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Conference Report

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REINVENTING NEW HORIZONS IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

Chandigarh, the educational hub of North India, recently witnessed the congregation of Government dignitaries, top edu-leaders and key stakeholders of the school education industry at the 11th School Leadership Summit held on 12 April 2019.

The Chief Guest Lt Gen Kamal Jit Singh, State Information Commissioner and Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, inaugurated the summit in the presence of Dr Manpreet Singh Manna, Former Director, AICTE, MHRD, Government of India and Member, World committee for SDG4 United Nations Organisation; Brijesh Karia, National Business Head, Robomate+; and Kanak Gupta, Vice President, Seth M R Jaipuria Group of Schools.

Organised by Elets Technomedia Pvt Ltd and powered by digitalLEARNING magazine, the summit witnessed the panel discussions on topics such as: Educating the present and future generations to develop their intellectual, emotional and adaptive capacities; evolving classrooms to create experiential learning spaces, and future of early childhood education in the era of digitalisation and innovations.

Lt Singh highlighted the need for nurturing patriotism through education whereas Dr Manna briefed on the importance of celebrating each and every profession. Further, keynote speaker Anup Kumar Rajput, Professor and Head, Department of Elementary Education, NCERT, explained why education is becoming confusing for children these days.

Other speakers from the private sector also discussed the major issues of the school education system and best practices and innovations that can be adopted and implemented for a better outcome.

The summit also witnessed a great turnout of exhibitors who showcased an array of innovative products and services for the education sector. Besides, more than 150 schools were felicitated on the platform of the 11th School Leadership Summit, Chandigarh for their exemplary contribution to the school educational ecosystem.

Here is a glimpse of the summit:



Inaugural Session (L-R): Dr Manpreet Singh Manna, Former Director, AICTE, MHRD, Govt. of India & Member, World committee for SDG4 United Nations Organisation; Lt Gen Kamal Jit Singh, State Information Commissioner and Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana; Brijesh Karia, National Business Head, Robomate+; Kanak Gupta, Vice President, Seth M R Jaipuria Group of Schools.

GOVERNMENT **SPEAKERS**



LT GEN KAMAL JIT SINGH STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND ADVISOR TO HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER

“ We must focus on nurturing patriotism among our students. If a person wants to do something for the country, joining the Indian Army is not the only way. Being a good citizen is also one of the best ways to serve the country. Our efforts supporting the country's development and betterment encourage soldiers on the border.

To improve the education scenario in India, it is important for all of us to share the responsibility. It is the duty of principals from finest schools in India to understand and cater the needs of students hailing from tier-2 and tier-3 cities by interacting with them, and building and managing a micro-environment to provide such an education.

Another important aspect is to improve the education sector sensibly. Innovations and latest methodologies are considerably exciting for every stakeholder of the education ecosystem. But, we must be sensible enough to adopt those changes so that changes help in building a sustainable and quality education landscape.

India has got a huge demographic dividend which needs to be leveraged by the educational institutions to fulfil the educational needs across the country. Countries like Japan, Germany and Italy have a deficiency of skilled manpower. We can help these countries in this regard. We have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Japan to provide five lakh skilled employees.”

GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS

Dr Anup Kumar Rajput

Professor and Head, Department of Elementary Education, NCERT



“ In the present scenario, most of the children are confused as they don't know how whatever being is taught to us or written in textbooks is related to our life ahead. Is it only relevant to pass the examination or it will be helpful for my life? If the students don't need to pass the examination, educators may explain students the objective of education which is to develop their personality holistically. Realising this objective we will nurture productive citizens who can contribute to improving the GDP of the country. It is important to identify the 21st century skills few of which include: Creativity, critical thinking, communication, life-long learning etc.”

Dr Manpreet Singh Manna

Former Director, AICTE, MHRD, Govt. of India & Member, World committee for SDG4 United Nations Organisation

“ We don't want to make every student an engineer with a standard curriculum. We want good farmers, politicians, social worker as well. When students start pursuing higher education, they come with a mindset that my father said to choose the branch that's why I opted for it. Today school children are well aware and well connected through the media and internet. He/She should be fetched with the right education at the right time. If we are not imparting skills at schooling level we are not going to get innovations at the engineering level. We are talking a lot about innovation. And for Skills, we have even formed a ministry but haven't reached the starting point from where skills should begin. Skills have to start from school.”



KEY SPEAKERS



Dr S K Rathor

Founder & Chairman, Sanfort Group of Schools

“ In recent years, school value system has gone down along with the parent's faith in the system. We need to create an environment in the school ecosystem where we need to bring together all the stakeholders - teachers, parents and students. And we should educate the parents to build again a 'Guru-Shishya' environment in the school. The faith of the parents in the school education system should be improved. So it will bring a win-win outcome for both parents and students.”

R K Sharma

Managing Director, Rainbow Academy Senior Secondary School

“ We believe that education is not just skill, it's an attitude and we are dedicated to impart education for excellence. We have started garbage farming as the skill education for our students. Under our mission - Trash to Treasure - we are converting the garbage into compost. We have filled 170 metre stretch of our village road with biodegradable waste. Under another initiative "Mission Muskaan", we distribute sanitary napkins to the girl students of remote areas. We are one of the first schools to install free sanitary napkin vending machine at our campus.”





Minal Anand

CEO & Founder, GuruQ

“ On GuruQ platform, students have the option of finding gurus of different calibre, gender, capabilities, as per their requirement. Also, it allows them to choose the type of tuitions – online, home, individual or group classes. We also have a facility where students can create a study group with their friends on the platform and also choose a tutor of their interest. It is quite cost-effective as compared to individual classes.”

Anirudh Gupta

CEO, DCM Group of Schools

“ We need to reorient and re-strategise the way of learning. Technology is a double-edged weapon. We need to choose it with care and see we are not becoming bored with it. It is also important for us to create an environment for the students where they inhale learning, absorb learning rather than push the learning through.”





Amit Singla

CEO, NexGen Computers

“ Migrating to the education industry 10 years ago was the best thing we did. Today, we are working with more than 500 schools for their education technology needs. We deal into smart classrooms, language labs, robotics labs, STEM labs, ERP software for schools. We keep ahead of the competition by bringing innovative products into the market. Along with implementing technology, it is important for teachers to use it effectively for the students to gain maximum from it.”

Kanak Gupta

Director, Seth M R Jaipuria Group of Schools

“ When we talk about creativity & innovation, we don't bring it to the classroom. For example, History happens to be one of my favourite subjects but I studied History only after I went to College /University. For me, school history ended in 1947, what happened after 1947 was not history. No one talked about 1971 or 1965 and no one talked about Kargil. But we were expected to know all this come examination time. Somewhere there has been discord in our set up and as well as what the expectations are.”





Abhishek Sachdev

Head- School Sales North
 Kidzania Delhi NCR



Unlike earlier days, now, there are multiple career options. Kidzania is providing the base to students from the starting. We are giving them a brief foundation about the particular profession. More than 90 plus role-playing activities are there – children can become a policeman, doctor, firefighter, TV anchor or a radio jockey. In a nutshell, we have created a whole city where we have buildings, roads, vehicles, industries and community centre. We have around 40 brands associated with us to make the cities real.”

Ishan Negi

Regional Manager, Yellow.Live



From the last decade, books have been backed by the software and smart class concept. The reason behind us coming in this industry was to back the education, where the software will help not to educate students but parents as well. At yellow.live, we provide tracking solutions to the schools under which GPS system is installed in the buses. This way, they can track their buses from anywhere on the go.”





Ankur Gupta

CEO & MD of Campus mall Uniform & Merchandise

“ School and colleges are focusing on building brands and how their brand is being perceived in the market. They might do a lot of advertising and marketing but the biggest ambassador for an institute is their students. And how their students are projecting themselves in the world helps in creating a recognizable brand value in the market. A well-informed student plays a great role in how a school is being projected.”

Manish Naidu

Founder, Brainwonders

“ Brainwonders is doing its part of identifying the potential of a child - knowing their strengths and weaknesses, characteristics, mapping their potential and helping them to do well. We have partnered with Elets for the first time and we hope to add on to our existing 380 schools across the country. We are getting the maximum attraction from tier 2 cities as the parents are much more aware. We will be expanding to another 80 centres.”





Mansi Aggarwal

Director, Scottish Early Years



Early childhood education has a great impact on the lives of children. At this crucial stage, the more values we can instil in them and the more exposure we can give them, it will help them expand their horizon. Imparting quality and value-based education is the motto of our school. We organise at least one event every month where parents come to school, see what their children are doing in class and participate along with them."

Brijesh Karia

National Business Head, Robomate+



Somewhere students have started to feel a disconnect with studies because of so much stress and pressure. As school leaders, we need to come up with creative solutions wherein the focus has to be the child. The disconnection between child and education should be eradicated and he/she must enjoy studies and not take it as a burden."





Shantanu Mishra

Marketing Manager - South Asia, Turnitin



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Vishnu Mittal

Marketing Head, Franciscan Solution Pvt Ltd



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PANEL DISCUSSION-1: EDUCATING THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS TO DEVELOP THEIR INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL AND ADAPTIVE CAPACITIES



Panelists (L-R): Anirudh Gupta, CEO, DCM Group of Schools; Dr S K Rathor, Founder & Chairman, Sanfort Group of Schools; Dr Manpreet Singh Manna, Former Director, AICTE, MHRD, Govt. of India & Member, World committee for SDG4 United Nations Organisation; Reekrit Serai, Director and Dean, Satluj Group of Schools; Pratima Sinha, CEO, DSR Educational Society; Kanak Gupta, Vice President, Seth M R Jaipuria Group of Schools.

PANEL DISCUSSION-2: THE EVOLVING CLASSROOM: CREATING EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING SPACES



Panelists (L-R): Dr Onika Mehrotra, Principal, Kalka Public School, Delhi; Anurodh Chitra, Principal, Delhi Public School, Kurukshetra; Rachna Pant, Principal, Ramjas School, New Delhi; Seema Handa, Managing Director, Eklavya School, Jalandhar; Geetika Sethi, Director-Principal, The British School, Panchkula; Vineeta Rajput, Principal, The Millennium School, Patiala; Dr Himanshu Sharma, Principal - Academics, Him Academy Public School, Hamirpur; Gulshan Kaur, Principal, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Panchkula; Sanjum Sethi, Incharge, Venkateshwar International School Sec-10 Dwarka.

PANEL DISCUSSION-3: THE FUTURE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN THE ERA OF DIGITALISATION AND INNOVATION



Panelists (L-R): Hema Harchandani, Managing Director & Founder, Canvas Group of Schools; Mansi Aggarwal, Director, Scottish Early Years; Sneha Rathor, CEO (Academics and Innovations), Sanfort Group of Schools; Amol Arora, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Shemrock & Shemford Group of Schools; Shalini Jaiswal, Director - Academic, Training & Teacher Education, Maple Bear South Asia; Manjit Legha, Academic Director, Little Millennium; Dr (CA) Rajeev Gupta, Director, Golden Bells Pre School.

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11th SCHOOL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT CHANDIGARH witnessed the congregation of eminent policymakers and edu-leaders on 12 April, 2019. We thank every partner, exhibitor, speaker and delegate for making the summit a grand success by sharing their thoughts and innovations.



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