

"The lesson we derive out of (the Agastya) experience is that innovative and student friendly solutions are needed to enable scientific learning in the youth, especially those in rural and remote regions of the nations of the world."

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Former President of India

"The objective of Agastya is clearly path-breaking, and has already yielded results...these efforts, related to a qualitative change in stimulating creativity, will influence a new generation"

Dr. P.K. Iyengar
Former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, India

"The beauty of Agastya's vision is that it is so simple, and simplicity is the ultimate form of sophistication"

Dr. V.K. Aatre
Former Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister, Govt. of India

"It is really a visionary project (I have never used that phase with anything else I have seen before)"

Dr. John Coates
Professor of Pure Mathematics, Cambridge University, England

"Agastya has perfected the way to teach science to rural kids"

Desh Deshpande
Co-Chairman, President Obama's National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

"The greatest impact that Agastya can have on a rural child's mind is to open it up to the opportunities that science offers... every child should know the joy of discovery"

Dr. Sujatha Ramdorai
Member, Prime Minister's National Knowledge Commission

"The Agastya campus is truly a spectacular outdoor classroom with an unmatched majesty and magnitude. The educational opportunities for learning are endless! There is no place like this in New York. Any school in the United States would be the envy of the educational world if only there was an Agastya outside their front door."

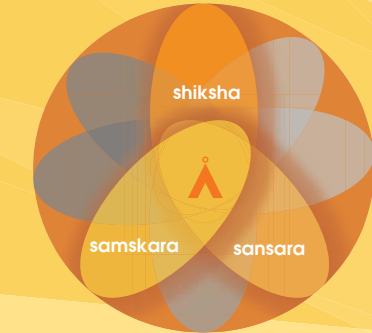
Howard Warren
Science Teacher, Trinity School, New York



TRANSFORMING ATTITUDES TO LEARNING

- 'Yes' to 'Why'
- 'Looking' to 'Observing'
- 'Passiveness' to 'Exploring'
- 'Textbook-bound' to 'Hands-on'
- 'Fear' to 'Confidence'

Agastya symbolizes India's profound culture and creativity and her emergence as a 21st Century power



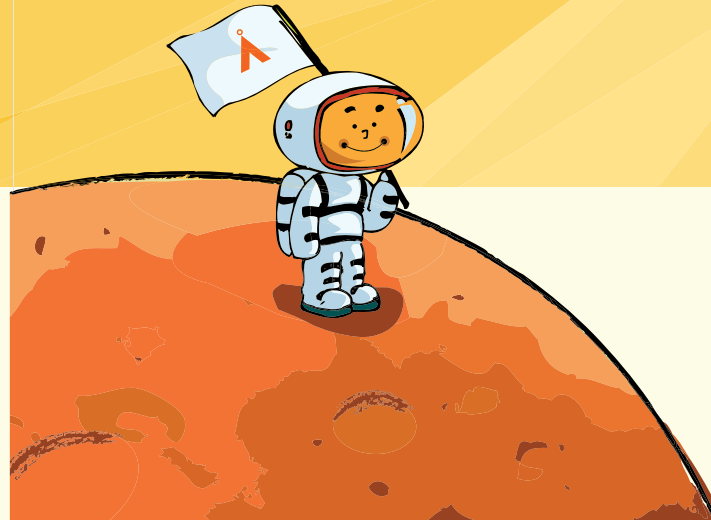
Agastya is built on the ancient Indian wisdom of holistic education. Its uniqueness lies in the advocacy of **Shiksha (education)**, encapsulating **Samskara (values)**, towards an enriched **Sansara (universe)**.

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Make learning
Fun! Useful! Accessible!



Agastya is a movement led by entrepreneurs, educators, scientists, teachers and children to revitalize and transform education for disadvantaged children and rural teachers in India.

Through a scalable and interactive model, Agastya and its partners - government, corporate and social investors - aim to catalyze social development, innovation and leadership.



Agastya runs one of the largest hands-on science education programs in the world

Agastya programs touch millions of children and teachers

Agastya teaches children to teach children

Agastya Mobile Labs are revolutionizing education



Mission

Infuse and propagate a creative temper through

- Experiential learning
- Teacher education
- Scalable, sustainable methods

THE AGASTYA MODEL

CAMPUS CREATIVITY LAB

Develop, test, propagate effective and innovative teaching-learning methods

- Hands-on science
- Project based learning
- Kinesthetic learning
- Young Instructor Leader training
- Model Making

Discovery Center

- One of the largest creative learning spaces in rural India
- Fosters individual discovery (Aha! experience)

Guru Gruha Astronomy Center

- One of the world's largest suspended planetary systems
- Full-Dome digital projector planetarium

Center for Creative Teaching

- Motivating teachers to become agents of change
- Training to raise quality of child-teacher interaction

Ecology Initiative

- Creating a model to regenerate semi-arid ecosystems
- Botanical learning hub through campus & eco-mobile labs

Art Center

- Unlocking individual and team creative potential
- Bridging boundaries between art and science

VisionWorks

- Developing exciting teaching learning material
- Model Making workshop to sustain outreach programs

Operation Vasantha

- Engaging community participation in education
- Night time centers to continue hands-on learning

Other Campus Activities

- Summer Camps
- Sports
- Dance
- MediaArts Lab
- Music and the Mind

NATIONWIDE

Large scale dissemination to schools and communities

- Science Mobile Labs
- iMobile Lab
- Science Centers
- Children-Teach-Children Young Instructor Leaders
- Science Fairs
- Teacher Training
- Innovation Fairs (Jignyasa and Anveshana)
- Lab In a Box

Program Highlights

- Hands-on and interactive
- Exposure to new ideas, methods
- Link to school syllabus
- Peer-to-peer instruction
- Multiple interactions
- Day, night coverage (community visits)
- Cost effective, scalable, replicable

Agastya Scholars Program

Agastya offers college scholarships to its Young Instructor Leaders.

The Agastya Vision

A creative and humane India



ACHIEVEMENTS & RECOGNITION

Agastya innovations are reaching a global audience

- Agastya's Young Instructor Leaders win prestigious IRIS Intel National Science Awards five years in a row
- National Knowledge Commission recommended Agastya Model for nationwide scale-up
- Agastya's 'commitment to action' recognized by Clinton Global Initiative
- Agastya invited to present at Centenary Conference of Indian Institute of Science and at Pan IIT
- HP appoints Agastya Global Leader of the New Learner Consortium
- Agastya Chairman elected Senior Fellow by Ashoka: Innovators for the Public
- UN Chronicle features article on Agastya
- Business World carries two feature articles on Agastya
- India Today features Agastya among top 20 institutions revolutionizing education
- Agastya International Foundation in Education World Magazine
- Former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam donates part of the S R Jindal Prize to Agastya