

## NATIONAL TEACHERS' AWARDS

# Want female teachers' number among awardees to go up: Murmu



During the National Awards to Teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day, in New Delhi on Tuesday. PTI

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PRESIDENT DROUPADI Murmu on Friday conferred the 'National Teachers' Awards' to 75 educators chosen from across educational institutions, in a ceremony held on the occasion of Teacher's Day at Vigyan Bhawan.

Fifty of 75 awardees were from school, 13 from higher education, and 12 from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

Calling for an improvement in the number of female teacher awardees in the future editions

of the award, Murmu stressed the necessity to "encourage female teachers and students to empower women".

"There are 51 per cent female teachers across schools in the country, but there are only 32 per cent female school teachers in the list today. I'd like this number to go up," Murmu said.

Congratulating the awardees, Murmu recounted the schooling of her children, while highlighting the importance of a teacher in the character development of a child.

"Just like the foundation of a house, the foundation of a good life is the character. A good

teacher ensures the character development of a child," Murmu said.

The President also highlighted the role of the National Education Policy (NEP) in keeping a student in touch with the national heritage and traditions. "The NEP stresses on making a robust framework for education. It gives importance to Indian traditions and heritage," she said.

Murmu also appreciated the inclusion of Skills Development teachers from various Skill Development Institutes like the ITIs in the list of the awardees.