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CIRCULAR

It is directed to inform that Learning with Vodafone Programme (implemented by Pratham Education Foundation) has been extended to June 2019 to May 2020. Further Learning with Vodafone has launched the Gurushala website (www.gurushala.co), a personalized assistant and online capacity-building portal for teachers to help them deal with daily classroom situations and challenges.

In this connection, The Heads of the Schools are requested to circulate the Concept Note attached overleaf to all the teachers to sensitize about Gurushala Portal and to encourage them to participate in National Teacher Changemaker Award. This will recognize teachers who use innovative pedagogies and technology to create a positive change in the classroom

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STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR

To

The Heads of all Govt. Schools in UT of Puducherry.

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1. All the Inspecting Officer in UT of Puducherry
2. All the ADPC, Puducherry/ Karaikal/ Mahe/ Yanam
3. All BRC, Puducherry/ Karaikal/ Mahe/ Yanam
4. PA to DSE/SPD
5. EDP Section - to host on the website

Concept Note

Learning with Vodafone (Vodafone Foundation initiative implemented by Pratham Education Foundation) has launched the Gurushala website (www.gurushala.co), a personalized assistant and online capacity building portal for teachers to help them deal with daily classroom situations and challenges. Gurushala is an initiative of the Vodafone India Foundation and implemented by Pratham Education Foundation.

Gurushala website offers the following features to teachers free of cost

1. Online Courses

Gurushala's online courses focus on classroom problems faced by teachers and provide innovative solutions for the same. Each course has 2-4 modules. The courses are free of cost and a certificate is provided on completion of each module. The courses are based on themes including student engagement, assessment and evaluation, pedagogy of mathematics, revision strategies, socio-emotional learning environment, classroom management, learning difficulties, content curation and creation, and other themes relevant for teachers. All the courses are interactive and self-paced.

2. Online Networking Platform (Staffroom)

Teachers can use this platform to connect with an online community of teachers across India. Teachers can use the Staffroom to share their ideas and experiences on a variety of issues, ask questions to subject experts and be nominated as Gurushala Subject experts and Ambassadors.

3. Content Library

Teachers can explore the Content Library having a collection of 5000+ free to use resources including videos, animations, printables and question banks on themes of math, science, social sciences and teaching strategies on curriculum-aligned topics available in English.

4. Research Corner

A collection of research studies and inspiring real-life case studies on themes of pedagogy, ed-tech, education and society, education policy and much more.

National Teacher Changemaker Award

Gurushala has launched the National Teacher Changemaker Award. This competition will recognize teachers who use innovative pedagogies and technology to create a positive change in the class.

Competition duration: October 2019- January 2020

Who can participate

Any school teacher that has completed online course modules on Gurushala and is teaching any subject or class

Competition format

As part of the competition, teachers have to complete online course modules on Gurushala. The courses are based on themes including student engagement, assessment and evaluation, pedagogy of mathematics, revision strategies, socio-emotional learning environment, classroom management, learning difficulties, content curation and creation, and other themes relevant for teachers. After completing the online course modules, teachers have to implement the strategies shown in the course modules inside their class.

3 Stages of the competition

- **Stage 1:** Teachers have to enroll in a course of their choice and complete atleast 2 modules (i.e the Introductory Plan). After completing the Introductory Plan, teachers have to fill the Stage 1 Implementation Form that will assess their knowledge of the modules and classroom planning skills. The link to the online form is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2aYafWGh1sy-5ufUdBkaZ4pgzJOGOq4BLlsSx_3hU5TcPzA/viewform
- **Stage 2:** Teachers have to enroll in another course of their choice and complete all the modules of that course. After completion of the modules, teachers have to plan and implement the strategies explained in the course inside their classroom. Teachers should also document their observations and record pictures and videos while implementing the strategies inside the class. After the implementation of the strategies, teachers have to fill Stage 2 Implementation Form (link coming soon). This form will assess the planning and implementation of the strategies and also record their observations.

- **Stage 3:** As in Stage 2, teachers have to enroll in another course of their choice and complete all the modules of that course in Stage 3 as well. After completion of the modules, teachers have to plan and implement the strategies explained in the course inside their classroom. After the implementation of the strategies, teachers have to fill Stage 3 Implementation Form (link coming soon). Teachers should also document their observations and record pictures and videos while implementing the strategies inside the class.

**Please note that the course modules completed in the 3 stages should be different for 3 different courses on Gurushala.*

Shortlisting of winners

At the end of the 3rd stage, all the entries of the teachers will be graded and a consolidated final score will be calculated. Based on the final score, the best performing teachers will be awarded in the following 3 categories:

- **1st category:** Teacher Changemaker (10,000 rupees and certificate)
- **2nd category:** Teacher Innovator (Gift and certificate)
- **3rd category:** Teacher Enthusiast (Gift and certificate)

Competition Registration link

<https://forms.gle/K5VVvTW7Fs1VDxxb9>

*** For any queries on Gurushala or the National Teacher Changemaker Competition, school heads or teachers can call us at 011-42540300 or whatsapp on 9818106679*

