

## **Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Young Research Fellowship 2020-21**

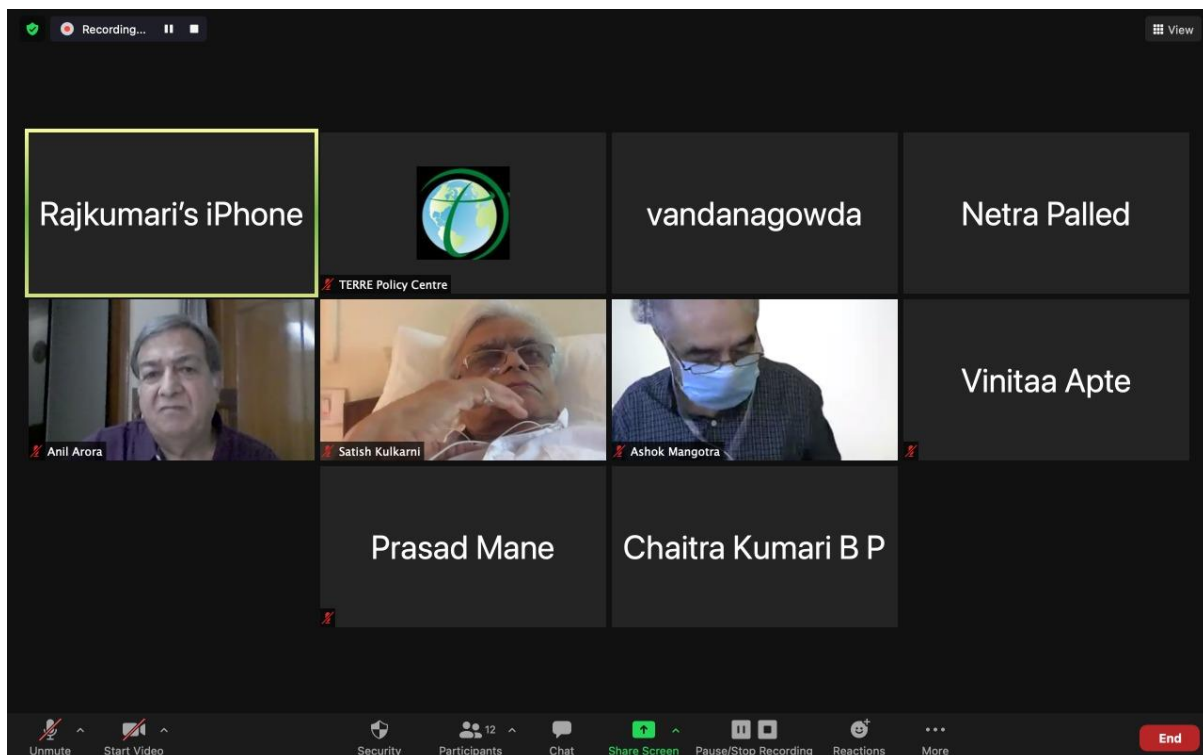
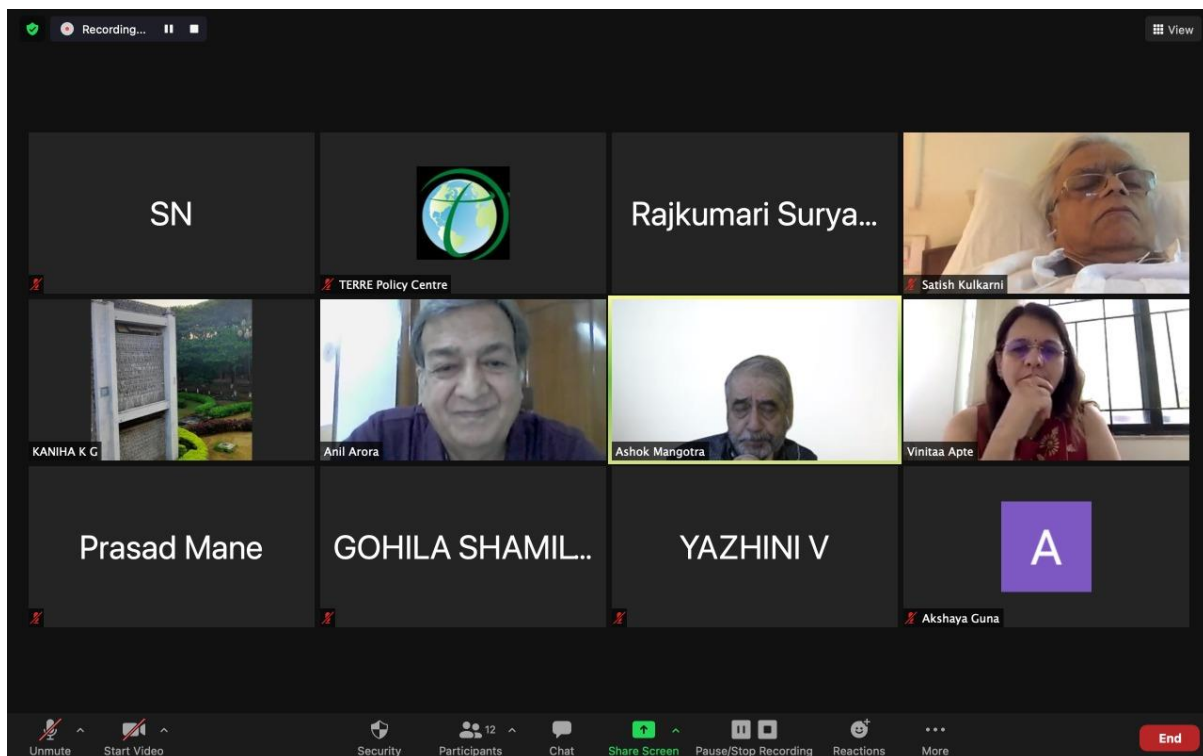
In reverential memory of late President and great Scientist Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, TERRE Policy Centre, instituted the scheme for Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Young Research Fellowship with the aim of distinguishing young Researchers from India with extraordinary promise and creativity who have made notable research contributions in the field of Environment protection. However, this fellowship has been solely managed and funded by TERRE. Dr. Abdul kalam had high expectations from the youth of India and keeping this in context, TERRE has announced noble award on the occasion of Late Dr. Kalam's birth anniversary - 15 October 2020.

TERRE Policy Centre wanted to boost creativity & innovative mind of young generation of India, through this fellowship program. Age criteria for this fellowship were 18 to 25 Indian resident and nature of fellowship is INR 25,000/- to winner & consolation prize was INR 10,000/- with E-Certificate. After the fellowship announcement more than 1200 candidates submitted their project ideas on given topics through online registration & submission system. Topic for fellowship was plastic, clean air, Agriculture, Smart Environment-friendly technology & innovation. Participants submitted very innovative & eco-friendly projects so it is very difficult to segregate among the total entries. After reading & studying all received projects TERRE team shortlisted 15 applications which have innovative ideas which will be helpful for environment.

Our juries conducted a video interview with 15 fellowship applicants on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. Each day juries interviewed 8 applicants in which they shared and explain their project idea. After their presentation juries asked questions related to their projects and guided them to improvise their project efficiency and help them to make their projects more practical. Mr. Ashok Mangotra (Former secretary to Government of India, and former president Dr. Abdul Kalam) and Dr. Vinita Apte (Founder director of TERRE policy centre) were the juries for final interviews, Mr. Anil Arora(Head of GEF-UNDP small grante programme for more than 20 years) & Dr. Satish Kulkarni(First recipients of the Jagdish bose national science talent search in Culcatta & awarded by Jawaharlal Nehru).

After conducting all interviews and discussion juries shared the final result. For winners, TERRE is offering a fellowship of Rs. 25,000/- TERRE is giving a Certificate to all fellowship winners and Rs.10, 000/- to Juries special awards prize winners.

## Glimpses of Interviews-



### Virtual Award Ceremony-

The award ceremony for Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Young Research Fellowship was conducted on 27th July 2021 on Remembrance Day of Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, TERRE conducted an award ceremony on an online platform. Chief Guest for the ceremony was Mr. Arun Firodiya (Chairman, Kinetic Group), Mr. Anil arora (Head of GEF-UNDP small grante programme for more than 20 years), Dr. Vinita Apte (Founder Director, TERRE Policy Centre) and Dr. Rajendra Shende (Chairman, TERRE Policy Centre). Due to some reasons Dr. Satish Kulkarni & Mr. Ashok Mangotra were unable to attend live ceremony but they shared their best wishes for winners by video message.

The award ceremony was started with Vasundhara Geet then Dr. Vinita Apte gave an introductory speech to all winners and other present people. After introductory speech official announcement of winners is done. There are 5 fellowship winners and 2 consolation prize winner. After the declaration of winners, Mr. Anil Arora addressed the winners and shared his experience with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam. Mr. Arun Firodiya guided winners to make their projects more practical and applicable in day to day life. After Mr. Arun Firodiya, Dr. Rajendra Shende addressed and guide to winners.

### Name of the Fellowship Winners-

<b><u>Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Young Research Fellowship 2020-21 Winners</u></b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>University</b>
<b>Gurkanwal Kaur</b>	College of Basic Sciences & Humanities	Punjab Agricultural University
<b>Manjinder Kaur</b>	College of Basic Sciences & Humanities	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana
<b>KANIHA K G</b>	BANNARI AMMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	ANNA UNIVERSITY
<b>Pavan A</b>	MVJ College of Engineering	Visvesvaraya Technological University
<b>Aiswarya R</b>	Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women	Avinashilingam University

<b>Special Jury Awards</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>University</b>
<b>Kasturi. D. Lende</b>	Sir Parsurambhau College of Commerce	Savitribai Phule Pune University
<b>Ajit Kumar Bishoyi</b>	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Siksha 'O' Anusandhan Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar

## Glimpses of Award Ceremony-



**Dr. Vinitaa Apte (Founder Director TERRE) addressing to winners**









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