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CONGRATULATIONS

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## Educators across India showcase new techniques

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Technology has entered classrooms across India about three decades ago and has been sharpening its intervention since then to allow both the teacher and the taught newer experiences. In sync with these changes, the second edition of Teach, Erat, Hon 2017, the Late Smt Saroj Ganesh Podar Memorial All-India Tech Excellence Award by Lilavati Podar High School, Santacruz, was recently held.

This is an annual event for teachers across India who get an opportunity to present novel teaching techniques using technology to promote teaching objectives and enhance learning experiences. The award-winning principals and teachers attended the grand ceremony at Juhu and were felicitated for their efforts and achievements. There were 140 entries from schools all over India across the individual and institutional categories and 32 entries were shortlisted by a qualified panel for the final awards across the two categories.



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Norina Fernandes, principal of Lilavati Podar High School, said, "It has been encouraging that we took up something that would give a platform to teachers who have the skills and make them aware that technology can be used differently in the classroom."

She added, "The event provides a huge amount of learning for teachers as well. The idea behind this event was to encourage and equip teachers with cutting-edge technological skills."



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# 'Co-operate, collaborate and create'

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The grand finale of the second edition of Teach.Erat.Hon 2017-the Late Smt Saroj Ganesh Podar Memorial All-India Tech Excellence Award by Lilavatibai Podar High School, Santacruz, was filled with a lot of excitement and exhilaration. The mission of this event is to acknowledge educators who are paving the way to connected-learning for their exemplary work provides a model for teaching, learning and leading in the digital age. The principals and teachers attended the grand award ceremony held at Hotel Sea Princess, Juhu, and were felicitated for their efforts and achievements.

'Teach.Erat.Hon' is an annual event for active teachers and a platform where teachers across India get an opportunity to submit presentations of their novel teaching techniques using technology, promoting pedagogical objectives and enhancing learning experiences. The criteria for submitting entries included adoption of a new technology or use of an existing technology or teaching methodology in a unique way. This year, there were 148 entries from schools all over India across the individual and institutional categories. From this, 32 entries were shortlisted by a qualified panel of experts for the final awards across the two categories.

The finale started off with the lighting of the lamp, which was followed by a mesmerising Bharatnatyam performance by students of the host school. The chief guest for the event was Jessie Vas, senior advisor and head-projects and training, Jannabai Narsee School, Mumbai. While sharing her thoughts, she said, "Today, the mantra for an educational organisa-



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tion is co-operate, collaborate and create. This is exactly what teachers are doing all over the country and the world with the help of digitalisation. With the use of digital tools, teachers are creating, co-operating and collaborating so that students have the motivation to learn just like the way they are getting engaged in playing games with digital tools."

Vidushi Daga, one of the jury members, stated: "It was wonderful to see the innovation that is coming in the education sector right now. The kind of tools and various applications you are using will ensure that children are acquainted with the curriculum."

The awards were presented in various categories under individual and institutional groups by the dignitaries. Virtual presentation of one of the best entries was also shown to the participants. The event was the brainchild of Norina Fernandes, who is the principal of Lilavatibai Podar High School. She observed, "As compared to last year, there is an increase in the number of entries and the quality of submissions have also scaled up. The first round of elimination was done by us and second round by the judges. The criteria were very rigid and it was a very difficult task to pick the best entries."

She further added, "For us, as a school, it has been encouraging that we took up something that would give a platform to the teachers who have skills and highlight that technology can be used differently in classrooms. It is a learning experience for the teachers as well. We need to encourage and equip our teachers and do something more for them. Technology is going to be in power and take learning to a different level. And if our teachers are not equipped then our children won't be as well. Teachers have tremendous potential and they deserve much more."

