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In recognition of Darshan Shankar's, pioneering work in promoting integrative health sciences, he was awarded the Padma Shri, by the Government of India in 2011. Darshan Shankar's core contributions have been in the field of educational innovation. At the age of 22 he designed and implemented a post graduate "experiential" learning program in University of Bombay that won the University the Commonwealth Award in 1976 for the best program in the Commonwealth for linking University education to community needs.

His work has won several national and International Awards like the Normal Borlaug Award (1998) for contributions to conservation of wild populations of medicinal plants and Columbia University's International Award (2003) for recognition of FRLHT's outstanding contributions to revitalization of traditional systems of health-care in India.

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