

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

First National Conference
on
Factors of Poor Learning:
Challenges, Opportunities and Practices
for Learning Improvement in
Socially Diverse Elementary Schools of India

Date: 2, 3 and 4 September 2016

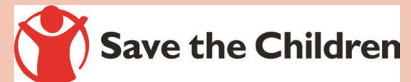
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Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 110003

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Programme Schedule

Day-1 (2 September, 2016)

Venue: Auditorium- Main India International Centre, New Delhi

Registration: 3.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Inaugural Session: 4:30 pm to 6.00 pm

Welcome Speech and Context of the Conference: Prof. Imtiaz Ahmad, Chairperson, Deshkal Society

Brief Speech by Guests of Honour:

Dr. Harish Khare, Editor in Chief, The Dainik Tribune

Dr. Subash Chandra Khuntia, Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India

Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, Founder of Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, New Delhi

Inaugural Address: The Chief Guest, Hon'ble Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Vice-President of India

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society

Day - 2 (3 September, 2016)

Session-I: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Poor Learning in Conceptual Frameworks: Shifts and Current Challenges

Chair: Prof. T.K Oommen, Sociologist, Educationist and Professor Emeritus, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Paper Presenters:

1. Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwary, Educationist and Research Consultant, Bihar - **Social History of Learning: Some Reflections on the Status of Education in Bihar**
2. Dr. S. Srinivasa Rao, Associate Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and Ms Anjali Surehatia, Researcher and Teacher at MCD School, Delhi - **Discourses of 'School Quality' and 'Poor Learner': Evidence from Public and Private Schools**
3. Dr. Jyoti Raina, Associate Professor, Department of Elementary Education, Gargi College, Delhi University - **Understanding Poor Learning through the Psychological Tools Learning Lens**
4. Mr Ujjwal Banerjee, Assistant Development Manager, TATA Trust, Mumbai - **Factors of Poor Learning: Challenges, Opportunities and Practices- Taking a Systems Thinking Approach**

Session-1: 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Venue: Lecture Room - II (Basement), IIC Annex, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Determinants of Poor Learning: Evidence from the Field

Chair: Ms. Mini Shrinivasan, Educationist and Consultant, Pune

Paper Presenters:

1. Dr. Mahendra Kumar Mishra, State Head of Elementary Education at ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth, Raipur, Chhatisgarh - **Creating Opportunity in Schools to fight Poverty of Learning in Schools of Chhattisgarh**
2. Dr. Aparajita Sharma, Independent Researcher, Delhi - **Challenges in Implementing RTE in Regions of High Forcible and Internal Displacement**
3. Mr. Sunil G. Sonwane, PhD Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (Hyderabad Campus) - **Barriers to Education for Kaikadi Community as an Impediment to Social Inclusion**
4. Dr N B Mazumdar, Director General, Sulabh International Social Service Organisation, New Delhi - **Quality Education through Social Equity**

Tea Break 11.00 am – 11.30 pm

Session-2: 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main–IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Guest of Honour: Dr Bhaskar Chaterjee, Director General and CEO Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Haryana

Theme: Learning Achievement predicaments: Diversity and Community Factors

Chair: Dr Bhaskar Chaterjee, Director General and CEO Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Haryana

Paper Presenters:

1. Dr. Shushmita Chatterji Dutt, Educationist and Research Consultant, New Delhi and Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwary, Educationist and Research Consultant, Bihar - **Learning Achievement Dilemma in Socially Diverse Classrooms: Placing India in Global Discourse**
2. Ms. Keerti Jayaram, Director, **Organization for Early Literacy Promotion (OELP)**, New Delhi - **Creating Responsive Learning Classrooms – the OELP Experience**
3. Mr. D.S. Sundaresh, PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - **Cultural Diversity and the ‘Making’ of an ‘Indian’: Ethos, Content and Process of Learning in an Alternative School**
4. Ms. Sriti Ganguly, PhD Scholar, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - **Samaj, Sangat and Mahaul: Parental Construction of Children’s Poor Educational Attainments in a Caste based Segregated Settlement**

Session-2: 11:30 am – 1.00 pm

Venue: Lecture Room - II (Basement), IIC Annex, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Multilingual Classrooms: Key to Optimal Learning

Chair: Prof. Nita Kumar, Professor and Chair of the History Department, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, USA.

Paper Presenters:

1. Dr. Peggy Mohan, Linguist, Educationist and Teacher at Vasant Valley School, New Delhi - **Understanding Comprehension; Classroom problems in English for the EWS Child**
2. Ms. Anjali Noronha, Academic Council-Senior Fellow, Eklavya Education Foundation, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh - **Bridging the Language Divide – Sustaining Languages and Literacies among Urban Under-Privileged Groups – Achievements and Limits of Multilingual Pedagogies**
3. Dr. Prabhat K Singh, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, Ranchi - **Learning in Mother Tongue in Jharkhand: Issues and Challenges**
4. Dr. Rafia Mazumdar, Senior Fellow, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad - **The issue of Multi-linguality and Challenges Faced by Working Class Students Studying in an English Medium School in Hyderabad**
5. Ms Parismita Singh, Pratham, Assam - **Language Education and Multi-ethnicity in Conflict Areas: BTAD, Assam**

Lunch: 1.00 am to 2:00 pm

Session-3: 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Social Diversity and Teacher Education: Embedded Institutional Issues

Chair: Dr. Shushmita Chatterji Dutt, Educationist and Research Consultant, New Delhi

Paper Presenters:

1. Ms. Jumana. Rampurawala, Leader Teacher Education, Mukhtangan, Mumbai and Ms. Elizabeth Mehta, Founder Director, Mukhtangan - **Mukhtangan Teacher Education: An Alternative, Innovative Model of Integrated Pre-service and In-service Teacher Education**
2. Prof. Meera Pathmarajah, **Adjunct Professor of Comparative and International Education**, University of San Francisco - **Becoming a Primary School Teacher in Tamil Nadu**
3. Prof. H.K Dewan, Azim Premji University and Mr. S. Dewan, Scholar, Mount Allison University, Canada - **Poor Learning among Socially Marginalised Children: Socio-Cultural Factors and Challenges**

Session-3: 2.00 pm – 3:30 pm

Venue: Lecture Room - II (Basement), IIC Annex, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Aspects of Teaching Practices: Beliefs and Attitudes

Chair: Prof. Christine Sleeter, Professor Emerita, California State University, Monterey Bay, USA.

Paper Presenters:

1. Ms. Mini Shrinivasan, Educationist and Consultant, Pune - **Teacher Perceptions and Attitudes to ST/Adivasi Students and Their Effect on Children’s Classroom Engagement**
2. Ms. Suzana Brinkmann, PhD Scholar, UCL Institute of Education, London, UK - **Getting to the Roots of Educational Inequality: Challenging Teachers’ Beliefs towards a More Equitable Society**
3. Mr. Kishore Darak, Independent Researcher and Educational Consultant, Pune - **Textbook ‘Proposes’, Teacher ‘Disposes’: Marginalising Textbooks and Teachers’ Strategies of Subversion**

Tea Break: 3:30 pm – 4.00 pm

Session-4: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Early Childhood Care and Education in India

Chair: Ms Bidisha Pillai, Director, Advocacy, Campaigns and Communications, Save the Children, India

Panellists:

1. Mr. Rajesh Patil, IAS, District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj, Odisha
2. Dr. P D Kameshwara Rao, Social Activist and Educationist, Andhra Pradesh

Day - 3 (4 September, 2016)

Session-1: 9:30 am - 11.00 am

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Status of Learning, Elementary Schools and Social Diverse Learners

Chair: Mr. Dhir Jhingharan, Founder Director, Language and Learning Foundation, New Delhi

Panellists:

1. Prof. Y. Sreekanth, Head, Educational Survey Division, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi
2. Dr. Rukmini Banerji, CEO, Pratham Education Foundation, New Delhi
3. Dr. Arvind Mishra, Assistant Professor, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Tea Break 11.00 – 11.30 am

Session-2: 11.30 am – 1.00 pm

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme: Learning, Social Diversity and Teacher Education

Chair: Dr. Hrushikesh Senapaty, Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi

Panellist:

1. Mr. Sarvendra Vikram Bahadur Singh, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Uttar Pradesh
2. Mr. Sanjay Ojha, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Chattassigarh
3. Dr. N. Upendre Reddy, Consultant, Educational Reforms, Commissioner and Director of School Education, Telangana
4. Prof. K. Pandu Ranga Swamy, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Andhra Pradesh

Lunch: 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Session-3: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Theme-3: Ways of Learning: Contextualising Family, Community and Ethnicity

Chair: Dr. Peggy Mohan, Linguistic and Educationist and Teacher at Vasant Valley School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

1. Prof. Nita Kumar, Professor of South Asian History, Department of History, Claremont CA - **The Family-School Relationship and Two Factors of Poor Learning in India**
2. Prof Christine Sleeter, Professor Emerita, California State University Monterey Bay - **Ethnic Studies and Curriculum**
3. Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Deshkal Society and Ms. Debarati Sarkar, Research Officer, Deshkal Society - **Teacher Education, Social Diverse Children and Inclusive Classroom: Challenges and An Approach**

Tea Break: 3.00 pm – 3.30 pm

Session-4: 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Valedictory Session

Venue: Conference Room-I, Main – IIC, Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

Chair: Mr. T.S.R. Subramania, Former Cabinet Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Evolution of the New Education Policy, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India.

Moderator: Ms Shireen Vakil, Head of Policy and Advocacy, TATA Trusts, New Delhi

Recommendation and Way Forward: Mr. Dhir Jhingran, Founder Director, Language and Learning Foundation, New Delhi

Valedictory Address: Hon'ble Shri Upendra Kushwaha, Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India

Vote of Thanks: Mr. Sanjay Kumar, Secretary of Deshkal Society

Rapporteur: Ms. Sonal Singh, M.Sc., London School of Economics, London, Researcher