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Project Veer Gatha

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Why is in news? Shri Rajnath Singh along with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan felicitates Super 25 Awardees of 'Veer Gatha 2.0' contest

On the eve of the Republic Day 2023, Raksha Mantri along with Union Education and Skill development & Entrepreneurship Minister felicitated the 25 winners of Veer Gatha 2.0 at an event organised in New Delhi.

Veer Gatha 2.0, the second edition of project Veer Gatha was organised in the backdrop of overwhelming success of Veer Gatha Edition-1 last year which was jointly initiated by the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Raksha Mantri commended their **bravery, zeal and creativity, and expressed confidence** that the young generation will provide a new and better direction not only to themselves but also to the society and the Nation.

Applauding the role of Veer Gatha in **inspiring values of patriotism** in the young students, such projects will play a crucial role in infusing values of morality and bravery along with education among students.

To honour the acts of bravery and sacrifice of the officers/personnel of the Armed Forces, other lawfully-constituted Forces and Civilians, gallantry awards are announced twice in a year on the occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day.

In order to disseminate the **details of acts of bravery and the life stories** of these brave-hearts among the students, it has been proposed by the **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** in 2021 that school students may be motivated to do projects/activities based on gallantry award winners.

Accordingly, the **Ministry of Defence in collaboration with Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy**, is organising the Veer Gatha Project.

The Project is open for all schools in all states and Union Territories including all schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

The winners got a cash prize of Rs 10,000, a medal and a certificate.

"Last year there were 8 lakhs participation, whereas this time the number of these entries has crossed 19 lakhs. Within a small span of time, it has been able to reach millions of children. This is how a movement occurs," said Raksha Mantri.

Shri Rajnath Singh underscored that crores of children are indirectly connected with this project which is also the aim of this project. Connecting with the children of the country, and keep them motivated is what nation building is, he added.

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