

Country Focus:
Jamaica

Due to her outstanding performance as a teacher leader, **Bhagya Malladi**, an **ITEN Teacher Fellow**, was recognized as a **LASCO/MoEYI Teacher of the year 2019-2020** in Jamaica.

Part of the recognition came in the form of an invitation to deliver the keynote at the Pre-Service Forum for Teacher Colleges Students in Jamaica, an event promoted by the Jamaica Teachers' Association on 20 February 2020.



140 pre-service teachers

and **12** teacher educators

...heard Bhagya share valuable insights on leadership and professional development for the preparation of pre-service teachers and on Advancing Education through Engagement, Discovery and Reflection - the forum's main theme.



Students mentioned how this presentation was **engaging** and **inspiring**, and Bhagya noted that *"I realized that this is where it should start, as **they are our future educators** and our task gets easier once we prepare and help them **to create a positive classroom environment.**"*