

# Conference Report





Magazine launch during the summit

### Embracing the Future of Education with Technology and Digitalisation

he global standard of education adopted in the schools of Pune encouraged digitalLEARNING to organize one of its flagship event — 12th School Leadership Summit, in the city. The one-of-its-kind summit brought the top edu-leaders and stakeholders of the school education ecosystem under one roof.

The event was inaugurated by Hunny Agarwal, Regional Sales Manager-North & West, Turnitin in the presence of Brijesh Karia, National Business Head, Robomate+; Dr R S Panwar, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Rabindranath School of Excellence, Pune and Aditi Goradia, Managing Director, Billimoria High School, Panchgani.

During the summit, a variety of issues, opportunities, challenges and their solutions were talked about in the form of panel discussions. The topics discussed were: Technology in Education: Facilitating Collaborative Learning in Schools; Redefining Assessments in School Education; Why Physical Education is Essential Element in Overall Development of a Student and Personalised Learning Environment: Balancing Teachers' Role and Student Autonomy.

Other speakers from the top school education institutes deliberated on latest technological innovations in education, best practices followed in their institutes and future strategies to further the cause of education as well as the holistic development of children.

Besides the learning sessions, the summit also witnessed an assortment of innovative products and services in the education sector showcased by a wide-ranging of exhibitors, who turned out in a large number. Also, more than 150 top schools were felicitated at the platform of 12th School Leadership Summit for their exemplary work in the field of education.

Here's a glimpse of the summit held at one of the top educational hubs of India – Pune.

## GOVERNMENT Speaker



We don't need technology geeks which are good teachers; we need teaching geeks who are good with technology. Because I firmly believe, no technology can replace a teacher but definitely good technology given to a good teacher will absolutely change the environment. Everyone would agree that board has become the centre of a child's life, especially Class 10 students. I was talking to one of my students recently and it made me realise that children are put under so much stress, pressure, and durance for no reason whatsoever."

#### **BRIJESH KARIA**

NATIONAL BUSINESS HEAD, ROBOMATE+

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"One of the biggest struggles that we have experienced at Billimoria is bringing in technology. May be a lot of school leaders will connect to that. Bringing in technology to teachers who have been doing things their own way for the last 15-20-30 years is difficult. It's difficult for them to keep up. We have to relate. We have to respect it. They want too. It's not that they are challenging us."



**ADITI GORADIA** Managing Director, Billimoria High School, Panchgani



**HUNNY AGARWAL** Regional Sales Manager-North & West, Turnitin

"We are a 21 year old Ed-tech company and have been working with students and instructors. Our tools have been assisting the instructors to provide students a timely feedback. to engage students in their growth process and also assist their process in the gradings. We act as a trusted partner to more than 15.000 institutions worldwide. We work with around 30 million students across 150 countries."

"Witt∨ International Group of Schools is a home away from home. We believe in nurturing children holistically. Unfortunately, the education system today has become "teri shirt meri shirt se safed kaise", so if a board is giving 90% and the other board has to come up with 99% or even 100% for that matter. So, it is really important to evaluate our education system first."



DR RAINA JAIN Director & Owner, Witty International Group of Schools



**B ANANTHA KRISHNAN** Head Operations, Kalorex Group

"\We are a 25-yearold organization and the first to introduce technology in education. Our main focus is to educate local learners. We are trying to amalgamate global education with local values and provide the best to students in the country. We are also aiming to touch all segments of the society (we have a range of schools starting from Delhi Public School, Calus Public School), so that education can be spread at large."



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"Bharati Vidyapeeth is a group working on wonderful pedagogical system. administrative system, and following all the norms in a very ethical process. **Our Pune branch** of Rabindranath School of Excellence is going ahead on a cumbrous curriculum and running on a wonderful level and catering to education on an International ground, going ahead with ICSE curriculum and equipped with modern amenities."



DR R S PANWAR Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Rabindranath School of Excellence, Pune



BEHRAM MOHTO National Academic Head, Robomate+

"Robomate+ is a 24\*7 robot technology friend which a child can take home. It is used by 300+ Schools in one way or the other. More than 20 lakh students are using it online; it is implemented in more than 10.000+ classrooms and utilized by 5,000+ teachers. Robomate platform gives 24\*7 access for content to students, zero expenditure on school infrastructure, zero interference in teaching process, realtime assessment, and ready-to-use question bank."

"Adobe is all about creativity. Creativity plays a very critical component in the overall learning process for various standards. Adobe is playing a key role in launching a program for schools titled - 'Udaan'. For this, we have introduced lot of tools for students and educators to learn various methods of creativity. Besides, we have also come up with Adobe Exchange Program, which aims to ignite creativity in classrooms and connecting with educators from other countries."



ANIKET MARATHE Territory Account Manager (Digital Media), Adobe



DR MADHURI NEERU PARTI Head, Lakshmipat Singhania Education Foundation, New Delhi "Besides using smart classes, we use technology for children to make lot of presentations which are of them, for them and by them. We give them topics and they can make use of any form of technology to make their presentation. We also participated in US-based competitions - Doors to Diplomacy and Cyber Fare wherein two of our schools got Platinum award from the US government."





"There are two different types of education - one which teaches you how to make a living and the other which teaches you how to live. Today, as a society, the way we are structuring our lives and the way our children's lives are being structured by default, you iust don't have any unstructured learning time for them. At Bassett, the certificate that we provide is not just course it is put together with the best material, very non theoretical and from the best communication programs in the world.



VIDYA MOORTHY CEO, Bassett Education India- Be & Become- A Life Skills Learning Solution



NAMRATA SINHA Clinical Psychologist, Brainwonders

"At Brainwonders, we have a beautiful team of psychologists, who actually sit with the child, the parents and the teachers involved and do the counseling on one-on-one basis. We take care of everything, right from the inception of a child to school to the time they pass out and naturally beyond that as well. This is also supplemented by a lot of continuous test and assessments. We also take care of training and development and the recommendations that have to be followed."

"Behes - Debate for All' is India's first transnational debate tournament. For us. the tournament is all about inclusion, we want to give opportunities to as many students as we can by hosting regional rounds at every possible city. Top students from each regional round are invited to the Maha Behes, which is a national final that is conducted every year. Last year, we had 600 debaters from 91 schools from 10 cities and this year we have doubled the number of cities."



SALIL SINGH Founder and Head-Curriculum, Behes -Debate for All



VIBHA MAHAJAN Vice President-India Matific

"Matific is dedicated to 'M' in STEM. To improve the learning and understanding of Maths through gamified learning that Matific offers. If we talk about India's current status in Mathematics learning, a recent report suggests that only 20% of Grade 3 students are able to do subtraction. Today, there is a dearth of students who can be employed for this new age jobs."



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**Panel Discussion:** Technology in Education: Facilitating Collaborative Learning in Schools



Panelists (L-R): Dr Asawari Bhave Gudipudi, Dean, MIT ADT University, Pune; B Anantha Krishnan, Head Operations, Kalorex Group; Payam Shoghi, Principal, Riverdale International School, Pune; Abha Meghe, Director, Meghe Group of Schools, Nagpur; Lata Rawat, Director, Cambridge Court Group of Schools, Jaipur; Satwant Palekar, Regional School Director (West India), Zee Learn Limited; Sudhir Kukreja, Director/Co-Founder,Credence International School, Mumbai



Panel Discussion: Redefining Assessments in School Education

Panelists (L-R): Dr R S Panwar, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth, Rabindranath School of Excellence, Pune; Rashmi Gupta, Principal, C P Goenka International School, Pune; Pune; Pritam Kumar Agrawal, Founder Director, Riverstone Schools; Sonia Walia, Founder/Principal, Cambridge International School, Nawanshahr, Punjab; Dr Madhuri Neeru Parti, Head, Lakshmipat Singhania Education Foundation, New Delhi; Savita Venkat, Chief Development Officer, Bombay Cambridge International School; Dr Rupali Dhamdhere, Principal, C M International School; Dr Raina Jain, Director, Witty International School, Mumbai; Azaleeya Huii, Director, Apple Blosom Nursery School, Pune Andheri (E), Mumbai



**Panel Discussion:** Why Physical Education is Essential Element in Overall Development of a Student?



Panelists (L-R): Seema Sabhlok, Principal, Bunts Sangha's S M Shetty High School & Jr College, Mumbai; Dr Sudhir D Hadke, Principal, Riverdale High School, Aurangabad; Neelam Bhardwaj, Principal, Sanskar School, Jaipur; Revathi Srinivasan, Director/Principal, Smt Sulochana Devi Singhania School, Mumbai; Sudha Sanbhag, Principal, Children's Academy, Malad, Mumbai; Gayatri Sundaram, Content Head, KidZania India; Aditi Goradia, Managing Director, Billimoria High School, Panchgani; Gursimran Kaur, Principal, The Lexicon International School, Wagholi, Pune; Gurdeep Kaur, Principal, Shri Harshad C Valia International School, Mumbai

### **Panel discussion:** Personalised Learning Environment: Balancing Teachers' Role and Student Autonomy?



Panelists (L-R): Panelists (L to R): Kavita Hegde, Principal, Seven Square Academy, Thane, Mumbai; Madhu Maini, Principal, Jayshree Periwal High School, Jaipur; Robbin Ghosh, President, Victorious Kidss Educares, Pune; Seema Negi, Principal, Sanjeevani World School, Mumbai; Harshita Sharma, Director, Brainstorm and International Territory Head -ECA, Pune; Dr Jayashree Nair, Deputy Head-Academics, Futuristic Edu Initiatives, Hyderabad; Praneet Mungali, Chairman, Sanskriti Group of School, Pune; Ritu Dubey, Vice Principal, C P Goenka International School, Juhu, Mumbai; Rashmi P Singh, Principal, Poddar Brio International School, Badlapur, Mumbai

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#### 12th School Leadership Summit Pune

witnessed the congregation of eminent edu-leaders linked to school education on 18 May, 2019. We thank every partner, exhibitor, speaker and delegate for making the summit a grand success by sharing their thoughts and innovations.



### **Partners**

