

Aakash Institute Student Nanditha becomes Youngest Panelist of International Vedic Mathematics Conference

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Kottayam, 15th June, 2021: Nanditha, a 15-year-old student of Aakash Institute in the city earned laurels for herself, her hometown and the Institute when she and her 11-year-old sister Niveditha, became the youngest panelists of the 7th International Vedic Mathematics Conference, a virtual event held from June 12-13, 2021. The school-going siblings also conducted a workshop for the attendees.

The objective of the conference, organised by the Institute for the Advancement of Vedic Mathematics and Vedic Maths Academy, was to bring together researchers, educators, and Vedic Math practitioners across the world to share their research, and practices.

Nanditha is studying at Aakash Institute in Kottayam for her classroom subjects and competitive exams, while her younger sister learned Vedic Mathematics from their father. They spend their free time during the lockdown days practicing and teaching Vedic Mathematics. Their free online sessions have the following of thousands of students from across the country.

The organizers of the conference found the teaching methods of the sisters inspiring and as a model of peer-teaching, a method of teaching, where a student instructs another student. Hence, they invited the sisters to address the conference and conduct a workshop for students.

Speaking about their experience of being the panelists of the prestigious event, Nanditha and Niveditha said, "We started conducting classes on Vedic Mathematics for our friends. We simply wanted to make good use of our time during the lockdown. We had no idea then that our classes would get so famous. It was a great recognition to be a part of a panel in the international conference addressing the audience, along with some of the stalwarts of Vedic Mathematics. Being the youngest panelists, we got all the encouragement from the organisers and other panel members. We are now even more committed to get many more students to experience the joy of learning Vedic Mathematics."

Congratulating Nanditha and Niveditha, **Mr. Aakash Chaudhry, Managing Director, Aakash Educational Services**, said, "Being invited as panelists of an international conference in Vedic Mathematics is in itself a great achievement. The amount of hard work and passion of Nanditha and Niveditha in trying to reach the benefits of the ancient knowledge deserves the appreciation of all of us. Their success also demonstrates the effectiveness of the peer-teaching model, as recognized by India's New Education Policy, both for students who teach and who learn. We are proud of Nanditha and Niveditha for being role models for other students."

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