



# Anita Ghulam Ali World Teachers' Day Award 2009



Early Childhood Education In Pakistan



Award Managed by:  
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## Introduction of Professor Anita Ghulam Ali

- Professor Anita Ghulam Ali is an icon for educators, teachers of Pakistan - committed to quality and social change in a mission mode - **A Living Legend**
- A microbiologist, an active promoter of Early Year Learning, a celebrated teacher and an activist for teachers' rights – and rights based quality education
- Legendary Educational Leadership and innovations
- Anita Ghulam Ali, since the '90s, has served twice as Sindh's Minister for Education and Managing Director of the Sindh Education Foundation (SEF) since its inception
- She is known for intellectual rigor, commitment, honesty & unparalleled respect for national diversity

## AGA Award: A Civil Society Initiative (by Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi-ITA)

- ITA Public Trust works across the country, committed to the elevating the status of teachers through capabilities. It has been engaged in exploring teachers' issues each year since 2004.
- ITA has actively celebrated the World Teachers Day October 5 as an occasion to research on specific themes, hold social dialogues & produce recommendations for policy makers at all levels.
- The AGA Teachers Award is transparent and based on merit. It is open to like minded partners to join the effort, expand the number of awards and institutionalize the practice as a national enterprise.

**Eligibility:** All Teachers/Educators of Early Learning, ECE Years: in Government and Private Schools – Formal & Non-Formal Learning Spaces

## Awards: Cash Prize, Shield, Medal & Citation

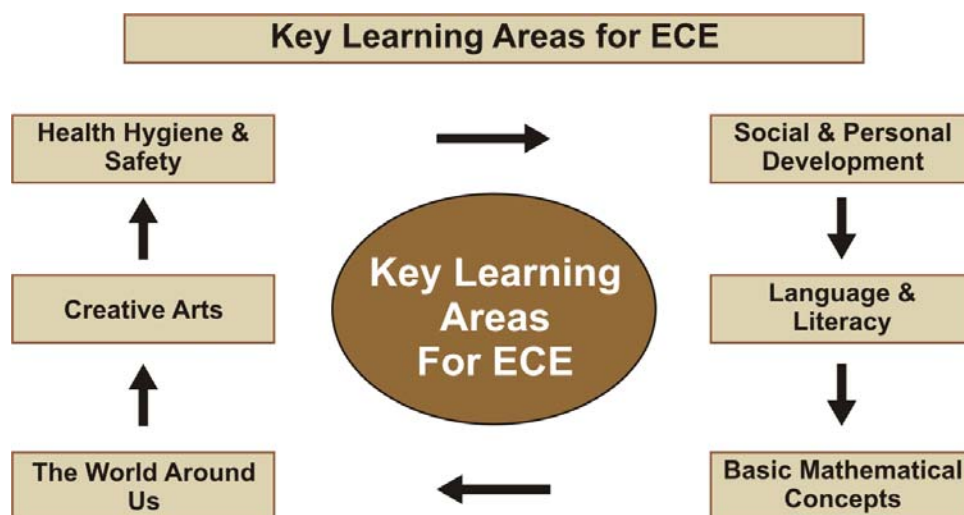
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| First Prize       | Rs. 100,000 |
| Second Prize      | Rs. 50,000  |
| Third Prize       | Rs. 25,000  |
| Consolation Prize | Rs. 15,000  |

## WHY Early Childhood Education (ECE) IS A FOCUS AREA?

- **The early years are recognized as a vital stage in children's physical, linguistic, intellectual and emotional development. ECE refers not only to what is happening within the child, but also to the care that child requires in order to thrive."**

### The Significance of "Early Childhood Education"

- It is widely acknowledged that the effects of what happens during the pre-natal period & during the earliest months and years of a child's life can last a life time. This is because the kind of early care a child receives from parents, pre-school teachers and care givers determines how a child learns and relates to school and life in general. It is during early care that a child develops all the key elements of emotional intelligence: confidence, curiosity, purposefulness, self control, connectedness, the capacity to communicate and co-operative ness.
- Emotional intelligence is now considered crucial for educational success. Students who have higher level of emotional intelligence are more likely to remain and continue with education
- The early years are also critical for the acquisition of the concepts, skills and attitudes that lay the foundation for lifelong learning. These include the acquisition of language, perception-motor skills required for learning to read and write & basic numeracy concepts and skills.
- Intervening in the earliest years helps to reduce the social & economic disparities, race and gender inequalities that divide our society.
- By the time children reach age two, their brains contain as many synapses and use up as much energy as the brain of the average adult. The complexity of this development is described by scientist as a magical "**dance**" which lies at the very heart of every human being and his/her learning process, beginning at birth, and even before. This new understanding of brain development has critical implications for society, and particularly, for educators and the way children are taught.  
*Ref: - National Curriculum for Early Childhood Education 2007: [www.moe.gov.pk](http://www.moe.gov.pk)*



### Core Criteria of Anita Ghulam Ali WTD-ECE Award 2009

| Attributes/Criteria                               | <b>IMPORTANT! Concrete Evidence Required – with the Form Attached</b>   |
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| Professional Excellence & Intellectual Enterprise | Classroom Environment : Seating Arrangements, Learning Corners, Material Display); Timetable; Lesson Plans; Assessment Portfolios, Learning Aid <b>Samples; Pictures; to be used extensively</b>  |
| Activism for School Improvement                   | Special Efforts to improve institution : For example: introducing new learning aids, implementing innovative methodologies, improving facilities for cleanliness, water, toilets and light etc. Samples/Pictures  |
| Sacrifice for Quality Education                   | Example of selfless struggle for quality education which may/may not have been recognized that has changed the lives of students and institutions (Write up/Pictures)   |
| Active Citizenship & Holistic Humanism            | Discipline Methodology; Within class conflict resolution methodology (Describe); Working with Parents (Describe interaction with parents eg mentoring, physical, medical or emotional help, involving in school activities, consulting on dealing with child etc. Provide pictures if possible) |

### Important Dates of AGA-WTD Award (October–December 2009)

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| October 5 <sup>th</sup>                          | Announcement  |
| November 21 <sup>th</sup>                        | Last Date for Submissions with Full Evidence                  |
| November 22 <sup>th</sup> – Dec 21 <sup>th</sup> | Jury/Panelists Finalise & Visit Short listed teachers on site |
| December 25 <sup>th</sup>                        | Award Announcement  |
| January 1 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>         | Award Distribution  |

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## Teachers' AWARD Submission Form

After filling the form Please send ALL EVIDENCE AS PER CRITERIA DESCRIBED together with the form and records to the following address:

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| Name of Teacher:   |
| Designation:   |
| Subject/Grade Teaching:  |
| Principal's Name:  |
| School Address:  |
| Gender:    Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Birth: (dd/mm/yy) |
| National Identity Card No.   |
| Home Address   |
| Telephone/Mobile Number:   |
| Email:   |
| Website of institution, if any:  |

**2. Education** [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment:

| Institution | Degrees obtained & division | Year |
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### Membership of Professional Associations:

| Name | Title | Date of membership |
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**Employment Record**

[List in reverse order every employment held (last 4 positions) by teachers/head teachers since graduation, using format below: dates of employment, name of employing organization.

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| From:                   | To: |
| Employer                |     |
| District/Province/Other |     |
| Position held           |     |

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**Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this form above and all its evidence attached correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal from the competition.

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*[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff]*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Day/Month/Year*

Full name of authorized representative for endorsement:

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*(preferred school head teacher)*

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Signature  
Stamp of the Institution