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GLOBAL CONFERENCE 2010
'ECE: Opportunities & Challenges'



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Grand Hyatt, Santa Cruz (E), Mumbai, India

A galaxy of ECE experts

The EW-ECE Global Conference will be addressed by globally-reputed ECE experts and pre-school edupreneurs. They include:



DR. ELANNA YALOW

Keynote address: Opportunities and challenges in pre-school education

Dr. Yalow is the US-based Executive Vice President of Knowledge Universe, and Vice Chair, Knowledge Learning Corporation which operates 1,800 early childhood education centres in 39 states across the United States. An alumna of Stanford University, Dr. Yalow has published and presented extensively on issues related to early childhood education.



DR. JEREMY WILLIAMS

Keynote address: New trends and pedagogies in pre-school education

Dr. Williams is Chief Academic Officer of Knowledge Universe Pte Ltd, Singapore which owns and manages the Odyssey brand of pre-schools in Singapore and South-east Asia. A pioneer and specialist in the field of online education, Dr. Williams has held senior positions at U21Global and Queensland University of Technology, Australia.



ASHISH RAJPAL

Building brands in pre-school education

Rajpal is co-founder and CEO of iDiscoveri Education. An alumnus of XLRI, Jamshedpur and Harvard School of Education, Rajpal quit an international corporate career to work in education. Apart from facilitating programmes on teacher development and leadership, he has led the creation of an experiential primary school curriculum cum teacher training program — XSEED — currently being used by 450 schools across the country.



ARUN KHETAN

Pre-school expansion opportunities — the franchise option

Khetan is a chartered accountant with more than two decades of experience in pre-school education. During the past 20 years as CEO of Zee Education he has commissioned 1,100 franchised Kidzee, Kidzeehigh and ZIMA pre-schools in India and abroad. Currently he is the CEO and managing director of New Age Knowledge Solutions, a multi-division education company which has established 125 pre-schools under the brands I Play I Learn, Scholar's Hub and Universal Minds' Global.



LINA ASHAR

Improving learning outcomes in pre-school education

Ashar is founder-chairperson of Kangaroo Kids Education Ltd (KKEL). A pioneer in introducing learner-centric processes and research-based curriculums, Ashar has masterminded the growth of KKEL into a transnational organisation with pre-schools and K-12 institutions in 18 cities across India, Dubai and the Maldives.



KAVITA GUPTA SABHARWAL

Delivering excellence in pre-school education

Sabharwal is the Bangalore-based promoter-managing director of Neev Schools Pvt. Ltd. An alumna of the highly-reputed Harvard Business School, Sabharwal served as finance director of the Mumbai-based Lupin Ltd before promoting the first Neev School in 2005. Currently the four Neev pre-schools in Bangalore host an aggregate 388 children mentored by 59 teachers.



JESUS S.M. LALL

New technologies-enabled pre-school education

Lall is chairman and CEO of the Mumbai-based Universal Education Group. An alumnus of Mumbai University, Lall spearheads Universal which currently boasts 18 schools and colleges across western India with an enrolment of over 25,000 students.



DR. VRINDA DATTA

Regulation and control of pre-school education

Dr. Datta is professor at the Center for Human Ecology, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and president of the Association for Early Childhood Education and Development. Prof. Datta has a Ph D in human development and has extensively researched issues of quality in early childhood programmes, teacher training, and impact of early childhood programmes on child development.



CHARU MODY

Edu-Craft workshop: Playing, exploring & learning

Mody is trustee and founder member of S.S. Mody Kids' Kingdom. A certified early childhood educator, her first pre-school and daycare centre was recently inaugurated in Matunga, Mumbai. Mody is also director of Edu-Craft, an educational resource provider which offers a learning experience based on creative projects woven into curriculums.

ECE Global Conference 2010 agenda

9.30-9.45: Inauguration and lamp lighting

9.45-10.00: Introduction by Dilip Thakore, Editor, *EducationWorld*

10.00-10:40: Keynote address by Dr. Elanna Yalow — Opportunities and challenges in pre-school education

10:40-11.00: Q&A session with Dr. Yalow

11.00-11.30: Tea Break

11.30-1.00: Panel Discussion — Untapped potential of India's pre-school market

Chairperson: Dr. Elanna Yalow

Ashish Rajpal — Building brands in pre-school education

Arun Khetan — Pre-school expansion opportunities: the franchise option

Kavita Sabharwal — Delivering excellence in pre-school education

Q&A session with panelists

1.00-1.45: Lunch

1.45-2.15: Keynote address by Dr. Jeremy Williams — Critical importance of foundational pre-school education

2.15-2.30: Q&A session with Dr. Williams

2.30-3.30: Panel Discussion — New trends and pedagogies in pre-school education

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Lina Ashar — Improving learning outcomes in pre-school education

Jesus S.M. Lall — New technologies-enabled pre-school education

Vrinda Dutta — Regulation and control of pre-school education

Q&A session with panelists

3.30-3.40: Vote of Thanks by Bhavin Shah, marketing director, *EW*

3.40-4.30: Tea Break and Edu-Craft Workshop

4.30-6.00: India's Most Preferred Pre-schools 2010 Awards Ceremony sponsored by **Edu-Craft**

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