



RECOGNISING HYDERABAD'S EDUCATION ICONS-2024

In response to the challenges faced by our developing economy, numerous educational institutions and educators across the country have stepped up to mould today's students, preparing them to face the world of tomorrow. The ET Education Leadership Summit 2024 is not just a meeting of minds but a prestigious platform that recognises and felicitates individuals who have made exceptional contributions to education. This compilation of exemplary achievers includes notable personalities from the field of education and dynamic professionals with impeccable academic backgrounds. Honoured in this special feature are individuals whose dedication and commitment have 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, a division of Times Internet Limited, The Times of India, The ET 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.

Exemplary Contribution in College Education

Srikishan Badruka, Secretary, Seth Ghasiram Gopikishan Badruka Educational Society (SGGBES)

Outstanding Leadership in Higher Education

Neelima Suryadevara, CEO, Anurag University

Global Educator of the Year

Dr Seetha Murty, Director-Education, Silver Oaks International Schools

Young Visionary Leaders in School Education

Sindhura Indukuri and Aishwarya Kurra, Founders and Managing Directors, The Shri Ram Hyderabad Schools

Exemplary Contribution in School Education

Subash Boda, Chairman and Managing Director, Rockwell International School

Excellent Contribution to Innovative Practices in School Education

M Narasimha Murthy, Executive Vice Chairman, Arca Global Indian International School, Uppal

Distinguished Leader Spearheading Academics and Holistic Education in Junior Colleges

Venkat Muriki, Founder & Director, Excellencia Junior College, Hyderabad

Outstanding Young Educator of the Year

Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, Brookfield International School

Excellence in Industry Interaction in Engineering Education

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

Leadership Award for Excellence in Holistic Education

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

Pioneer in Engineering Education

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

Emerging Edupreneur Award in School Education

Garv Agarwal, Director, DRS International School

Young Women Edupreneur in School Education

Sinduri Reddy, Founder and Managing Director, The Premia Academy

Crafting Excellence through Thinking Classrooms

Chappidi Swetha Reddy, Chairman, Canary The School

Excellence in Engineering & Technology Education

T V Reddy, Secretary, St Peter's Engineering College

Excellence in School Education Administration

K Ravinder Reddy, Founder & President, Janapriya Education Society

Innovative Thought Leadership in School Education

Abhilekh Puttagunta, Managing Director, Meluha International School

Young Women Edupreneur in Higher Education

Dr M Priyanka, General Secretary, Avanthi Group of Institutions

Emerging Leader in Fashion Design Education

Jakkidi Venkat Reddy, Chairman, Dhruva College of Fashion Technology

Young Edupreneur in Overseas Education Services

Aravind Arasavilli, Chairman, Exxeella Global Edtech Pvt Ltd

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Young visionary women leader duo making remarkable strides in education

Sindhura Indukuri and Aishwarya Kurra are a dynamic pair transforming education in Hyderabad through their innovative and holistic approach. With a vision to blend modern education with traditional values, Sindhura and Aishwarya, graduates from world renowned universities, have inceptioned The Shri Ram Universal School and The Shri Ram Academy. Their commitment to creating “Happy Schools” prioritises student well-being and personalised learning. Both working mothers, they emphasise life balance and wellness, fostering a positive environment for staff and students. Their schools stand among the top in Hyderabad, reflecting their dedication to excellence and inclusive education.

They founded The Shri Ram Universal School (TSUS) in 2017, partnering with Shri Educare Limited. Their innovative approach, emphasising happiness and wellness in education, has quickly established TSUS as one of the leading institution in the city.

Building on their growth, the duo launched The Shri Ram Academy (TSRA) to offer an IB curriculum, further cementing their position in Hyderabad’s educational landscape. Both schools prioritise individual growth, inclusivity, and a balance of modern outlook with traditional values.

With over 2,000 learners and up to 400 educators from across the globe at The Shri Ram Hyderabad Schools, they are young pioneers bringing happy and holistic learning to education.



Sindhura Indukuri, Managing Director and Founder, Aishwarya Kurra, Managing Director and Founder, The Shri Ram Hyderabad Schools

Pioneering Innovative Curriculums that promote future-ready learning

As the Founder and Managing Director of Meluha International School, Abhilekh Puttagunta has set new standards in education. The school offers innovative curriculums, integrating competitive coaching and modern teaching methods, while understanding the needs of students and parents.

For Grade 1-5, the unique curriculum integrates the ethos of Montessori, play based learning and inquiry-based learning within the National Curriculum Framework. In Grade 6-10, students are given opportunities to enhance their problem solving, critical thinking and creative thinking skills through Olympiads with CBSE curriculum. Students in Grade 11 & 12 benefit from integrated competitive curriculums in science, commerce and humanities streams.

With a bachelor’s degree in computer science, Abhilekh began his career working



Abhilekh Puttagunta, Managing Director, Meluha International School

alongside his father at Sri Gayatri Educational Institutions. There, he optimised academic programs, developed curriculums, and improved student outcomes through analytics, reaching nearly 75,000 students, digitising 1,300 classrooms, and training 2,800 teachers.

With over 13 years in the education sector, Abhilekh Puttagunta has significantly impacted learning through technology. He established Meluha Technologies Private Limited in 2014, an EdTech platform dedicated to making quality education accessible across India. Its ‘M Academy Learning and Content Management System’ has converted 4,000 traditional classrooms into digital ones, trained 10,000 teachers, and impacted 800,000 students. Further, ‘CLASSET’, a student-centric app promotes interactive learning with AI, aligning with the NEP 2020.

Promoting future-forward education

Sinduri Reddy, Founder and Managing Director of The Premia Academy, is one of the dynamic leaders committed to equipping children and teachers for the fast-changing world of the 21st century. She aims to prepare young minds to disrupt industries that may not even exist in the coming decade!

Surrounded by a family of entrepreneurs, Sinduri’s passion for education began at a young age. She holds degrees in Management and Economics, and her research on the demands of Gen Z has led to the creation of a well thought and meticulously curated curriculum.

Every child studying at The Premia Academy is a testament to the school’s vision and mission. Sinduri seeks to mould the next generation into exemplary human beings who are giving, gritty, and uphold integrity. The school’s core values, value-added programs, and opportunities are all woven around this vision, aiming for a better and beautiful tomorrow.

As the strongest pillar of The Premia family, Sinduri ensures that students benefit from quality scholastic and co-scholastic activities. Her future-forward vision and leadership by example make her a powerhouse in the field of education. Her efforts help to nurture students who are not only academically proficient but also socially responsible and ready to make a positive impact on the world.



Sinduri Reddy, Founder, The Premia Academy

DRIVING CHANGE IN EDUCATION

Garv Agarwal, son of Anjani Kumar Agarwal and a third-generation member of the Dayanand Agarwal family, joined the family enterprise, DRS Group, after graduating in the UK. With a passion for education, he has been instrumental in advancing DRS International School and MDN Edify Education over the past four years.

FAMILY LEGACY

Inspired by Dayanand Agarwal’s vision, DRS International School was founded in 2003 to provide quality education. Anjani Kumar Agarwal and Sanjay Kumar Agarwal expanded this vision by establishing MDN Edify Education Pvt. Ltd., franchising K-12 schools and preschools under the Edify brand.

LEADERSHIP AND GROWTH

Garv has strengthened the DRS and Edify brands, leading a team of over 500 professionals. The DRS Group now boasts over 35 K-12 schools and 50 preschools across India. The group’s innovative 3C curriculum and recognition by some of the prestigious organisations highlight its commitment to educational quality.

VISION 2030

Garv’s Vision 2030 aims to establish 100 Edify franchise schools and 10 DRS/Edify-owned schools within the next 3-4 years, integrating digital technology into teaching methods. He also plans to make MDN Edify Education a comprehensive solution provider for all K-12 educational needs.

Garv Agarwal’s strategic vision and dedication continue to propel the DRS Group to new heights in the education sector.



Garv Agarwal, Director, DRS International School

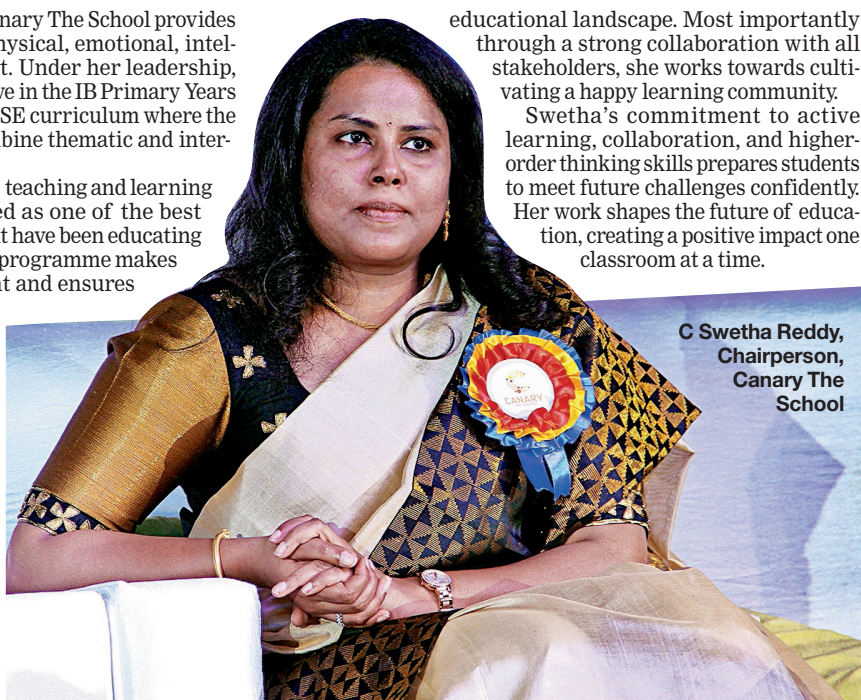
Creating an inspiring environment where innovation thrives

Swetha Reddy, Chairperson of Canary The School provides holistic education, ensuring physical, emotional, intellectual and social development. Under her leadership, students from Nursery to Grade V thrive in the IB Primary Years Program and Grade VI to XII in the CBSE curriculum where the dynamic teaching methodologies combine thematic and interdisciplinary learning.

‘Experiences@Canary’ is a blend of teaching and learning techniques that are currently hailed as one of the best practices and time-tested practices that have been educating learners over the years. The learning programme makes nearly everyone an active participant and ensures that ‘No Child is Left Behind’ in their learning journey.

Swetha is also a promoter of Gautami Educational Society, Hyderabad, and Little Angels Educational Society, Tirupati. Since 2012, she has overseen the administration and operations of these institutions, ensuring adherence to policies and procedures.

Her empathetic leadership style fosters an inclusive, learner-focused environment. Swetha prioritises student growth, encourages innovative teaching methods, and ensures her team is well-equipped for the evolving



C Swetha Reddy, Chairperson, Canary The School

educational landscape. Most importantly through a strong collaboration with all stakeholders, she works towards cultivating a happy learning community.

Swetha’s commitment to active learning, collaboration, and higher-order thinking skills prepares students to meet future challenges confidently. Her work shapes the future of education, creating a positive impact one classroom at a time.

Nurturing Resilient Minds and Responsible Citizens

Since its establishment, Janapriya Education Society has taken pride in consistently prioritising nurturing the fundamental aspects of child development. By fostering critical skills and shaping resilient personalities, the institution equips young minds to confront life’s challenges with confidence. Young minds are known to be responsive. Through a well-structured and inclusive educational approach, values are instilled deeply, cultivating a profound sense of responsibility towards society in every student.

“I founded the Janapriya Education Society to usher in an educational philosophy which prioritises the developmental needs of these bright young citizens over mere commercial interests,” says K. Ravinder Reddy

Founder & Chairman, Janapriya Group.

Driven by unwavering focus and determination, the mission at Janapriya Education Society has been to provide innovative, forward-thinking and thought-provoking education supported by modern infrastructure that integrates technology into the curriculum while offering ample opportunities for creative arts and sports for every student.

Since its inception, the organisation has been committed to making quality holistic education accessible to the broader society. “Over the past 24 years, we have traversed a path of significant achievements and will continue this journey, steadfast in upholding our cherished values and responsibilities to the community we serve,” he adds.



K Ravinder Reddy, Founder & President Janapriya Group of Schools

Redefining education and employability with innovative education

Jakkidi Venkat Reddy, Founder & Chairman of Dhruva College of Fashion Technology, has been one of the transformative leaders in education for the past 15 years. Backed by a keen understanding of the evolving job market and recognising employability issues among engineering graduates, Venkat Reddy established Dhruva College of Fashion Technology four years ago. The institution offers promising career paths through design education, with courses in fashion design and interior design. Further, to bridge the gap between fashion designers and the market, he introduced BBA programs in Fashion Design and Luxury Brand Management, to nurture graduates who understand the nuances of design and the complex dynamics of the fashion industry.

A symbol of Venkat Reddy’s leadership is his unwavering commitment to providing updated

education that aligns with current industry trends. The programs are meticulously crafted to meet the demands of the modern job market, ensuring that graduates possess the skills and creativity required to thrive in their chosen fields.

Reddy also founded 11 other verticals, in the name of Saanvi and Dhruva group of Institutions. The Saanvi Institutions, dedicated to women education and empowerment. Run entirely by women. The group offers variety of courses at junior, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate levels, which include commerce, management, business analytics, nutrition, food technology, hospital management, health care management, computers Science, data science, teacher education.



J Venkat Reddy, Chairman, Dhruva College of Fashion Technology