



# Tehri's Shrutika selected for Commonwealth Youth Award

## Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on July 31, 2023, Tehri's Shrutika Silswal has been selected for the Commonwealth Youth Award. He has been selected out of a total of 50 youths from Commonwealth countries, which includes four Indians. He will be given this award in London in September.

## Key Points:

- According to information, these awards are given to young people in Commonwealth countries who have done remarkable work in the field of social enterprise, environment, innovation and human rights.
- A total of 50 people, including four Indians, have been named in the list for the Commonwealth Youth Awards. These people, in the age group of 15 to 29 years, are involved in initiatives to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- India's Akshay Makar has been selected for SDG 13 Climate Change, Soumya Dabriwal for SDG 5 Gender Equality, Kaushal Shetty for SDG 11 Sustainable Cities & Communities and Shrutika Silswal for SDG 4 Quality Education.
- It is known that Shrutika Silswal is working with the Simple Foundation on the improvement of education in Tehri Garhwal. She is the Associate Director of the Foundation. This organization helps the children of government schools.
- Presently she is running her project in five schools. His dream is on qualitative improvement in government schools across the country. For this, he has created some projects, which make children emotionally strong.
- Originally a resident of Kakhilbheldar in Tehri, Shrutika has earlier received the 'Teacher for India' and 'Dalai Lama Fellowship'.
- Shrutika's father Vinod Silswal is a teacher at MIT College Dhalwala, while her mother Meenakshi is a teacher at GIC Nagani, Chamba.
- Shrutika is hurt by the exodus from the mountains for education after Covid and does not want anyone to leave their home & go to another city for primary education.
- Out of 50 youths selected for the Commonwealth Youth Awards, 20 will be selected as winners. These youth will attend the prize distribution ceremony in London on 14 September. Each winner will be awarded a trophy, certificate etc.
- Usually, 20 names are selected, from which five regional winners are chosen, but this year the names of 50 youths have been included to mark the completion of 50 years of the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

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