

Vijayam Kartha

Vijayam Kartha is an Educational Consultant and Trainer. She is associated with the educators' wing of Initiatives of Change (www.iofc.org), a worldwide movement of people who believe that personal change leads to societal change.

An educator with 35 plus years of experience, Vijayam started her career as a Librarian and grew through the ranks of a Teacher, Asst. to the Principal, and Vice Principal to become the Principal of the largest school in Jamshedpur at a comparatively young age.

She went on to be a co-founder and Vice Chairperson of Kerala Public School Trust, Jamshedpur, which has 9 formal and 4 (absolutely free) Project schools for the underprivileged under its wing, a position which she held till 2017. She paid equal or more attention to building the right attitudes and values in students, along with academics. Did some work with rural communities, village development, and in environment conservation. Vijayam has been recognized for her work nationally and locally, by Governmental and Nongovernmental organizations like Rotary Club, Lions' Club etc. She has to her credit various awards nationally a few to count are

Awards at National level

- **National Award for Teachers** by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India (**The President's Award**)
- Award for **Outstanding Woman Social Worker** from FLO (Federation Of Indian Chamber of Commerce Ladies Organisation) New Delhi
- **Sarvothama Acharya Award** from Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi
- **Vijay Gujaral Award** for Vocational Excellence in the field of education from Vijay Gujral Foundation, New Delhi
- **Akshaya Award** for Tribal education from Akshaya Trust, Kerala
- **Award for Best Green School Chain**, instituted by Centre for Science & Environment, New Delhi
- Appreciation from **the visiting teams of World Bank, UNICEF and Jharkhand Education Project** for the work done for slum children.

Awards at the Organizational level

- **Prime Minister's Shield** for Scouts and Guides for three schools
- The idea of Free Afternoon schools for slum children was one among the 45 ideas selected at national level by **India Innovation Summit** organised by CII (**Confederation of Indian Industry**) and **Dept. of Science & Technology**
- **International School Award** from British Council, NCERT award and other awards from different organisations.

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