

The annual awards ceremony of the Hindustan Times Scholarship Programme is a celebration that we at this newspaper look forward to with much keenness and fervour.

And what a celebration it is: a celebration of our city's brightest young minds; a celebration of our city's present; and a celebration of its future - which is in the custody of children such as these.

The thing that sets apart this awards ceremony from any other event that we host is the mood inside the

auditorium. There is such pervasive joy, such a sense of well-being and contentment. The children are the stars of this show - which in itself can transform the atmosphere. Inside that packed, lively auditorium, it is as though one is swept up and carried away by a tidal wave of exhilaration.

This year, we received 58,136 applications from 250 schools. From those applications, 150 students, 30 each from Classes 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, were shortlisted. Over

the course of several weeks in January, they came to our offices, and our paper's Deputy Editor, Pravin Nair, and I, interviewed them.

I say 'interviewed', but these conversations were unlike any interview I have known. Among other things, we swapped jokes, discussed Manchester United in the post-Ferguson era, debated Dhoni's effective yet agricultural batting style, shared our concerns about global warming, terrorism and world peace. What pleased us most

was that the students seemed to enjoy these conversations as much as we did. The only pity is that we could not give scholarships to all of them.

Many congratulations to those whose pictures appear below. And just as many congratulations to those whose names appear in our Metro section. You are winners, all of you.

We are already looking forward to doing this again next year. Aren't you?



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250 schools | 58,136 applications 50 outstanding students.

WINNER CLASS V MALLIKA PARULEKAR The Cathedral and John Cozzan School	WINNER CLASS V KYRA VARIYAVA J.B. Petit High School for Girls	WINNER CLASS V RAGHAV AGARWAL Dhirubhai Ambani Intl. School	WINNER CLASS V ARKAPRAVA CHOUDHURY Podar Intl. School CIE, Nerul	WINNER CLASS V KRISHNA KUMAR Our Lady of Perpetual Succour High School	WINNER CLASS V ASHWAT JAIN Ryen Intl. School ICSE, Goregaon
WINNER CLASS VI FAIZ KHAN Marcho Arch School	WINNER CLASS VI SHREEPADH KHOMNE Thane Police School	WINNER CLASS VI NASYA SEQUEIRA Podar International School IB	WINNER CLASS VI ANTARA BHATTACHARYA St. Anne's High School, Colaba	WINNER CLASS VI SHYVA SAHEED St. Anne's High School, Colaba	WINNER CLASS VI ANOUSHKA JOSHI Delhi Public School
WINNER CLASS VI KRIS CORRIEA St. Stanislaus High School	WINNER CLASS VI MISHA SINGH Navy Children School	WINNER CLASS VI DUHITA SAVE Queen Mary School	WINNER CLASS VII RITIKAA KAILA Dal Aashad Prangli Pettit Girls High School	WINNER CLASS VII JANHAVI JAGTAP D.S. Kirtan International School	WINNER CLASS VII JASON MISQUITTA Lilavati Podar Senior Secondary School
WINNER CLASS VII ARUSHI DEBI NARAYANAN Aditya Birla World Academy	WINNER CLASS VII KIMBERLY CRASTA Lokhandwala Foundation School	WINNER CLASS VII AMAN SARAF The Cathedral and John Cozzan School	WINNER CLASS VII MALHAR ACHARYA Dhirubhai Ambani Intl. School	WINNER CLASS VII SAMIRA MELMANE Delhi Public School	WINNER CLASS VII SANJANA PODDAR Lilavati Podar Senior Secondary School
WINNER CLASS VII MIHIR BAPAT DAV Intl. School, Mulund	WINNER CLASS VIII MEGHA CHOUTHAI St. Gregorios High School	WINNER CLASS VIII SHIVANI MANOHAR Parlo Tilak Vidyalaya ICSE	WINNER CLASS VIII TRISHA MALIK Tridha	WINNER CLASS VIII MITUL GANGULY St. Pius High School	WINNER CLASS VIII YUHANA SYED Maneckji Cooper Education Trust
WINNER CLASS VIII KASHISH SHAH DAV International School, Mulund	WINNER CLASS VIII KETKI CHURI Arundodaya Public School	WINNER CLASS VIII AAKANKSHA RAO Bombay Scottish School - Mahim	WINNER CLASS VIII ANSHIKA SINGH R. N. Podar School	WINNER CLASS VIII ANUSHKA MITRA R. N. Podar School	WINNER CLASS IX PRAGVANSHI SHARMA Kendriya Vidyalaya 2 - Colaba
WINNER CLASS IX AKSHAT BHAT Chhatrabhuj Narsoo Memorial School	WINNER CLASS IX SHAMBHAVI JOSHI Sau A. K. Joshi School	WINNER CLASS IX ANKOLIKA DE Kendriya Vidyalaya - IIT Powai	WINNER CLASS IX RUHII JAIN Bombay Scottish School - Powai	WINNER CLASS IX ISHAAN SRIVASTAVA Dhirubhai Ambani Intl. School	WINNER CLASS IX RASHI BALACHANDRAN Podar International School IB
WINNER CLASS IX PORNIKA GANGULY Delhi Public School	WINNER CLASS IX ANVESHA ACHARYA St. Gregorios High School	WINNER CLASS IX MEGHNA YESUDAS St. Gregorios High School	WINNER CLASS IX HOSHEDAR CHICHGAR St. Mary's High School ICSE, Mazgaon	WINNER CLASS IX WAJAHAT NAQVI Vidyogor High School, Goregaon West	WINNER CLASS IX HAMSA MURLI Atomic Energy Central School-4
WINNER CLASS IX NARMADHA JANAKI People Welfare Society High School, Sion	WINNER CLASS IX MRUDULA JADHAV Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School				

Hindustan Times identified 50 of the brightest students among 58,136 applicants this year. Each of these students will be awarded ₹ 50,000/- along with trophies and certificates.



PRESENTS

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