

# Shell India Felicitates Winners Of The Third Edition Of Shell Junior National Science Scholarship

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Nearly 15,000 students across 20 Indian cities participated in the examination. Students from Bengaluru, Lucknow & Delhi emerge as National Winners. Survey report compiling perception of 13,000 students on energy and sustainability in India launched.

New Delhi, April 09, 2015: Shell, one of the most diversified international investors in India's energy sector, among all global integrated oil companies, today announced winners of its "Shell Junior National Science Scholarship" programme 2014-2015. Shell Junior National Science Scholars programme recognises young students with exceptional talent.

In its third edition, the Shell Junior National Science Scholarship witnessed participation of nearly 15,000 students from Class IXth and Xth across 650 schools, which is more than twice the number of students that participated last year. 20 national and regional winners were felicitated by Dr. Yasmine Hilton, Chairman, Shell Companies in India. The ceremony was also graced by Mr. Narendra Taneja, National Convenor, Energy Cell, BJP and Mr. Chris Dain, First Secretary Trade & Investment North India, British High Commission.

In line with its objective of celebrating and inspiring the creative potential of young minds, Shell India, plans to nurture students for future challenges through this platform. This flagship programme, started in 2012, is aimed at engaging the youth of India - leaders, scientists and innovators of the future - on topics of energy, environment and sustainable development.

On this occasion, Dr. Yasmine Hilton, Chairman, Shell Companies in India said, *"I am delighted to felicitate the winners of Shell Junior National Science Scholarship 2014 programme. We have achieved a new milestone by reaching out to nearly 15,000 students across India. Shell has always been at the forefront of creating awareness of energy related challenges and driving thought leadership in sustainability. The Shell Junior National Science Scholarship plays a key role in supporting such an effort. Through this programme, we aim to encourage young students to consider a career in science and technology."*

Commenting on the initiative, Mr. Narendra Taneja, National Convenor, Energy Cell, BJP, said "It is heartwarming to see that the country has such a vast pool of talent. I congratulate all the winners and encourage them to take up science and energy as a career path for India's sustainable future. I appreciate that a company like Shell has taken this initiative in guiding and nurturing these future scientists and innovators."

At the award ceremony, Dr. Hilton also unveiled a report on 'Energy Sustainability and Conservation', which is a compilation of the survey done amongst 13,980 students. The report was prepared to assess students' perception of energy and sustainability in India on topics related to usage of existing resources, government and policy support towards energy efficiency and attitude of people towards energy efficiency and conservation. The survey was conducted to evaluate the youth's understanding of pertinent energy issues and also build awareness around criticality of the issues.

Yash Dixit (Delhi Public School, Bangalore North, Bengaluru), Sarthak Singh (St Mary Inter College, Lucknow) and Kushagra Juneja (Apeejay School, Pitampura, New Delhi) were announced as national

winner of the scholarship. Kushagra Juneja is a second time winner of Shell Junior National Science Scholarship having won the scholarship last year as a class IX student.

The online examination took place between January and February and tested students across Physics, Chemistry, Maths, and General Knowledge with a special focus on Energy. The examination constituted objective-type questions with one subjective question to act as a tie-breaker and to determine the students' aptitude and motivation for science. 17 regional winners, one from each city, will receive a one-time scholarship amount of Rs. 50,000 while three national winners will receive the National Level Award of Rs. 1,25,000.

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About Shell India**

Shell is one of the most diversified international oil company in India's energy sector. It is a major private sector supplier of crude products and chemicals to India. With over 3000 staff in the country, Shell has a significant technology centre, a financial business services centre and operates a joint venture LNG receiving and re-gasification terminal. Earlier this year, it signed MOUs for a floating LNG terminal in the country. Shell also has a downstream business marketing fuels, lubricants and specialty products. It recently announced creation of an in-house global IT centre in Bengaluru.

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