

Ryan Students Licypriya wins the prestigious TN Khosoo Memorial Award 2020



Mumbai, Dec 3, 2020 (Issuewire.com) - Nine Years Old Ryan International Schools' student Licypriya Kangujam wins the prestigious TN Khoosoo Memorial Award 2020 in recognition of her fight against climate change. The award was instituted in 2004 to honour the legacy of the world-renowned environmental scientist, Dr Triloki Nath Khoshoo. The award consists of a cash prize of ₹1,00,000.

The award is presented annually by Ashoka Trust for Research on Ecology and The Environment (ATREE) to an academician or a practitioner whose work has had an impact in the fields of environment, conservation, or development. The award encourages and promotes individuals for outstanding achievements in the field of conservation and sustainable development. Licypriya will receive the award on 24th November.

Some of the past recipients of this award are Sonam Wangchuk, Meena Subramaniam, Dr Rajeswari Raina, etc. The award is given only to great scientists and eminent personalities of the country. Licypriya is the youngest receiving so far in the last 16 years.

Dr TN Khoshoo was first Secretary of the newly created Department of Environment of the Government of India, in 1982. He played a significant role in the development of India's environmental policy. In 1996, along with Dr Kamaljit S Bawa, Dr Khoshoo founded ATREE.

“I was very surprised and can't believe it when I first heard the news. I will not take this award as just an achievement but I will take as fixing more responsibility to me to save our environment for our better future”, said Licypriya.

She further said, “I have decided to donate this cash prize to give free education to arms conflict victim children of my country. It will give them a new ray of hope in their lives with my small efforts in the little

capacity I have. Education only can bring peace and hope in this world.”

“I am grateful to all my mentors and people of the country and the world for their love and support. This award will boost more confidence in our future campaign and my child movement to save our planet and our future. This news will inspire millions of children around the world”, she further added.

Licypriya has been actively fighting for climate justice in India and different parts of the world for the last over two years. She is one of the youngest environmental activists and the leading voices for climate change in the World. On Thursday also, she had addressed the world leaders and youths from over 142 countries in the opening ceremony of Mock COP26 UK. She played a crucial role in bringing the new air pollution law in India which was recently approved by the President of India under an ordinance. S

She is campaigning for climate education across the world and so far, the state of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Sikkim has given a positive response to her and over 1000 private schools across India and other countries started teaching climate education in schools after her request. She also planted over 3.5 lakhs trees under her initiative “Monday for Mother Nature” where she plants thousands of trees with various school children every week on Monday with a mission to plant one million trees every year and to make our planet green again.

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