

## **RELIANCE FOUNDATION AWARDS 1000 TEACHING PROFESSIONALS WITH RELIANCE FOUNDATION TEACHER AWARD & ANNOUNCES THE NEXT EDITION OF RELIANCE FOUNDATION TEACHER AWARDS TO ENCOURAGE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

**Mumbai, India – July 26, 2019:** Reliance Foundation has awarded 1000 teaching professionals with **Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards** to recognise the teachers who have excelled in **Centre for Teacher Accreditation's (CENTA) Teaching Professional's Olympiad (TPO) 2018**.

Select cohort of winners of CENTA TPO 2018 were felicitated by leaders from UNESCO, UNICEF, CBSE Board amongst others in the presence of leaders from several organizations followed by the **National launch of 5<sup>th</sup> edition of CENTA TPO**.

Reliance Foundation has announced the next edition of the **Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards in partnership with CENTA** & plans to continue the journey of recognizing talent through CENTA TPO 2019 where each of the 1000 winners of this national competition will be awarded with a cash prize and citation.

The CENTA **Teaching Professional's Olympiad (TPO) 2019 will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, in 75 cities across India as well as in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. TPO 2019 will be available in 23 subject tracks from primary to senior secondary.

Reliance Foundation aims to leverage on digital platforms to provide opportunities for professional development for teachers aimed at making teaching an aspirational profession, thereby raising the quality of educators in India.

Speaking on the launch, Ms. Isha Ambani, said "We are proud to recognise the hard work and dedicated efforts of exemplary teachers through Reliance Foundation Teacher Awards. Teachers play an invaluable role in helping to equip our young people with the skills they need to shape the future of our nation. Reliance Foundation is committed to support teachers to develop and strengthen their skills to help significantly improve the delivery of education across India."

Ms Ramya Venkataraman, Founder and CEO of Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) said, "CENTA TPO aims to create a platform for national recognition of outstanding teachers - this plays a fundamental role in our broader mission of making teaching aspirational."

**The CENTA TPO this year is scheduled for December 14, 2019 and registration is open for teachers across the country.**

## **About Reliance Foundation:**

Reliance Foundation (RF), the philanthropic arm of Reliance Industries Limited, aims to play a catalytic role in addressing the nation's development challenges through innovative, scalable and sustainable solutions. Led by Founder and Chairperson Smt. Nita Ambani, RF is relentlessly working towards facilitating transformative changes to ensure overall well-being and higher quality of life for all. Among India's largest social initiatives, RF is focused on addressing the nation's development challenges in areas of Rural Transformation, Health, Education and Sports for All (ESA), Disaster Response, Urban Renewal, and Arts, Culture and Heritage. The Foundation has touched the lives of more than 29 million people across India, in more than 18,000 villages and several urban locations.

## **About CENTA**

Founded in 2014, Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) works to empower teachers and catalyze their professional development through CENTA Certification and Micro-Credentials, a market-driven certification of competencies rooted in high standards, which connects outstanding candidates to great opportunities in recognition, career and professional development. Nearly 50,000 teachers from over 2000 cities, towns and villages, and over 5000 schools across India are already associated with CENTA. Registration for CENTA TPO 2019 is open at [www.centa.org](http://www.centa.org)