Tech. from IIT-Kharagpur and Ph.D. from IIT-Bombay. He has demonstrated leadership ability at various positions.



Corporate Contribution to Education
R K Jain

Chairman, IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Navi Mumbai

He is the founder member of fellow of Indian History and Philosophy of Science (FIHPS). After serving for 15 years in large nylon and polyester yarn manufacturing industries on a senior position.



HEF Award in association with Manrao Charitable Trust on Contribution to Social Cause and CSR
Prof Vandana Tripathi

Assistant Professor and HOD -CSR, ITM Business School

She has undertaken joint projects aimed at benefiting local communities. For example, Talaja Jail (Feb-April 2017): Workshop on stress management and positive thinking for 800 plus inmates of Talaja Jail and Workshop on team building and stress management for 180 plus personnel of Talaja Jail.



HEF Life-time Achievement Award
Ajit Singh

Chairman, ACG Worldwide

He has served on the board of managing committee of most of the pharmaceutical associations in India. He is the former President of the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress Association (IPCA). He was also honoured with the 'Millennium Pharma Leader' by Pharma Leaders Business Leadership Award.

Prof G S Rao Memorial Award on Education Management
Dr Sheela Taori

Principal, Pestle Weed College of Information Technology

She is an active participant in Vibrant Gujarat Summit, 2017 and worked for highlighting the role of Indian Cow in

environmental protection in general and economic development of Rural India in particular. Dr Taori is known for voluntary work with Jeevan Rakshan Samiti for training students in skills to save lives at Amity University, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh. She is a certified climate leader, conducting seminars and workshops for creating awareness on climate change.

Smt Meena Parkeh Pagariya Memorial Award for Emerging Woman Leader
Dr Sonia Bharwani

Associate Dean Academics, Indian School of Management and Entrepreneurship - ISME

She has over sixteen years of experience teaching

management and hospitality programs at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels in premier colleges in Mumbai, Gurgaon, Ahmedabad and Shimla. Her keen focus is on student engagement through the use of active and collaborative learning pedagogies. She is an avid researcher with several international publications in the focus area of hospitality management.