

3rd digitalLEARNING  
**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2016**

# Best Minds in Education **UNDER ONE ROOF**

*The 3rd edition of School Leadership Summit (SLS) 2016 organised by Elets Technomedia Pvt Ltd on February 18, 2016 at Le Meridien, New Delhi, saw a gathering of the most influential leaders from education space. The Summit was attended by principals, academicians and heads of schools from across the country, who discussed and shared ideas on diverse topics in school education. Elets News Network (ENN) brings to you in pictures SLS 2016, and the views and thoughts presented by the distinguished personalities at the summit, in a nutshell*



**T**he topics as diverse as The Future of Education, Teacher Training, Best Practices in Schools, Managing Students in Digital Age and Sports Education were in focus at the 3rd edition of School Leadership Summit 2016, held on February 18, 2016 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.

The day-long conference was segmented into various sessions, tailored to give the audience an all-round perspective of the issues surrounding the current education scenario and what would be the future of education.

In the first session on “The Future of Education”, **Amol Arora**, MD, SHEMROCK & SHEMFORD Group of Schools

## Event Report



Dr DR Saini, Principal, DPS, RK Puram, New Delhi



Dr T Venu Gopal Rao, CEO, Fusion International School

presented a compelling presentation on “Is your school future ready?” He compelled the audience to think by putting questions: how new age educators would look like; how educators need to change to become future ready and with many other thought provoking questions.

He stressed on the need to implement technology in schools in order to prepare them for the future, not only in learning but also in teaching. He said, “In order to be future ready, the process of education in schools should be changed. If technology going to replace the teachers then it should be. If you want to incorporate technology in your schools then it should be reflected in the school infrastructure.”

In the Second Session, **Dr T Venu Gopal Rao**, CEO, Fusion International School, Hyderabad and **Lt Col (Retd) A Sekhar**, Principal, Atul Vidyalaya, Valsad, presented their views on the “Importance of Teacher Training, Nurturing School Leaders - The Future Visionaries.”

While sharing his experiences, Dr Rao stated that the process of imparting education has changed a lot in the last few decades. He said, “Earlier, the focus was just on imparting education but now the education is outcome-based. In the past, the education was teacher-centric but now it is learner-centric. Therefore, there is a need for teachers to become high level knowledge workers.”

He mentioned that, to be future-ready, teacher training is important and we need to nurture school leaders. “We need to nurture the teachers and school leaders so that they can define school’s educational goals,” said Dr Rao.

To present people’s perspective on the topic, Lt Col (Retd) A Sekhar initiated a cross interaction with the audiences. He put questions among the delegates like what type of teacher training do we require to get what we want, how many hours of training does a teacher require, etc. The entire gathering was wholeheartedly involved in the conversation and stressed on the need of training the teachers to make them future ready.

Col Sekhar said, “Teachers and school leaders like to follow compliance, that is, they want to follow a particular process and time table. Therefore, the training should be to facilitate and ease them.”



Exhibitors at the Summit



Representatives of facilitated schools, featured in the 'Best Schools of India' digitalLEARNING survey 2015

"The concept of teaching is slowly changing and there is a need to nurture the school leaders to prepare them for the future. As parents are a vital part of children's education, parental understanding is an area where teachers need to work hard," he added.

The Session on "Engaging and Managing Students in Digital Age: Transforming Classrooms into Learning Places" saw a few interesting industry presentations on digitisation of education in this technologically advanced age.

**Amit Jhamb** from Pearson India gave an interesting presentation on the "Learning Process in this Digital Age" and how it is transforming the classrooms. He briefed about the innovative solutions of Pearson India that are catalysing the education space.

**Anand Kumar**, Techno-Commercial Head, Radius Systems Pvt Ltd, briefed about the role of digital solutions in transforming the learning places. He presented a captivating presentation on "Apple in Education", which teleported the audience into the future of learning places where the innovative technological solutions are easing the education process for all the stakeholders - schools, teachers, learners and parents.

The delegates witnessed a special workshop on "Is your Child Ready to Face the World?", by **Prof Anupam Sibal**, Group Medical Director, Apollo Hospitals Group. Sharing his personal experiences about his little son, Dr Sibal, explains the psychology of the children and how their little thoughts need to be handled with care. He presented a few live examples that helped in understanding the children and to know if they are ready to face the challenges and competition in the outside world.

The Session on "Sports Education: Usage of Team Building" touched the unique role of sports education in a student's life. **Dr DR Saini**, Principal, Delhi Public School, RK Puram, New Delhi presented some thought provoking views on the importance of sports education.

Dr Saini said, "Pursuit of excellence is most important to be successful in life. Not only mental but physical fitness is vital for better performance. Therefore, coordination of mind and body is important for better performance and to succeed in life."

In addition, the conference witnessed presentations from industry people on innovative and new solutions in the education space. **Behram Mohta**, CBSE Academic Head, MT Edu-

care, Associate Business Head, Robomate+, gave a presentation on "Robomate: A Revolution in Learning."

In his presentation, **Jasvinder Singh**, CEO, Words Worth, briefed about the "Digital Language Labs for Educational Institutions." **Naresh Doble**, Head - Education and Healthcare Business, Armstrong, delivered a presentation on "Acoustic Solutions for the Leaders of Tomorrow."

**Divya Lal**, COO, Educomp Solutions Ltd, in her presentation on "New Era of Educomp: Solutions for Mobile Generation," gave an overview about innovative solutions of Educomp.

**Dr M Ponnavaikko**, Vice Chancellor, Bharath University, Chennai obliged the summit with his gracious presence and presented special awards to the top eduPRENEURS for their contribution in the field of education.

The summit also marked the felicitation ceremony to felicitate the schools featured in the "Best Schools of India" ranking survey conducted by the digitalLEARNING magazine.

The welcome address was delivered by Seema Gupta, Project Manager, digitalLEARNING magazine and Raghav Mittal, Managing Editor, digitalLEARNING magazine hosted the event.

The summit witnessed the presence of more than 300 delegates representing schools from all across the country. All in all, the summit provided a wonderful opportunity to delegates and stakeholders in the field of education, across India, to be a part of the knowledgeable and thought provoking exhortations and to network with their counterparts. ■



Dr M Ponnavaikko, VC, Bharath University (3rd from left) giving away special eduPRENEUR Award

# Innovative Best Practices in School Education

The Summit also witnessed a roundtable discussion on “Sharing Best Practices in Managing and Operating Schools” where the entire gathering of principals and heads of schools participated and shared the best practices they are following in their schools. During the discussion, some really innovative best practices and pedagogies came to light. Some of the best practices are shared below:

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*We have streamlined the process of school administration. There is a straight line between the head of school and teachers so that they can communicate without any burdle. We have no principal cabin so that teachers and students can easily approach the principal*

**VINESH MENON**  
Dy Chief Executive Officer,  
Global Discovery Schools

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*In addition to education, we focus on grooming children’s personality through extra curricular activities by organising art and literary fests. Besides, we stressed on teacher’s training to keep them abreast of the children’s behaviour and to make them future ready*

**KRIT SERAI**  
Principal, Satluj Public School,  
Panchkula

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*We provide a realistic environment to students through cultural convergence of city and rural areas. We visit and conduct surveys of the surrounding areas to understand the ecology of the place and conduct parent-teacher partnership programmes to understand the children's psychology.*

**DR RAJESH KUMAR CHANDEL**

Principal, Gyan Ganga International School, Jabalpur

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*As parents play a pivotal role in a child's education, we give monthly presentation in front of parents on the child's progress and education. We also do parental counselling to make them aware about the psychology and the interest areas of children*

**DR VANDANA GHOSH**

Principal  
Shri Ram Centennial School, Agra

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*Our school endeavours to inspire and empowers students to be critical thinkers and productive members of an ever-changing society*

**ANJNA SETH**

Director, Holy Heart  
Presidency School,  
Amritsar

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*As technology is vital in today's time, we practice the pedagogy of flip classrooms, to make the students learn anytime, anywhere. We also provide entrepreneurship programmes to groom them into future leaders*

**SANGEETA SAXENA**

Principal, Chiranjiv Bharati School, Gurgaon

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*Our focus is on science education to ready the students for the future. We follow the process of helicopter parenting so that parents are able to pay attention to their children's experiences and problems*

**DR SUNITA VASHISHTHA**

Principal, Central Academy, Jaipur

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*In our school, we follow innovative approach for subject learning. We make the student's learn through visual medium in the classroom by way of pictures of answers, PPTs and music*

**RITU MEHTA**

Principal,  
GD Goenka Public School, Bhiwadi

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*Our philosophy is "be good, make others good." We do regular child performance review and peer performance review to ensure proper development of children and to find out academic aberrations if any. These reviews are shared at the end of every month with the parents*

**PROF (DR) SATYABRATA MINAKETAN**

Chairman, ODM Educational Group

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## Event Report

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*As we have to deal with small children, we use innovative ways to make them learn and for their overall development. We focus on rhyme-based learning so that children can learn in a playful manner. We believe in linking education to practical thinking*

**KAVISHA KHURANA VIJ**

Director, The Chintels School, Kanpur

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*Our school's main focus is on innovation and science education. We impart education to our students using innovative techniques and have developed science parks to make the students learn in real environment*

**CDR VK BANGA**

Principal & Chairman,  
The Mann School, Delhi

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*Our school believes in the concept of collaborative learning, so that children can learn or attempt to learn together and capitalise on one another's resources and skills. We also focus on critical thinking and diversity*

**VINEETA MITTAL**

Principal  
The Millennium School, Gurgaon

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*Apart from education, we believe that life skills play a vital role in a child's development. We encourage artistic students to take part in plays and other extra curricular activities.*

**PRATIMA SINHA**

Principal  
Meridian School, Hyderabad

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*In addition to education, our goal is to make the students become good citizens as they are future of the society. We make the students aware of constitutional fundamental rights and duties*

**SHUCHI GOYAL**

Principal  
Gurgaon Valley School, Gurgaon

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*We provide counselling and guidance to our students as well as teachers. To facilitate this, we have student resource centre and teacher resource centre. To recognise the achievements, we also give commendation cards for their outstanding performance*

**RAMA DATT**

Principal, Sanskar School, Jaipur

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