

Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2026

Call for Nominations

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Connecting Science with Society for a Healthier, Informed and Sustainable Future

The Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2026 celebrate individuals and institutions whose sustained efforts are helping make scientific knowledge more accessible, relevant and useful to society. The Awards recognize meaningful contributions towards promoting scientific temper, addressing important health concerns, communicating scientific heritage, and strengthening public understanding of issues affecting people, animals and the environment.

The Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2026 cover **four important areas** of societal engagement with science:

Popularization of Science Recognizing impactful science communication, public engagement, lectures, exhibitions, demonstrations, workshops, school and community outreach, and innovative use of print, digital and social media to make science understandable and connected with everyday life.

Women's Health Awareness Recognizing initiatives that improve awareness, prevention, early identification and appropriate management of women's health concerns, with particular emphasis on **PCOS, thyroid disorders, hormonal and metabolic health, menstrual and reproductive health, and adolescent girls' health education**.

Promotion of Science Tourism Celebrating innovative use of tourism as a medium for science communication and experiential learning, including scientific museums and institutions, heritage sites, biodiversity, astronomy, geology, technology and industrial heritage. The Award particularly recognizes initiatives where tourism becomes a meaningful tool for **learning, interpretation and public engagement with science**.

Public Health Advocacy Recognizing science-based initiatives addressing public health, particularly through the **One Health perspective** linking human, animal and environmental health. Areas include zoonotic diseases, rabies prevention, emerging and re-emerging infections, antimicrobial resistance, veterinary public health, food safety, vector-borne diseases and community health education.

The Awards are open to **individuals with at least three years of meaningful contribution** and to institutions with a demonstrated track record of at least three years in the relevant field. Both ongoing and completed initiatives are eligible. Contributions are assessed with attention to **originality and innovation, social impact and outreach, sustainability and scalability, and relevance to the selected category**.

The nomination window will remain open from **1 October to 15 November 2026**. Self-nominations as well as nominations by others, with the nominee's consent, may be submitted. Only one nomination per individual or institution will be accepted for the award year.

Recipients will receive a **Citation and Memento**, along with recognition on the Vigyan Setu Foundation's website, public and social-media announcement, and a feature in the Vigyan Setu e-magazine. The Awardees will be announced on **12 December 2026**, the Foundation Day of Vigyan Setu Foundation.

Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2026 seek to acknowledge those who go beyond communicating science to **connecting science with society** building awareness, encouraging informed action and creating meaningful bridges between scientific knowledge and everyday life.

For nomination details and guidelines, visit the page [Vigyan Setu Foundation Awards 2026](#)