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Thane's (Maharashtra) Shri Deepesh Nair selected for Prof. Yeshwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2024

The 'Professor Yeshwantrao Kelkar Youth Award' recognises outstanding work in education, society, environment, and science by young individuals

The selection committee for Professor Yeshwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2024 has chosen Shri. Deepesh Nair, Co-Founder of the Training and Educational Centre for Hearing Impaired (TECH), to build an equitable ecosystem for Deaf and hard-of-hearing students to facilitate higher education. This would help the Deaf and hard-of-hearing to lead their lives independently and successfully and assist them in personal, professional, and social development.

This award, initiated in 1991, is presented in memory of Professor Yeshwantrao Kelkar, known as the architect of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and is remembered for his role in the organisational expansion and strengthening of ABVP. Prof. Yashwantrao Kelkar played a significant role in establishing and defining the ideological foundation, organisational development, and working methodologies of ABVP. This award is a joint initiative of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and Vidyarthi Nidhi Trust, organisations committed to working for the progress and education of students.

The award aims to highlight the work of young social entrepreneurs, encourage them, express gratitude to them, and inspire young Bharatiya individuals to become involved in social work. The award includes a sum of ₹1,00,000/-, a certificate, and a memento.

Selected for Prof. Yeshwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2024, Shri. Deepesh Nair founded TEACH to create a higher education model that would open doors for deaf students, aiming to empower them with quality education and career opportunities.

Deepesh Nair, serving as Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of TEACH (Training and Educational Centre for Hearing Impaired) is a fervent advocate for positive social change and community empowerment. Holding an MBA from KJ Somaiya and boasting over 12 years of corporate expertise, including roles at JP Morgan and Citi Bank, Deepesh Nair played a pivotal role in the establishment of TEACH (Training and Educational Centre For Hearing Impaired) in 2016. His journey was sparked by volunteer teaching experiences in schools and non-profit organizations. Aligning with a shared commitment with co-founder Aman Sharma to create an equitable educational environment for the Deaf hard-of-hearing community. The work of TEACH is spread over all over the country including Thane, Pune and Delhi and they are also planning to expand the work of TEACH in different leading cities. The impact of TEACH is commendable it includes 100% academic results in HSC and Graduation, 90% placements with an average CTC of 2.8 LPA, 40% enrollment rose in FY 23-24 and a 13% average CTC increase.

TEACH steps in to bridge the gap of Higher Education accessibility for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing students post their schooling. TEACH goes beyond academic support by offering a comprehensive Holistic Development Model. This model offers Higher Education opportunities for students and influences all other Stakeholders. Stakeholders of TEACH include Students, Family, Partners and educational institutions.

ABVP National President Dr. Rajsharan Shahi, National General Secretary Shri Yagyawalkya Shukla, National Organising Secretary Shri Ashish Chauhan, and Convener of Selection Committee, Prof. Milind Marathe, extend heartfelt congratulations to the winner of the 'Prof Yeshwantrao Kelkar Youth Award 2024' – Shri Deepesh Nair wishing him success in his future endeavors.

(This Press Release has been issued by Central Office Secretary Shri Digambar Pawar.)