

About Gitanjali Rao:



Gitanjali Rao is an inventor, aspiring scientist, author, speaker and active promoter of STEM education around the world. She was recognized as America's Top Young Scientist and was a recipient of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Presidential award for her invention of Tethys, an early lead contamination detection tool. Her invention, an anti-cyberbullying service called Kindly that uses AI and Natural Language processing, made an impact. She

was honored in Forbes' 30 Under 30 in Science in 2019 and *TIME* Magazine's Top Young Innovator and first-ever Kid of the Year for her innovations and promotion of STEM education. She has inspired over 58,000 students in the last two years across six continents and 37 countries through her workshops.

Gitanjali is the author of the book *A Young Innovator's Guide to STEM*, which guides students and educators through a self-developed prescriptive five-step innovation process. The book is adopted formally as a STEM curriculum in Kakuma Refugee Camp Schools in Kenya and a few high schools in Ghana. She was honored as one of America's Top Youth Volunteers by Prudential in 2021 and was appointed as a UNICEF Youth Advocate for using science to tackle social problems. She recently received a grant as a National Geographic Young Explorer for promoting STEM education.

About Garvita Gulhati:



Garvita Gulhati, Founder & CEO of Why Waste. Called the "Water Girl of India", Garvita and her team of 'waterpreneurs' organized a revolutionary campaign called #glasshalffull that saved over 10 million liters of water from being wasted in Indian restaurants and impacted over 6 million lives. The idea continues to grow even today with chapters in eight countries. Garvita represents the voice of youth changemakers and works with several global organizations such as Facebook, Google, and IKEA. She is also a Global Changemaker, Ashoka Young Changemaker,

Change.org fellow, National Geographic Young Explorer and Earth Day fellow. Most recently Garvita was the youngest to be listed on the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia-Pacific List of Social Entrepreneurs and is the first and only Indian to be awarded a Wonder Grant from the Shawn Mendes Foundation. She is an expert mentor at Global Citizen Year and works with UNICEF on their youth climate strategy. Garvita is an engineer, a professional classical dancer, and a calligraphy artist.

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