Transform, teacher by teacher

To mark Teacher’s Day next Monday, The Indian Express tracks down national award-winning teachers from last year and from this year’s shortlist to find that education reform is being powered more by individual teachers innovating in small ways rather than the institution.

Lukhimal Kansie wants to prevent dropouts among girl students, equips them for jobs in B-Bish, Meghalaya

Mohan Singh organises rallies by students in special-need schools against use of drugs in Mamba, Naga

Sanjaly Ramdea Sonawane wants to improve the students’ teacher ratios in the tribal hamlets near Jalgaon, Maharashtra

Winners, 2015...

LUKHIMAL KANZIE
SCHOOL: B-Bish Presbyterian Senior Secondary School, Nongriat, Meghalaya
EXPERIENCE: 30 years
ROLE: Teacher English, Moral Science, Social Studies, Health Education for Classes III-VIII. Looks after Bharat Scouts and Guides.

MACHAN SINGH
SCHOOL: Marama Ali Middle School, Mamba/Japua
EXPERIENCE: 13 years
ROLE: Mainly teaches Pargels from class VI to VIII, and arts and crafts. Muros teaches Math and English as a core subject. In 2015, Marama Ali School got 100% results in the Class VIII examination.

SANJALY RAMDEA SONAWANE
SCHOOL: Mahendra Gandhi Shikshan Mandal Sanchaliki, Rightshank School, Jalgaon, Maharashtra
EXPERIENCE: 30 years
ROLE: Teacher History and Science. In 2003, he won the municipal and state government schemes for students. In 2015, he was selected as the best teacher in Maharashtra for the state government’s annual award.

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ANWAR AHAN
SCHOOL: Government Govt Inter College, Karragah
EXPERIENCE: 30 years
ROLE: Teacher English, a principal of the junior college.

GUJAL FIRE: Chosen from her girl students, most of whom come from poor families in nearby Jath Puduk.

WHAT EXPRESS FOUND: Lifted the second school to her brother-in-law, 80-year-old. Her school, for the first time, acquired 20 per cent of the second-year paper. She won the year’s overall best teacher in the District School for Srinagar region.

PROMAKUMAR
SATHUKAR DAVE
SCHOOL: Matharia Patikshah Shala, Saumsi, Gujarat
EXPERIENCE: 20 years
ROLE: Teaches Gujarati for classes VI-VIII. Minister of expertise praised the Gujarat Council of Educational Research and Training (ECERT) and federal education minister’s interest.

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