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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

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01.07.2026

Subject: Dissemination of information regarding "India's Best Teachers' Awards 2026" organized by Shiv Nadar Foundation – reg.

The Board is in receipt of an email dated 25.06.2026 from the Shiv Nadar Foundation regarding the "India's Best Teachers' Awards 2026", a national initiative jointly presented by the Shiv Nadar Foundation and Saïd Business School, University of Oxford, to recognize and celebrate excellence among teachers teaching Grades IX–XII.

In this regard, all Heads of CBSE-affiliated schools are informed that eligible teachers may participate in the award programme as per the eligibility criteria, nomination process, and timelines as mentioned in the attached brochure.

The last date for submission of nominations is 31st July, 2026.

Biswajit Saha

(Dr. Biswajit Saha)

Professor & Director (Skill Education)

Encl.: Brochure and FAQs.

Copy to the respective Heads of Directorates, Organizations and Institutions as indicated below with a request to disseminate the information to all the schools under their jurisdiction:

1. Sh Jatin, Shiv Nadar Foundation, A-9, Sector 3, Noida, U.P, jatin.dabas@shivnadarfoundation.org for information
2. The Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, Delhi-110016
3. The Commissioner, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, B-15, Sector-62, Institutional Area, Noida – 201309
4. The Director of Education, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi – 110054
5. The Director of Public Instructions (Schools), Union Territory Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh – 160017
6. The Director of Education, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101
7. The Director of School Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar – 791 111
8. The Director of Education, Govt. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair – 744101
9. The Director, Central Tibetan School Administration, ESSESS Plaza, Community Centre, Sector 3, Rohini, New Delhi
10. The Director, The Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Navel Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066, nesnavy@gmail.com
11. The Secretary, Sainik Schools Society, Room No.101, D-1 Wing, Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
12. The Director, The Navy Education Society, Dte of Naval Education, Navel Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, West Block-V, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066.
13. The Additional Director, General of Army Education, A – Wing, Sena Bhawan, DHQ, PO, New Delhi 110001



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14. The Secretary, AWES, Integrated Headquarters of MoD (Army), FDR Building No. 202, Shankar Vihar (Near APS), Delhi Cantt – 110010
15. The Secretary, Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
16. The Chairman, Odisha Adarsha Vidyalaya Sangathan, N-1/9, Near Doordarshan Kendra, PO Sainik School, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751005
17. The Joint Secretary to Chairman, CBSE – for kind information of the Chairman, CBSE
18. All the Heads of Department/ Directors of the Board
19. All the Regional Directors/Regional Officers/Head-COEs, CBSE with the request to send this circular to all the Heads of the affiliated schools of the Board in their respective regions for compliance
20. Deputy Secretary (Media & Public Relations), CBSE – with a request to give wider publicity to this notification.
21. Deputy Secretary (IT), CBSE HQ, Dwarka with the request to upload this notification on the CBSE Academic website

Professor & Director (Skill Education)



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Saïd Business School, University of Oxford**

— *Present* —

INDIA'S BEST TEACHERS' AWARDS

Celebrating excellence in Indian classrooms



About the awards:

India's Best Teachers' Awards is a national initiative launched by the Shiv Nadar Foundation and Oxford's Saïd Business School. It aims to recognise outstanding high-school teachers (Grades 9–12) and strengthen classroom practices.

The awards spotlight teaching with measurable impact, in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. With over 9.8 million teachers in India's schools, the programme creates a credible national platform to identify and amplify effective teaching practices across diverse classroom settings.

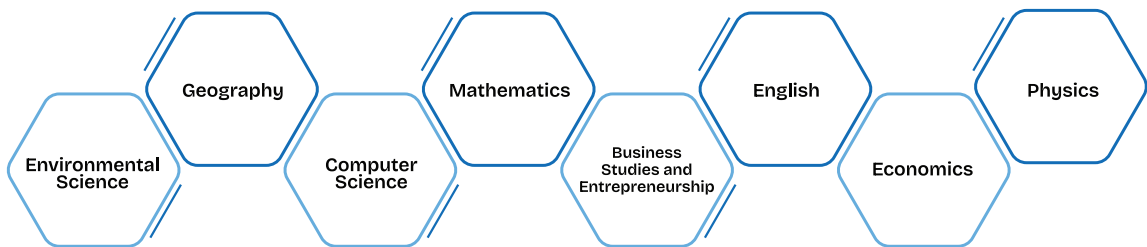
Who can apply:

- Be a currently practising high-school teacher (Grades 9–12) in India.
- Be employed at a recognised private (National or International board) or government school (Central or State board).
- Demonstrate innovative pedagogical practices, professionalism, respect, inclusion and embedding a strong behaviour for learning in the students.
- Head of school or Principal of a school can nominate only 1 teacher per subject category.



Award categories and selection criteria:

Award Categories: Sixteen awards (one for public sector school teachers and one for private sector school teachers) across eight subject categories:



Note: Class 9-10 Science teachers can apply under Physics category.

Selection criteria:

There will be two rounds of judging:

- **Round one:** All eligible entries will be judged by a panel of international jury comprising leading educators, academics and experts.
- **Shortlisting:** In each subject category, the top 5 entries from public sector teachers and the top 5 entries from private sector teachers will be shortlisted as finalists.
- **Round two:** All 80 finalists across the eight subject categories will be invited to Delhi in September to present their submissions in-person to an international jury, which will decide the winners.

Key dates:

Applications open	1 May 2026
Applications close	31 July 2026
Finalist presentations	4–5 Sept 2026
Winners announced	5 Sept 2026

Prize:

Oxford immersion: Each winner receives a full scholarship for a one-week, in-person programme at Saïd Business School University of Oxford. The bespoke programme will focus on leadership in education and global pedagogy

Online programme: Winners will also get access to a five-week online learning programme to deepen their teaching skills.



How to apply:

Application portal: Apply via the official awards website
<https://indiateacherawards.evalato.com/>

For more information, visit:

<https://www.sbs.ox.ac.uk/about/indias-best-teachers-awards>



For queries on nominations, eligibility or timelines,
please email us at
ita@sbs.ox.ac.uk



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FAQs:

Who is eligible to participate in India's Best Teachers' Awards?

Currently practising high-school teachers (Grades 9–12) from recognised private and government schools (Central and State) across India, subject to nomination by their school.

Who can submit a nomination?

Only schools may submit nominations. Individual self-nominations are not permitted.

How many teachers can a school nominate?

Each school may nominate up to eight teachers in total, one across each category.

Can a teacher be nominated in more than one category?

No. Each teacher may be nominated in only one category.

What documentation is required for nomination?

Each nomination must include:

- A completed online application.
- A nomination form signed and stamped by the Principal / Head of School.

Will applications without school authorisation be accepted?

No. Applications that do not include the signed and stamped nomination form will not be reviewed.

Are teachers from government schools eligible?

Yes. Teachers from government schools (Central and State) are eligible and strongly encouraged to participate.

What criteria will judges use to assess applications?

Judges will assess innovation in teaching practice, leadership, subject expertise and evidence of positive impact on student learning outcomes.

Is there a fee to apply or be nominated?

No. There is no fee to apply or be nominated for India's Best Teachers' Awards.