

Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2025 – A Report

Vigyan Setu Foundation instituted the **Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2025** to recognize exceptional contributions by individuals and institutions in advancing science communication, public health awareness, science tourism, and science–society engagement. The Awards aimed to honor impactful initiatives, creative outreach, and sustained efforts that strengthen scientific understanding and community empowerment.

Award Categories

The Awards were announced under four categories:

1. **Popularization of Science** – Recognizing exemplary efforts in bridging the gap between science and society through innovative communication, outreach, and engagement.
2. **Women's Health Awareness** – Intended to honor contributions toward raising awareness on women's health issues such as PCOS and thyroid disorders.
3. **Promotion of Science Tourism** – Celebrating initiatives that integrate science education with heritage conservation to transform scientific landmarks into experiential learning spaces.
4. **Public Health Advocacy** – Acknowledging leadership in educating communities about zoonotic diseases and the One Health approach.

Application & Evaluation Process

Nominations were invited from **15 October to 15 November 2025** through an online form, with a mandatory processing fee for each submission. Eligibility required was a minimum of three years of experience or institutional track record in the relevant field.

All submissions underwent a two-stage evaluation:

- **Screening by the Secretariat** for eligibility and documentation.
- **Assessment by an independent expert jury** based on originality, impact, scalability, sustainability, and relevance to the category.

Each applicant was allowed only one nomination, and the decision of the evaluation panel remained final.

The Outcome

From the numerous entries received nationwide, **31 nominations qualified** for evaluation across eligible categories. After detailed review:

- **No award was conferred in the Women's Health Awareness category** due to the absence of suitable nominations.
- A total of **31 awards** were presented:
 - **27 awards to individuals**
 - **4 awards to institutions**

This distribution reflects the strength of contributions in science popularization, science tourism, and public health communication.

Announcement & Recognition

The final list of awardees was declared on **12 December 2025**, coinciding with the **14th Foundation Day** of Vigyan Setu Foundation, and published on the official website (<https://vigyansetufoundation.in/2025/12/11/vigyan-setu-foundation-awards-2025/>).

Awardees received an **E-Certificate of Recognition via email** and a **memento was dispatched through Speed Post**.

Category-wise list of the Awardees of **Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2025**;

Category	Awardees	Place
Popularization of Science	Amar Pal Singh Amit Kumar Sharma Anurita Koul Dr. Ashaq Hussain Chitra Singh Dewan Singh Teacher Dr. Kulbir Singh Bath Kuldeep Gupta Dr Neelam Saba Dr Neerja Shrivastava Pankaj K Shukla 'Pankaj Prasun' Dr. Poonam Singh Jakhar Mrs Pushpinder Kaur Rajeev Kumar Agrawal Sanjay Laxmanrao Gaikwad Smitha Vinod Sunil Kundlik Pote Suvidha Dinkar Jadhav Tabassum Ara Siddiqui Dr. Vikas Mishra Dr. Wahied Khawar Balwan Gujarat Council on Science & Technology (GUJCOST) Mahatma Gandhi Government School Pachpahar	Uttar Pradesh New Delhi Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Kashmir Haryana Jammu & Kashmir Punjab Jammu & Kashmir Jammu & Kashmir Rajasthan Uttar Pradesh Rajasthan Jammu & Kashmir Uttar Pradesh Maharashtra UAE Maharashtra Maharashtra Maharashtra Uttar Pradesh Jammu & Kashmir Gujarat Rajasthan
Promotion of Science Tourism	Gujarat Council on Science & Technology (GUJCOST) Pimpri Chinchwad Science Park Company	Gujarat Maharashtra
Public Health Advocacy	Dr Deepak Sharma Komal Mansotra Manav Vyas Dr. Rajesh C. Senma Dr. Rajpal Sheshrao Khillare Dr. Smruti Smita Mohapatra	Himachal Pradesh Jammu & Kashmir Rajasthan Gujarat Maharashtra Odisha

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