



**Date:** 12 August 2025

**Subject:** Invitation to Submit Nominations for the 2025–26 GIEN-Purple Innovators in Inclusive Education Awards- Last Date of submission: 10 September 2025

Dear Educators/Principals/Head of Schools,

**Warm greetings!**

We are delighted to invite nominations for the **2025–26 GIEN-Purple Innovators in Inclusive Education Awards**, a prestigious initiative aimed at recognising outstanding contributions in the field of inclusive methodologies and inclusive practices.

These awards are being organised as part of the **International Purple Festival, Goa**, initiated by the **Global Inclusive Education Network (GIEN)** — an initiative of the *Centre for Disability Studies and Action, School of Social Work, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai*, and **Brotherhood, Delhi**— along with the support of the **United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan** and **UNESCO** Delhi. These awards seek to identify and celebrate outstanding **individual educators**, **inclusive schools**, and **special schools** that demonstrate innovation, dedication, and measurable impact in promoting education for all, including children with disabilities.

#### **Award Categories:**

You are invited to submit nominations under any one of the following categories:

1. **GIEN-PURPLE Inclusive Teacher's Excellence Award:** For individual practitioners with and without disabilities, including special educators, Counsellors, social workers, rehabilitation professionals, OTs, PTs, psychologists, language or subject or sports teachers, Music, Dance, Drama and teachers promoting inclusion in schools
2. **GIEN-PURPLE Inclusive School Excellence Award:** For inclusive schools (Government/Non-Government institutions)
3. **GIEN-PURPLE Special School Excellence Award:** For special schools Government/Non- Government institutions)

We invite special educators, inclusive and special schools to submit nominations highlighting innovative methodologies and practices and their impactful contributions that promote inclusive education.

#### **Nomination Forms:**

##### **GIEN-PURPLE Inclusive Teacher's Excellence Award**

Nomination Form: 2025-26 GIEN-Purple Inclusive Teacher Excellence Award (for individual practitioners) <https://forms.gle/hHkJYzSuzScTiJF9>

##### **GIEN-PURPLE Inclusive School Excellence Award**

Nomination Form: 2025-26 GIEN-Purple Inclusive School Excellence Award (for inclusive schools) <https://forms.gle/Xjh4ruWuxBcw6xg39>

##### **GIEN-PURPLE Special School Excellence Award**

Nomination Form: 2025-26 GIEN-Purple Special School Excellence Award (for special schools) <https://forms.gle/jSLtbdGTmeAbgyDPA>



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**Deadline:**

All nominations must be submitted by **10 September 2025**.

A National Jury comprising experts from *United Nations, UN Information Centre for Indian and Bhutan, UNESCO, Office of Commissioner for Persons with Disability Goa, Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai, representatives from corporate, NGOs* and in education, inclusion, and disability will review all valid entries. Winners will be felicitated during the **International Purple Festival 2025** in Goa.

We encourage you to circulate this invitation among your staff, colleagues, and networks to ensure deserving educators and institutions are duly recognised.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at:

Together, let's celebrate the changemakers who are redefining inclusive education in India.

Warm regards,

**GIEN-Purple Innovator Awards**

Organising Committee

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