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COMPENDIUM



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About Godavarish Education Foundation

The Godavarish Education Foundation (GEF) is an educational development organization established by family and friends of the renowned educationist Sri Godavarish Sahu. Its mission is to enhance the quality of education in Odisha, India

Vision

Every child in school receives high-quality education and thrives

Mission

Empowering educators and leaders to enhance the public education system.

Initiative

- **Enabling teachers** : identify and recognize effective teaching practices while enhancing teachers' capacity
- **Developing leadership** : tackle challenges collaboratively and jointly create solutions
- **Improving System** : assist and enable the school improvement process

About Education Excellence Award

The '**Education Excellence Awards**' acknowledge teachers for their exceptional contributions in transforming education through their dedication to teaching, educational development, and enriching the lives of learners in Ganjam district, Odisha, by the '**Godavarish Education Foundation**'.

This award identify and recognize teachers, anganwadi workers, physical education teachers and education officials for their promising contribution to quality education, development of students and pushing the eco system to the next level every year.

Benefits

The recipient receives a trophy, a certificate acknowledging their performance, and gains extensive recognition and media coverage for their accomplishments.

Award Categories

- **Best Teacher:** One each from Primary, Upper Primary and High School
- **Best Anganwadi Worker:** One from Pre-School (Early Childhood Education)
- **Best Physical Education Teacher:** One from High School
- **Best Education Officer:** One from Block (CRCC, ABEO, BEO)

Nomination and Selection Process

Nomination

Eligibility Criteria:

- Teachers, Anganwadi Workers, Physical Education Teachers (PET), and Education Officials (CRCC, ABEO, BEO) working in government institutions can apply for the award.
- Applicants must complete a prescribed “self-nomination” form and submit it along with their CV and evidence of achievements (via online or offline channels).

Disqualification:

- Any incomplete questionnaire will result in disqualification from participating in the award.

Confidentiality:

- Information received will be treated confidentially and used solely for determining the award winner.

Specific Eligibility (2023):

- Participants from Kanchuru, Durbandha Darubhadra Gram Panchayat, and Hinjili block (for officials) are eligible to participate in this award.

Selection Process

Application Review and Selection:

- After receiving the applications within the specified timeframe, the nominees’ submissions in each category will be presented to the “Jury Members”.
- The jury will then proceed with the selection process to determine the award winners.

Participation Authorization:

- The authority to permit participation remains with the awards management team.

The Jury Members

1. **Sri. Padmanav Panda**, Retd. DEO and Former Headmaster
Kanchuru High School
2. **Sri. Harihar Das**, Senior Lecturer, Ramadhin Sanskrit
College, Ganjam
3. **Dr. Binod Chandra Sabat**, Retd. Environment Scientist,
Govt. of Delhi
4. **Sri. Narasinha Das**, Retd. High School Teacher
5. **Er. Rohit Kumar Sethy**, Retd. Executive Engineer, Tata
Power (TPSODL)



Finalist

Best Teacher

1. Gouri Sankar Mishra, Teacher, Govt. Upper Primary School, Durbandha
2. Niranjana Sahu, TGT, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kanchuru
3. Anadi Charan Pradhan, Head Master, Govt. Primary School, Nimigan
4. Suresh Kumar Sahu, Upper Primary School, Durbandha

Best Anganwadi Worker (Early Childhood Education)

1. P. Usha, AWW, Kantaikoli

Best Physical Education Teacher

1. Bibhuti Pattanaik, PET, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kanchuru

Best Education Officer (CRCC, ABEO, BEO)

1. Suresh Kumar Sahu, CRCC, Gandala
2. Susant Kumar Padhy, CRCC, Durbandha
3. Madan Mohan Mallick, CRCC, Kanchuru
4. Susil Kumar Patro, ABEO cum BRCC, Hinjilicut
5. S. Giridhar. BEO, Hinjilicut block

The Winners

Mrs. P. Usha

Anganwadi Worker, Kantaikoli (Pre-school Teacher)

As an Anganwadi Worker, she actively engages in the development of young children at an Anganwadi Centre in Kantaikoli village of Kanchuru. Her responsibilities include nurturing the physical, cognitive, emotional, and creative growth of children aged 3 to 6 years. She effectively utilizes the 'Nua Arunima' guidebook and the Early Childhood Care and Education curriculum for their early learning and development.

She employs various methods, teaching-learning materials (TLM) from the PSE kit, and teaches language, counting, pictorial recognition, tree and animal identification, color recognition, understanding body parts, drawing, dancing, and storytelling. Additionally, she organizes parent meetings and provides essential services such as nutritious food, uniform distribution, and immunization for young children. Her initiatives extend to creating a toy bank and celebrating various occasions. Her dedication exemplifies early childhood development at the Anganwadi centre.



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Mr. Anadi Chandra Pradhan

Headmaster, Govt. Primary School, Nimigan

As the headmaster he has spearheaded the holistic development of children at the primary level. His initiatives include enhancing foundational learning in both language and mathematics, organizing extracurricular activities, sports, and competitions. He has also trained teachers in various pedagogical methods and created innovative teaching materials for elementary education.

Beyond academics, he actively promotes cleanliness through the “Swachha Vidyalay” campaign, encourages forestation, conducts regular parent-teacher meetings (PTMs) and school management committee (SMC) meetings, identifies and enrolls drop-out children, and fosters student engagement through child cabinet and Meena Mancha meetings. His student-centric approach and dedication to school development are commendable.



Sri. Gouri Sankar Misra

Teacher, Govt. U. P. School, Durbandha

Under his leadership, the government upper primary school in Durbandha has witnessed comprehensive development. Initiatives such as use of innovative technology, the 4-block approach, activity-based learning, storytelling, and observation have significantly improved learning outcomes and brought recognition to the school. Notably, numerous students from this institution have secured scholarships at the state level through programs like Pathanisamant, Navodaya, and NMMS. During the pandemic, his successful implementation of blended learning and doorstep teaching ensured continuous progress in student learning.

In addition to academics, he has actively promoted co-curricular and extracurricular activities, including dance, music, sports, and quiz competitions. These endeavors contribute to the cognitive development of the children. He prioritizes maintaining high standards for school infrastructure, including WASH facilities, playgrounds, libraries, and overall cleanliness. Personally engaging school alumni in the “Mo School Abhiyan” reflects his commitment to the school’s ongoing development.

We wholeheartedly acknowledge his tireless efforts in fostering the overall growth of the school and the well-being of its students.



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Mr. Bibhuti Patnaik

Physical Education Teacher, Govt. Higher Sec. School,
Kanchuru

As a sports teacher, he has actively fostered physical, lifestyle, affective, social, and cognitive development through sports promotion at the school. His focus on physical fitness has not only improved students' health but also contributed to their mental well-being and fitness goals. His dedication extends beyond the classroom—he promotes various sports, develops safe sports infrastructure (including playgrounds and equipment), and collaborates with fellow teachers and students to create a conducive sports environment.

His initiatives have provided ample opportunities for individual skill development, enabling many students to participate in district, state, and national-level sports competitions, earning medals for their athletic achievements. As a true sports enthusiast, we commend his outstanding efforts in shaping the future of sports in our region.



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Sri. Niranjan Sahu

Teacher, Govt. H. S. School, Kanchuru

As a teacher at Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kanchuru, he has demonstrated unwavering commitment to student growth and overall school development. His personal attention to each student sets him apart as a pro-student teacher. He employs diverse teaching methods and innovative pedagogy, ensuring effective learning experiences. Under his guidance, students actively participate in state and national-level competitions science exhibitions, sports competitions, essay and debate contests.

He spearheads various initiatives for overall school development, cleanliness, forestation program, regular PTM and SMC meetings, child cabinet and Meena Mancha meetings. Student-Centric Attitude, his genuine care for students' inherent talents motivates them to excel. He encourages their holistic growth, both academically and personally.

We commend his dedication to children and the advancement of education within the school.



Sri. Susant Kumar Padhy

CRCC, Gondala Cluster, Hinjilicut

Teaching Role: Guiding teachers, designing innovative teaching methods, creating teaching learning materials (TLM), and providing training have made him an effective teacher and cluster coordinator. His support for teachers and monitoring of teaching quality contribute to better learning outcomes.

Administrative Role: As an administrator, he actively monitors academics, infrastructure, and extracurricular activities (such as Suravi and science exhibitions). His community engagement in PTM (Parent-Teacher Meetings) and SMC (School Management Committee) enhances school affairs. He ensures 100% attendance and prioritizes school enrollment and retention in the village.

We commend his dedicated efforts in improving school administration and strengthening the public education system.



Mr. Susil Kumar Patro

Asst. BEO cum BRCC, Hinjilicut

He has proactively taken steps to enhance foundational learning, including support for smart classrooms and the design of creative teaching materials. His guidance to schools and teachers has directly contributed to improved learning outcomes while maintaining a conducive school environment.

Beyond academics, he actively engaged the school transformation. This involved substantial infrastructure development across the entire block like WASH facilities, library and science laboratory playgrounds and sports facilities, student participation and excellence. Under his leadership, students from multiple schools actively engaged in state and national-level competitions like science exhibitions, sports competitions essay and debate contests. His successful collaboration with local government officials, community members, and district authorities has strengthened the public education system in Hinjilicut.

We commend his dedicated efforts in improving school administration and strengthening the public education system.



Mr. S. Giridhar

Block Education Officer, Hinjilicut

We commend him for his exceptional contributions to school enhancements in the Hinjilicut block. His achievements include establishing FLN classrooms, smart classrooms, an e-library, science and math corners, innovative teaching and learning materials (TLM), WASH facilities for girls and children with special needs (CWSN), and child-friendly playgrounds.

Under his leadership, the Hinjilicut block achieved the top rank in Odisha, meeting all parameters set by OSEPA in 2019. His active engagement and innovative initiatives have garnered state and national recognition for numerous schools in Hinjilicut. He is widely regarded as a dedicated advocate for teachers and children throughout the entire block.

We commend his dedication and vision, which continue to shape a brighter future for students and schools in Hinjilicut.





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