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# RECOGNISING HYDERABAD'S EDUCATION ICONS 2023

Rising to meet the challenges faced by our developing economy, numerous educational institutions and educationists across the country have stepped up to mould the students of today, to be ready to face the world of tomorrow. The Economic Times Education Leadership Summit is a prestigious platform that recognises and felicitates individuals who have made excellent contributions to education. This compilation of exemplary achievers includes several notable personalities from the field of education and dynamic achievers with an impeccable academic background. Those honoured in this special feature, have through their dedication and commitment, not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of students. These individuals have through their efforts empowered young minds by demonstrating instructional expertise with distinctive curriculums, enhancing creativity and innovation in the classroom and making learning engaging, vibrant and relevant for students. Conceptualised by the Optimal Media Solutions Wing of the Times Group, The Economic Times Education Leadership Summit seeks to applaud and recognise top educationists in Hyderabad, for their remarkable achievements. This edition is indeed the ideal tribute to educators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities, while inspiring and motivating others to do the same.

Lifetime Achievement Award in School Education

Shomie Das, Educationist

Excellent Contribution in International Curriculum Practices in School Education

Seetha Murty, Director Education, Silver Oaks International School

Excellence in Film Making Education

Amala Akkineni, Director, Annapurna College of Film and Media

Visionary Woman in School Education

Dr. Gita Karan, Founder Principal and Director, Gitanjali Group of Schools

Hall of Fame in School Education

Anjali Razdan, Director Academics, Meluha International School

Young Women Edupreneur in School Education

K Kirthi Reddy, Founder & Director, The Gaudium School

Excellence in Holistic Approach in School Education

Annamaneni Deepak, Founder & Chairman, Sentia The Global School

Young Edupreneur Award in Higher Education

Anurag Palla, Director of Strategy and Digital, Anurag University

Excellent Contribution for Innovative Practices in School Education

Vishwanath Sivaswamy, Director and CEO, Tatva Global School

Women Leadership Award in School Education

Dr. Vidya Sravanthi, Founder, Principal, Regelford International School

Excellence in Hospitality and Hotel Management Education

Sridevi Yerroju, Founder Director, Pinnacle Institute of Hotel Management

Excellence in Shaping Early Age Education

Sirish Turlapati, Chairman and MD, Iris Florets

Exemplary Contribution in Higher Education

G Panduranga Reddy, Chairman, Sree Dattha Group of Educational Institutions

Excellence in Value Based Education in School Education

Vinaayak Kalleetla, CEO and Founder Principal, Abhyasa International Residential School

Excellent Contribution for Montessori based education in Pre Schools

Pavan Goyal, Founder, Blue Blocks Montessori School

Exemplary Contribution in School Education

Harish Chandra Prasad, Chairman, Jubilee Hills Public School, Rampally

Young Edupreneur Award in School Education

Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman and MD, Edify World School, Attapur

Excellence in Intermediate Level Education

Venkat Muriki, Founder, Excellencia Junior College

Excellence in Engineering & Technology Education

Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Vice Chairman, Guru Nanak Institutions

Outstanding Young Educationist of the Year

Dr. Chandrashekar D P, CEO, JGI Schools

Excellence in Fashion and Interior Design Education

Sanjay Saraswat, Director, INIFD Himayat Nagar

Excellence in Industry Interaction in Management Education

Prof. S. Zarar, Founder, ICBM School of Business Excellence

Excellence in Industry Interaction in Engineering Education

S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Secretary and Correspondent, Sphoorthy Engineering College

Excellence in Overseas Education Consulting

Veena Silamsetty, Director, Career Bridge

Innovative Practices in Engineering Education

T V Reddy, Secretary, St. Peters Engineering College

Excellence in School Education Administration

Dr. Venkata Reddy, Chairman, Kairos Global School

Excellent Contribution in Technology Integration in School Education

Bitla Srinivas Reddy, Chairman, Sloka International School

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RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

ET Education Leadership Awards celebrate the best and the brightest in the education space for their contribution and excellence. These awards recognize awardees for exemplary and ground-breaking performance in their respective verticals every year. Today, the award is a benchmark for excellence in every space

METHODOLOGY

i3RC has developed a nominee assessment form and an objective analytical framework to assess the nominees for ET Education Leadership Awards in various categories. The assessment focuses on:

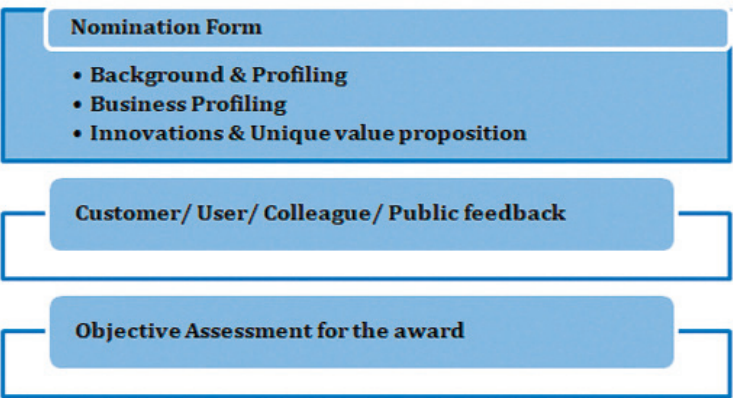
- General profile and background of the nominees
- The kind of work being done with focus on innovation and unique value propositions
- Contribution to business world/ industry and society at large

In addition, feedback of each nominee was assessed through multiple tools such as social media profile scan and customers/ colleagues or public feedback. All data was objectively analyzed to assess eligibility and suitability of the nominee for the award.

ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

The assessment framework follows a multi-pronged approach and involves the following key steps:

- Nomination Form is filled by the nominees
- The form covers basic profile of the nominee, their work/ business profile



Feedback Assessment

- A random survey is done amongst the general populations to take feedback about the nominees on a 10-point scale
  - Sample Size: 200
- At the end of the survey, a list of all nominations along with their scores based on their nomination form information and feedback survey assessment was submitted to OMS team. The OMS team gave awards based on the findings.

SOME CAVEATS

- The aim of the assessment is to identify the unique value proposition and contribution made by organizations/ individuals and celebrate their meaningful contributions
- The assessment focuses on the contributions made by individuals and organizations in the category they are nominated
- Only those who fill the nomination form and participate are assessed objectively to assess their eligibility for the award.

About i3RC Insights Pvt. Ltd.

We are a Market Research, Insights & Consultancy firm having track record of conducting successful research studies over the years across wide range of industry sectors across consumers and business domain.

i3RC team is a good mix of dynamic young and experienced professionals with cumulative team experience of over 100 years. The team comes from diverse backgrounds to handle projects in multiple industry sectors and types of research studies. There are professionals with background in Economics, Statistics,



Analytics, Engineering and Management.

In order to bring objectivity to business and excellence awards, we have developed a methodology to objectively assess and document meaningful contributions of individuals and organizations which make them eligible for various awards. We as an organization are quality focused and committed to providing excellent service to our clients through innovation and judicious use of technology. We are a corporate member of MRSI and follow MRSI & ESOMA code of ethics while conducting every research project.

**Note :** Present nomination -based survey has been exclusively conducted by an Independence Research Agency named i3RC Insights Pvt Ltd. using stated methodology for arriving at the final list of awardees. The Publication house and its affiliates/employees/authorized representatives /group companies are not responsible /liable for the above survey. Readers are advised to take an information decision before acting upon the Survey.

MAKING EDUCATION FEE PAYMENTS EASY AND AFFORDABLE FOR INDIAN PARENTS



Rishab Mehta-Founder

Education is one of the most important investments that parents make for their children's future. However, with ever rising inflation and the aspirational nature of the Indian family, paying education fees has become a challenge for many Indian families.

According to a recent study, Indian families spend in excess of \$100 billion every year on their children's education fees across pre-school to higher education categories. Importantly, an average family spends in excess of 20% of their annual income on education. Moreover, most educational institutions require parents to pay the fees upfront or in a few instalments, which can put a strain on their cash flow and budget.

This is where GrayQuest, a pioneering fintech company, comes in. GrayQuest aims to make education fee payments easy, affordable and convenient for millions of students and parents in India. GrayQuest offers a suite of fintech solutions that enable educational institutions to collect fees across multiple different fee payment modes from their parents.

One of the key solutions that

GrayQuest provides is an affordable monthly payment option, which enables parents to split their annual fees into smaller monthly payments payable throughout the academic year. The monthly payment option is typically available to parents without any extra charge - hence enabling parents to access the best quality of education



with convenient payment options.

GrayQuest also enables other payment solutions such as an auto-debit platform, where fees are automatically debited from parents' accounts as per the institute's fee payment structure and an online payment platform enabling parents to pay fees via UPI, Cards or Net Banking.

Today GrayQuest powers fee payments for over 5,000 education institutions across the country with over 3 million parents. All of India's leading school chains such as the Ryan

International Group, Podar International School, Euro School, VIBGYOR Group of Schools, Pathways World Schools, Orchids The International School, Sri Chaitanya Group of Institutions, Narayana Group of Schools, Delhi Public School use GQ to power their fee payments.

Many of India's leading Universities have also signed up with GrayQuest such as Amity University, Woxsen University, GITAM University, KLU, Shiv Nadar University, and many more.

GrayQuest is backed by prominent investors such as Pravega Ventures, family offices of leading companies such as Pidilite, Ambit Capital and marquee angel investors such as Kunal Shah. They are committed to financial inclusion and social impact by enabling access to quality education for all segments of society. They are on a mission to make education fee payments simple and stress-free for everyone involved.

To know more about GrayQuest and its offerings, visit their website at <https://grayquest.com/>

TOP CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AFTER COMPLETING B.TECH IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (CSE)

Computer Science Engineering (CSE) is a branch of engineering that deals with the development and maintenance of computer software and hardware. In the recent past, a large number of students have shown interest in Computer Science as it offers good packages and incentives.

Computer Science Engineers get to learn about programming, algorithms, software development, computer networks, artificial intelligence, data science, and others. With a degree in CSE, students have dozens of career options across various industries to choose from. The most lucrative part about being a Computer Science Engineering is the demand for efficient engineers in the market is more than ever before.

Let's take a deep into the carrier opportunities that are available to B.Tech Computer Science graduates.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

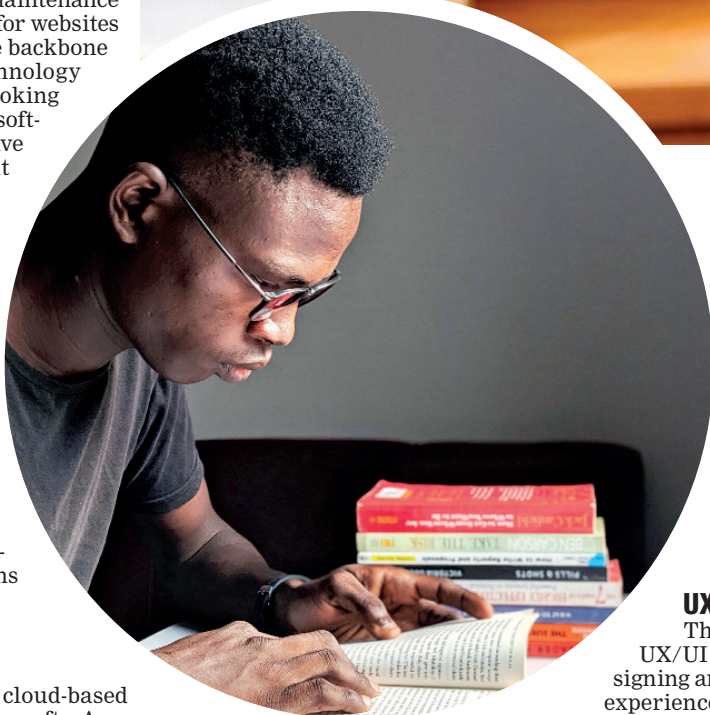
Software developers are involved in the development and maintenance of software applications for websites and mobile. They are the backbone of the Information Technology (IT) industry. Students looking for an entry-level job as software engineers must have knowledge of different programming languages such as C, C++, Python, SQL, Java, and others.

DATA SCIENTIST

Another field that offers huge career prospects for CSE graduates is data science and analysis. They are responsible for preparing and maintaining large datasets using different techniques, using this database, the data analysts make predictions about the said task.

CLOUD COMPUTING PROFESSIONAL

They are experts in cloud-based technologies like Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services (AWS), Google Cloud Platform, and many more. They are responsible for designing, implementing, and maintaining the cloud infrastructure of the organisation.



CYBERSECURITY EXPERT

For any organisation, data is very important. In a time when the risk of cy-

bersecurity is on the rise, the need for cybersecurity experts becomes crucial in securing the IT infrastructure of the organisation. The responsibilities of these professionals include designing and implementing security measures to protect systems, networks, and data from theft and damage.

UX/UI DESIGNER

The responsibility of UX/UI designer includes designing and enhancing the user experience (UX) and user interface (UI) of websites, mobile applications and software applications. The UX/UI designers have to ensure that the product is visually attractive and meets the needs of the end-user.





## GUIDING HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONALS TOWARDS TRIUMPH RENOWNED LUMINARY AND PHILANTHROPIST

In the realm of academia, one name resonates with eminence and vast knowledge: Sridevi Yerroju. Esteemed as an erudite educationist, psychologist, nutritionist, columnist, and esteemed guest on Telugu TV channels, she stands as a paragon of wisdom across numerous disciplines. With expertise in education, psychology, nutrition, and therapeutic nutrition, Sridevi's multifaceted brilliance shines as a testament to her compassionate nature and steadfast commitment to illuminating countless lives. Resplendent accolades adorn Sridevi's illustrious journey, including the MethiMahila and Hybiz TV award beacons of recognition for her transformative impact.



Sridevi Yerroju, Founder, Pinnacle Institute of Hotel Management

### ARCHITECT OF THE ENCHANTING PINNACLE INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

In 2006, Sridevi breathed life into the enchanting Pinnacle Institute of Hotel Management, transcending societal expectations and becoming a harbinger of change in a male-dominated field. Despite scepticism and financial obstacles, her indomitable spirit blazed a trail of courage and resilience. Firm in her belief that true hospitality professionals are more valuable than mere

holders of academic credentials, Sridevi boldly ventured unconventional means, parting with precious family heirlooms to procure the necessary funds. Her remarkable act of sacrifice created a sanctuary where genuine passion for hospitality flourishes and thrives.

### EMPOWERMENT AND TRIUMPH: THE BLOSSOMING OF FUTURE LUMINARIES

Sridevi Yerroju's unwavering dedication and innovative teaching methodology, known as Unlock the Hero, has orchestrated an awe-inspiring symphony of triumph at Pinnacle IHM. Graduates have ventured into diverse sectors and distant lands, earning laurels of distinction. Pinnacle IHM's unwavering fortitude has facilitated international industrial training and placements in Australia, the United States, Mauritius, France, the Maldives, and Dubai.

Sridevi has also started Amruth Aahaar, a therapeutic nutrition clinic, and Prerana, a counselling centre offering solace and guidance to those grappling with psychological challenges & mental health. Sridevi is now pursuing a PhD in Public Health to unravel the mysteries of diabetes reversal.

## LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY TO TRANSFORM LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Anurag Palla is a passionate educational leader, entrepreneur and the co-founder of Hamzek Solutions, an EdTech company that is revolutionising the Indian educational ecosystem. With a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from PSG College of Technology and a Master's in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University, USA, Anurag brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his role as the Director of Strategy and Digital Learning, Anurag University.

Anurag has created Stuzee.com, an online platform that democratises the dissemination of information about learning opportunities abroad, which provides valuable resources and simplifies the application process, for aspirants across India.

Anurag's visionary leadership ensures students have ample opportunity to connect with industry leaders and learn from their experiences, fostering a culture of industry-academia collaboration. Through student-led techno-cultural fests, inspiring TEDx



Anurag Palla, Director of Strategy and Digital, Anurag University

talks, ideathons, and hackathons, Anurag has created alternative learning experiences that transcend traditional teaching methods and empower students to gain practical insights, build networks, and prepare for real-world challenges.

Anurag is driving Anurag University's digital transformation journey by identifying opportunities to integrate technology into the curriculum, developing a comprehensive immersive learning management system, and fostering a culture of digital innovation among faculty and staff. By enhancing the accessibility and flexibility of education, Anurag has reached learners from diverse backgrounds across India.

Anurag also actively engages with industry leaders, policy-makers and educational institutions to drive systemic change and advocate for inclusivity and equity in education. His contributions in conferences, seminars, and forums have played a pivotal role in shaping the future of higher education in India.

## TRANSLATING A VISION INTO REALITY

Entrepreneur Sirish Turlapati, Chairman and Managing Director of Iris Florets, plunged into the world of business at age 28, as a young technologist.

However, a decade later, in 2009, he recognised numerous opportunities to help the younger generation in India and transform their lives and decided to venture into the education field. He took up the franchise of a leading pre-school brand and soon had multiple franchises across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

His experience in working with young children made him understand that the age between 2-6 years was critical to develop children's psychological, physical and social being. He undertook extensive research in early childhood education and set up his dream school - Iris Florets - The Happy Playschool on 24th January 2015.

In a short span of time, Iris Florets established a remarkable footprint with 150+ schools across India, Nepal and Uganda. Owing to high demand from many Iris Florets parents for a formal school, Sirish envisioned Iris Sakalya Academy, which was inaugu-



Sirish Turlapati, Chairman and MD, Iris Florets

rated by Dr. K Rosaiah, Former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in 2017. A K12 campus Iris Florets World School was launched 2023, on a serene and sprawling 2-acre campus, at Gajularamaram, Hyderabad.

Sirish is the driving force behind establishing IRIS as an exemplary brand with a vision to offer a powerful foundation to young children across India and beyond the borders.

## A Pioneer in Holistic Education for the Future

A dynamic leader, an enlightened source, and a visionary educationist with more than 38 years of experience in school education, A.Deepak is the Chairman of Sentia The Global School, an institution that has emerged as a preferred choice for offering quality education in the region.

Deepak is committed to providing holistic education to children in an invigorating environment. He believes in imparting value-based education in a dynamic learning environment that aims to achieve specific, measurable, observable, and quantifiable results among all students. He strives to make students intellectually strong, physically fit, emotionally balanced, socially comfortable, morally correct, and spiritually sound.

Under his leadership, Sentia The Global School has won numerous awards and has emerged as one of the best schools in Telangana. The school has an outstanding track record of pass results in X and XII with many students securing A1 grades in all subjects. The students have also secured state ranks in the SSC board exam.

At Sentia The Global School, providing value-based holistic education for their children is a priority. It employs experimental and project-based learning, activity and play, and technological tools to help children learn concepts efficiently. Interactive digital



Annamaneni Deepak, Founder & Chairman, Sentia The Global School

boards facilitate learning through visual perception and e-learning.

Deepak is well recognised for his contribution to the school education sector. He is a role model for many educators and students who aspire to achieve excellence in their fields. He is a leader who inspires, motivates, and guides others with his vision and passion.

## NURTURING CHILDREN IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS CURIOSITY, JOY AND HOLISTIC LEARNING

Even as she pursued her studies at Rutgers University in New Jersey, USA, Kirithi Reddy was constantly reminded of the invaluable exposure and experience she gained. The environment, structure, processes, and approach to learning deeply impacted her. What particularly fascinated her was the seamless convergence of various disciplines, encompassing diverse aspects of life, which not only motivated individuals to evaluate their strengths and capabilities but also explore their passions.

As a member of Hyderabad-based Promoter Group, Aurobindo Pharma, Kirithi Reddy knew that she could make a difference. She swiftly realised that the prevailing education system heavily favored rote learning, emphasising memory rather than instilling the joy and satisfaction of genuine learning. This realisation led to the establishment of The Gaudium, a place where learning extends beyond traditional subjects, to include sports, arts and theater, thereby creating a comprehensive educational experience.

Initially established as an experimental venture in one of Hyderabad's emerging hubs, The Gaudium eventually flourished into a full-fledged school set on a sprawling 27-acre campus. Kirithi Reddy firmly believes that expansive space is es-



K Kirithi Reddy-Founder & Director The Gaudium School

sential for children to explore and connect with nature, providing them with an environment conducive to enriched learning. The grand campus offers numerous opportunities for children to pursue their academic, artistic, athletic and theatrical interests.

Kirithi Reddy's vision for The Gaudium is to offer a transformative educational experience that empowers children to discover their true potential, find joy in learning, and become well-rounded individuals in a rapidly evolving world.

## MAKING DREAMS OF OVERSEAS EDUCATION A REALITY

For over 16 years, Veena Silamsetty has demonstrated a steadfast commitment and support in guiding students towards achieving their dreams of studying abroad. She has great communication skills and the ability to build strong relationships with university delegates, partners, students and staff members.

Veena has worked tirelessly to create skilled teams to serve parents and students. Her leadership style is to inspire and motivate the team to deliver exceptional and qualitative services to the student community. The team's achievements under her guidance have been remarkable.

Since 2007, Veena's brainchild Career Bridge, has been enabling Indian students to follow their heart and achieve their goal of pursuing education overseas. It is crucial for students to know which institute or university would be the best suited to

their educational needs. As a professional overseas educational consultant, Veena works as both a personal and professional companion and strives to enhance their knowledge.

As companions and mentors, the team at Career Bridge considers it their duty to provide students the best guidance with complete care and help them realise their true potentiality. Right from offering in-depth counseling sessions to ensuring tailored training programs, seminars, tests and demo interviews, the team takes charge of students' every need to study overseas.

With Career Bridge efforts and strong relationships with reputed overseas universities, they have successfully placed many students in the UK, USA, Canada and Australia. The organisation aims to improve themselves consistently to provide the best to all aspiring students and make their dreams come true.



Veena Silamsetty, Director, Career Bridge

## A TORCHBEARER IN DESIGN EDUCATION

Backed by rich experience of 25 years, Sanjay Saraswat, Director, INIFD Himayatnagar, has been leading the team with his strategic decision making and analytical skills. His creative and visionary leadership has helped ensure that INIFD has offered quality education to students since 2003. Adaptability to the ever-changing demands of the fashion and interior design industry is what has kept the institute ahead.

Since inception over two decades ago, INIFD Himayatnagar has taken pride in gathering accolades. Interior and fashion design students have brought laurels at the national level and the international level. Interior students have made a mark in Society Interior Design Competition and Awards and Decorax International one of the world's largest interior design fest and competition. Fashion students have participated at Lakme Fashion Week, London Fashion Week and New York Fashion Week. The alum-



Sanjay Saraswat, Director, INIFD Himayat Nagar

ni of the institution are well placed and have made a mark in their professional lives. The curriculum followed at INIFD trains students to meet the challenges of the global market. Both theoretical and practical skills are given equal importance so that the students are groomed well to face the challenges.

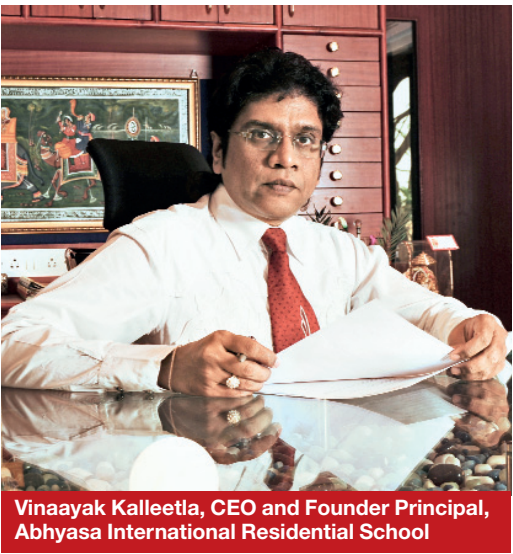
The institution has also several initiatives to significantly boost the design education sector in India. INIFD Himayatnagar provides students with enhanced practical exposure and industry-relevant skills, and promotes the creation of a skilled workforce in the growing national economy. The institute gives students an international edge and redefines the design culture of India by providing the world with designs that define the future of fashion and interiors.

## VALUE BASED EDUCATION FOR THE GLOBAL LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Vinaayak Kalleetla is an eminent educationalist who graduated from the prestigious Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet and Sri Sathya Sai University at Prasanthi Nilayam. In 1996, he founded Abhyasa International Residential School in a remote rural area of Telangana, to sensitise urban children towards rural Indian way of life and social realities of Indian economy.

Keeping in mind the ethics and moral value systems deeply rooted in Indian heritage and culture, Abhyasa is truly Indian in outlook, and global in approach. The school is focused on providing value-based education to inculcate moral values among students.

Abhyasa blends one of the best practices of the Indian Gurukul system & the Public School curriculum to prepare well-grounded, all-round personalities that are steeped in Indian values and have an international outlook! The school admits limited students for personalised attention, that has a maximum impact on their intellectual development, physical well-being, aesthetic fulfilment, social capabilities and spiritual awakening! The school also adopts a policy of 'No child left be-



Vinaayak Kalleetla, CEO and Founder Principal, Abhyasa International Residential School

hind' to ensure that every student of the school participates in every activity on campus and discovers his/ her rightful place under the sun!

The school has been continually ranked amongst the best Co-Ed residential school in Telangana for the last 10 years and also placed among the top 10 residential schools in India by various educational magazine surveys in India. Vinaayak is also a Film Maker, holding a diploma from the prestigious New York Film Academy and aims to make socially relevant films to create a social change.

## The Academician Who Built A Tech and B-School from Scratch

An astute academician, Prof S Zifar is the founder of the Institute of Computers and Business Management - School of Business Excellence (ICBM-SBE). He was born and brought up in Hyderabad after completing his initial schooling at Anwar ul Uloom and graduating from Nizam College. Today, his brainchild ICBM-SBE is winning laurels as one of the best business schools in the region.

Prof S Zifar has completed his MSc in Cell Physiology and Biochemistry from Kakatiya University with a gold medal. Post this, he got his BA and Law degree from Osmania University. He also has a PhD in Marketing, making him a good candidate for running a business school. His experience as a Professor of Management at Osmania University is yet another feather on his cap.

Established in the year 1989, ICBM-SBE started with humble beginnings but today is a well reputed business school. The vision of the institution aimed at providing world class management education at an affordable fee- reflects the philosophy of Prof S Zifar. Thanks to this, the students of the college are offered placements after the course completion, given they have 85 % attendance.

Prof S Zifar takes personal care to



Prof. S. Zifar, Founder, ICBM School of Business Excellence

ensure that the students get the best facilities and teachers for their bright future. The fact that he hand picks the faculty at ICBM-SBE is testament to this fact. The faculty also benefits from his grooming and nurturing.

Prof S Zifar is well supported in his endeavors by his better half Dr Ritu Zifar, who herself is a luminary in the field of Management Education. Prof & Dr Jitender Govindani, is not only a great academician but also a wildlife photographer.

## A VERSATILE AND OUTSTANDING PERSONALITY COMMITTED TO HIS PURSUITS

T.V. Reddy, Secretary & Correspondent, St. Peter's Engineering College (SPEC), is a man of principles and determination, who has successfully nurtured SPEC into an outstanding institution. A remarkable educationalist in Telangana, he has been at the helm of Shantha Educational Society for the last 14 years, and emerged an indispensable asset.

T.V. Reddy has astutely sculpted SPEC into an impactful teaching and research institution, with outstanding infrastructure and faculty. Carrying forward the Chairman's vision of holistic institutions, he has orchestrated an academic regimen wherein students are transformed into qualified and accomplished engineers, primed to be innovative and critical thinkers capable of dynamism, to take on the challenges of a growing industry and society.

Since 2007, SPEC has emerged as one of the leading institutes for engineering education and research, under the leadership of T.V. Reddy. The technical institution is reputed for attracting talented and ambi-



T.V.Reddy, Secretary, St. Peters Engineering College

tious students and grooming them with exceptional undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. The college's growth is reflected in its rising enrolments, which currently stands at approximately 2700 students.

SPEC strives to bring quality engineering education to the doorstep of every individual. The institution has earned NBA and NAAC accreditation with the UGC autonomous status from 2020-21 onwards.

Under the guidance of T.V. Reddy, the training, placement and career guidance cells at SPEC have enabled students to gain subject and industry specific skills as well as imbibe employability skills. Right from the first year, students are groomed to possess exemplary communication skills, aptitude, reasoning and logical skills.

T.V. Reddy aims to ensure a better future for every student who enrolls at St. Peter's Engineering College. He joins hands with the management and leaves no stone unturned to make St. Peter's Engineering College an unparalleled launch pad for students to transform their lives.

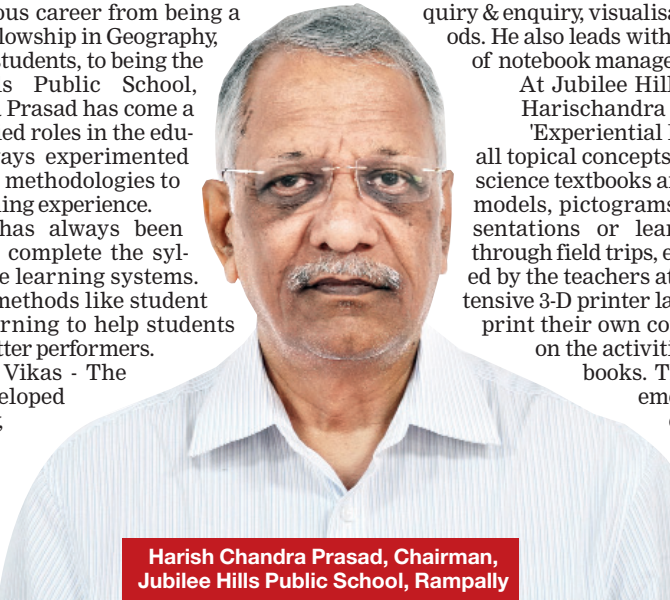


## EXPLORING NEW PERSPECTIVES AND INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION

Through his illustrious career from being a Junior Research Fellowship in Geography, teaching final year students, to being the Chairman, Jubilee Hills Public School, Rampally, T. Harischandra Prasad has come a long way. Through his varied roles in the education sector, he has always experimented with varied strategies and methodologies to enhance the teaching-learning experience.

Harischandra Prasad has always been against educators merely complete the syllabus through enabled rote learning systems. He has instead practiced methods like student presentation and peer learning to help students learn better and emerge better performers.

In 2002, as Director of Vikas - The Concept School", he developed the Concept Methodology, seamlessly blending various long forgotten teaching practices. The curriculum was taught through play-way, learning by doing, in-



Harish Chandra Prasad, Chairman, Jubilee Hills Public School, Rampally

quiry & enquiry, visualisation or activity-based methods. He also leads with the 'Mind Mapping' method of notebook management for children.

At Jubilee Hills Public School, Rampally, Harischandra Prasad has introduced the 'Experiential Learning' method, in which all topical concepts in science, math and social science textbooks are first created into working models, pictograms, project activities, 3D presentations or learnt by visual realisation through field trips, etc., by the students, supported by the teachers at the school. Further, the extensive 3-D printer lab helps children design and print their own conceptual ideas in 3D, based on the activities/ models given in the textbooks. Thus, the school is poised to emerge as one of the leaders, epitomising the ideal of 'Experiential Learning', as defined by the present National Education Policy of the Government of India.

## PAVING THE WAY TOWARDS ACADEMIC, INTELLECTUAL AND SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION

The underlying precept of Guru Nanak Institutions is "Learning is the beginning of spirituality. The establishment believes that enriching the minds and nourishing the souls of students is an integral part of education. The sprawling green campus offers a serene setting, modern infrastructure and high-tech laboratories for students to learn, grow and thrive.

Passionate educator, Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Vice Chairman, says, "Teaching is a noble profession with many challenges and a teacher bears the torch for the generations to come. I am thankful to my gurus for giving me this opportunity to serve the society through a humble initiative of setting up Guru Nanak Institutions, to provide education opportunities to students of all communities in India. I personally feel education is a powerful weapon especially in a country like India, which gives importance to formal and higher educa-



Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli, Vice Chairman, Guru Nanak Institutions

tion. I am proud to say that we have created a prestigious learning hub in the cultural city of Hyderabad where international students also come to study."

Sardar Gagandeep Singh Kohli and the management and stakeholders of Guru Nanak Institutions have worked tirelessly, backed by honest efforts to reach the present stage of prominence. They have highlighted the importance of education in many fields, and focussed on inculcating values rather than just gaining knowledge.

Guru Nanak Educational Society (GNES) has invested capital in providing superlative infrastructure and capable teachers to mentor and groom students to become professionals of the highest order, by realising their full potential.

## DRIVEN BY PASSION TO MAKE QUALITY EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

Vishwanath Sivaswamy is a dynamic technologist who started several companies in the early 2000s, before evolving into a passionate educational entrepreneur.

As the Director and CEO of the Tatva Global School, he oversees business strategy, technology, and financial domains, in which he brings to the table expert knowledge and rich experience.



Vishwanath Sivaswamy, Director and CEO, Tatva Global School

Vishwanath motivation stems from the belief that early learning experiences significantly influence a child's future. He wants to contribute to the future by helping children become more conscious and make better judgments in life. By instilling these values and skills in young minds, he aims to empower them to make positive contributions to the society as they grow older.

In addition to his educational pursuits, Vishwanath is also instrumental in bringing the Tatva team together. The Tatva team comprises a group of like-minded individuals who share a similar vision and are working towards the same goals in the education industry. Together, they aim to create a more accessible and impactful learning environment for children.

## A RADICAL VISION TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Dr. Vidya Sravanthi is a top-notch entrepreneur who has worked extensively in the field of education. Her parents, Prof Vijayam and mother, Mrs. Vijayam, who were well known educators, inspired her to follow in their footsteps. Today, with a doctorate in education, Masters in English Literature and Education and Masters in Business Administration, it is not surprising that she is an entrepreneur, educationist and social activist. Being a prolific leader, backed by a keen sense for corrective strategies and forward thinking, she possesses three decades of extensive experience in running educational and financial institutions. She is also the recipient of International Award for Global Business Opportunities.

Beginning her teaching career at Little Flower Boys Junior College, she later joined as an English lecturer at St. Francis College for Women. After being granted a UGC fellowship she pursued her dream of achieving Doctorate in English literature.

In 2002, she decided to focus on her second passion to empower women in entrepreneurship, when she joined Asmitha, an NBFC regulated by the RBI, that works towards women upliftment and empowerment, founded by her husband, Dr. M. Udaia Kumar.



Dr. Vidya Sravanthi, Founder, Principal Reqelford International School

She worked in fourteen states throughout India, tackling women issues in financial upliftment and social awareness through capacity building workshops and skill development training for rural women.

Dr. Sravanthi and her husband, Dr. Udaia Kumar founded St. Peter's Model School in 1999, U.K College of Education in 2008, and Reqelford International School in 2012. Her deep desire to nurture young minds with good values and great academics is undisputable.

## An exemplary educationalist focused on innovation and progress

Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, Edify World School, Attapur, has made a significant impact as a leader, by managing and providing strategic direction to the institution. With his vast experience in the field of education, he plays a crucial role in shaping the school's success. Reddy is committed to providing quality education, motivating and inspiring the school community, and driving positive change through his ground-breaking and far-sighted approach.



Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman and MD, Edify World School, Attapur

Reddy is a respected and visionary educationist with a unique approach to education. He emphasises the importance of a conducive and nurturing environment that promotes the mindful and holistic development of learners. His ideology focuses on building resilience, character, and adaptability in students, encouraging them to pursue their passions and promoting critical thinking and creativity.

Reddy also provides guidance and leadership in strategic planning, policy creation, financial management, and resource allocation for the smooth functioning of the school. He encourages open discussions and idea-sharing amongst his skilled management team.

## A PASSION FOR EDUCATION AND BETTERMENT OF SOCIETY

For over two decades, G. Panduranga Reddy Garu, Chairman, Sree Dattha Group of Educational Institutions has made his mark as an eminent educationist by establishing 2 Engineering Colleges, 1 Pharmacy College and 2 B. Ed Colleges, which are NAAC A+ and NBA accredited with autonomous status.

The institute was awarded for Educational Excellence by Indo-Global Education Summit, 2013 because of his dedicated services in the education sector. Under his visionary leadership, the institution was awarded with The Hyderabad city Icom award for excellence in the category of "Engineering College" for the year 2018.



G. Panduranga Reddy, Chairman, Sree Dattha Group of Educational Institutions

He has developed engineering, pharmacy, polytechnic and teacher education institutions across various campuses in two different districts in Telangana. Sree made Sree Dattha Group of Educational Institutions one of the most premier institutions in India, which is highly sought-after.

integrated courses to benefit rural students in the Narayanpet campus.

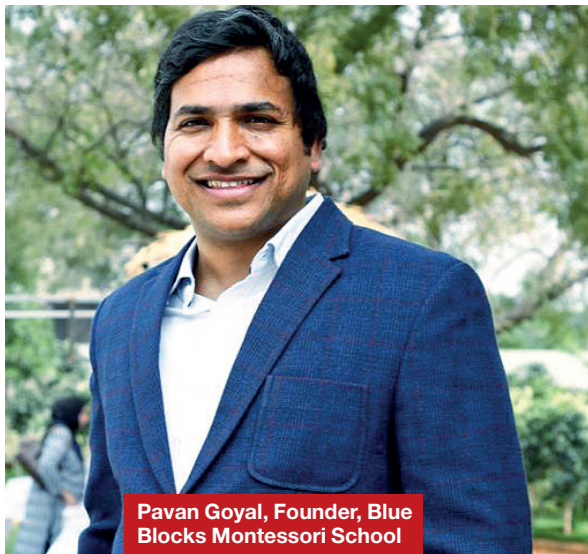
Further Panduranga Reddy Garu has contributed to welfare of engineering education, as the President and Secretary for Rural College Development Association, General Secretary for AP Engineering colleges and Vice President for Professional Colleges' Management Association.

He continuously encourages and extends his support towards various academic and research activities in the institution. His goal has always been to serve and uplift rural and backward areas through education. He is also a social activist and a member of Lions Club. Owing to his tremendous efforts, he has successfully made Sree Dattha Group of Educational Institutions one of the most premier institutions in India, which is highly sought-after.

## Fostering innovation in generation next with montessori education as a catalyst

Passionate Montessorian, Pavan Goyal has the unique distinction of completing all 4 AMI diplomas (0-3, 3-6, 6-12 & 12-18). In 2009, he established Blue Blocks Montessori School, which today offers education for children aged 0-18 years.

Pavan has also earned a Masters in Business Administration and had few entrepreneurial successes in the dot com industry and retail industry before his tryst with the education sector. As a prolific author, he has penned a book titled Lining the Nest," which focuses on the parenting journey in the first six years. In his unwavering commitment to revolutionise education, Pavan has conducted workshops where he imparts transformative insights into the importance of early childhood education and equips thousands of parents with the tools they need to support their children's holistic development.



Pavan Goyal, Founder, Blue Blocks Montessori School

Pavan's unbridled passion for innovation and education is evident in his extensive research. He has delved into over 400 books on innovation and has collaborated with leading innovation experts from various sectors. His unparalleled achievements in the education sector are a beacon of inspiration to those who seek to make a meaningful difference in the world.

## DRIVING CHANGE IN EDUCATION, WITH THE PHILOSOPHY 'INNOVATION IS LIFE'

An eminent professional, educationist and nationalist, S. Jagan Mohan Reddy is the secretary and correspondent of Sphoorthy Engineering College. Driven ahead by his inspiration and vision, Sphoorthy Engineering College has institutionalised innovation, so all students emerge innovators and are rewarded for their contribution. He encourages students to develop entrepreneurial skills, thereby supporting nation building. He lives by the adage, that there is no substitute for hard work and sincerity. His amicable nature has evoked quality and commitment towards work in both employees and students.

S. Jagan Mohan Reddy cherishes setting new benchmarks in the technical education sector, to create a paradigm shift in emerging technologies. Driven by his commitment to provide quality technical education, infuse novel ideas and put forward indefatigable efforts, the institution has been scaling remarkable heights since inception. He has always dreamt of ensuring students become job-providers rather than job-seekers.

The credit of rapid and meteoric rise of Sphoorthy Engineering College can be attributed to S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's dedication. He was instrumental in getting sanctions for research funding for the college, from Newgen IEDC sponsored by Ministry of Science & Technology. Govt. of India, highlighting his commitment towards research and innovation.



S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Secretary and Correspondent, Sphoorthy Engineering College

Engineering Education, 2017 by IUCEE. He has received other prestigious awards like Ikon Awards, 2021 and honoured with Educational Excellence award by Indo Global Foundation.

## Creating schools that nurture holistic development and innovation

### THE MISSION OF THE CEO OF JGI SCHOOLS

Dr Chandrashekar D P, fondly known as CSK, is a man of many talents and achievements. He is an author, a TEDx speaker, a mentor, a coach, a keynote speaker, a world record holder, and most importantly, the CEO of JGI Schools in India.

JGI Schools is a network of more than a dozen K-12 schools across six Indian states that aims to provide quality education to students from diverse backgrounds and regions. CSK has been leading the JGI Schools since 2003 and has been instrumental in building and managing them with his vision and expertise.

CSK is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Lucknow, and holds a PhD in Education from the University of Milan, Italy. He is passionate about entrepreneurship and innovation and is an empanelled mentor at T-Hub, Hyderabad. He is also a sought-after keynote speaker who has spoken to more than 50,000 people across four continents and has received several awards and recognitions for his work and contributions to the field of education and society. He is also a regular columnist, a blogger, and an advisor to various prestigious forums and associations.



Dr. Chandrashekar D P, CEO, JGI Schools

CSK believes that education is the key to unlocking human potential and creating positive change in the world. He is on a mission to transform education in India by creating schools that nurture holistic development, foster innovation, and empower students to become global citizens.

You can learn more about CSK and his work on his LinkedIn profile: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/chandrashekardp/>

## Upholding quality education for a better tomorrow

Excellencia Junior colleges and CBSE schools were founded by visionary leaders Venkat Muriki, T Ravinder Rao and Raghunath Verabelli, driven by their dedication to shape young minds.

From just one 11-acre campus in Shamirpet, Hyderabad, in 2015, Excellencia has grown manifold to 10 branches including a Junior college and CBSE schools, with over 5000 students and about 700 employees. The institutions abide by the philosophy 'Sarvatra Syat Vishistat' which translates to 'Excellence Everywhere and in Everything.'

### DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP AT THE HELM

Venkat Muriki always had a thirst for knowledge and learning. Aspiring to become a teacher since childhood, he pursued his education in Hyderabad Central University. Over the years he emerged as a renowned chemistry lecturer who worked in many major institutes across India for IITJEE / NEET, earning 25 years of teaching and administration experience.

Excellencia is built on the belief that education is the cornerstone of personal and societal growth. Hence, Venkat Muriki's goal has always been to ensure that every student performs well, so they can enjoy a better career. His inherent leadership skills have enabled the meteoric growth of the institutions. Under his guidance, Excellencia has consistently achieved remarkable milestones, year after year.

Venkat Muriki is also equally invested in the society's welfare and growth. Excellencia strongly believes that every individual has the right to access and benefit from quality education. Going forward, the institution will continue to create opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop their talents, and build their knowledge and skills.



Venkat Muriki, Founder, Excellencia Junior College

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