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Citation

EDGE (Emerging Directions in Global Education) is a forum collectively conceptualised by prestigious institutions from India and overseas, with a view to bringing higher education in India on par with the best in the world. The Vision Group and Academic Programme Committee for EDGE have decided to honour visionaries & leaders who have made significant contributions to Indian education sector.

EDGE Education Personality Award 2010

is being conferred upon

Professor Yash Pal

Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

in recognition of his lifetime of achievements in the area of education, discovery and outreach. He is one of the champion faces of the movement to reform higher education in India. Yashpal committee report has indeed become the corner stone for reforming higher education administration and infrastructure in India. We are encouraged by his work, perspective and hope.

Professor Yash Pal received his B.Sc. Hon. (1948) and M.Sc. (1949) from the Panjab University. He got his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1958. He served as the first director of Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad. It was here that he brought into actuality the brainchild of several forward-thinkers, known as the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (SITE). He held many positions of great significance like Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Chairman, University Grants Commission and many positions of national & international stature.

Professor Yash Pal set up a number of Inter-University Institutions for the first time in the country. He has been deeply involved in science communication activities. He has written and spoken extensively on issues of communication, education and ways of creating an 'Inclusive Society'.

Professor Yash Pal has had a deep engagement with education at all levels. He has led People's Science Movements and has been the President of the Children's Science Congress for a number of years. He is now the Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Professor Yash Pal celebrated his 83rd birthday on 26 November, and although he had many achievements to reflect on, he is instead looking forward. All the members of EDGE Forum join me in Congratulating Professor Yash Pal and wish him best for his future endeavours.

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