

**CII Education Conference**  
**Innovations in Learning**

**29 - 30 June 2021, Digital Platform**



**Confederation of Indian Industry**

**Concept Note and  
Programme**



## Background

CII's work in education is focused on promoting industry-academia linkages so that the output of academia improves in quality and industry benefits from a steady supply of high-calibre human resource. CII also has a strong focus on school and early childhood education, with an aim to provide high quality, student-centric education to all our children to enable building of strong foundations and facilitate lifelong learning.

CII's work in education is led by its Education Council which comprises of members across industry, academia and government bodies. The Council not only provides strong and well-deliberated policy inputs, but also undertakes various initiatives to implement many of these on-ground.

Together with the support of its members, the CII National Education Council, has been leading from the front in creating high quality platforms to discuss and debate latest trends in education and pedagogy.

With India still reeling from the pandemic even after over an year of unprecedented challenges, CII has been working round the clock to ensure continuity of services and supporting our country withstand these very difficult times. The education sector finds itself at the forefront of this world, with virtual classes, internal examinations, and digital submission of projects becoming hallmarks of the paradigm shift underway.

To discuss the interventions needed to ensure continuity in school and university level education and the relevant technology landscape, learning outcomes, academic calendars and industry recruitments, CII will be hosting a digital conference titled '**Innovations in Learning**' on 29-30 June 2021.

The conference will highlight the myriad changes in policy, intervention, strategy, exams, curriculum and pedagogy propelled by the loss in physical mobility and closure of schools for such an extended period with no clear timelines on normalcy. There will also be discussions on the impact of corona-induced downturn, its effect on recruitment and hiring processes and how higher education institutes are responding to this development.

The conference will also discuss how student progressions from one stage of education level to the next and also early stage employment have been impacted. This national level conference on school and higher education will see participation from across geography and will cover key initiatives of CII in the education sector.

### DAY 1 – 29 June

1500 – 1545 hrs: Opening Session  
1545 – 1700 hrs: Reimagining Education  
1700 - 1800 hrs: Digital Technology Roll-out for Education  
1800 – 1845 hrs: Rebuilding Education with EdTech

### DAY 2 – 30 June

1030 – 1130 hrs: Ensuring continuity in learning  
1130 - 1200 hrs: 'In Conversation' – Learning from pandemic and moving forward  
1200 – 1300 hrs: CII Catch-up Campaign – Cementing Foundational Learning  
1300 – 1345 hrs: Inspirational Talk: Award-winning Teachers  
1430 - 1530 hrs: Catalysing Change in School Education  
1530 - 1630 hrs: Capacity Building of Teachers for New Age Teaching  
1630 – 1715 hrs: 'In Conversation' – Impact of pandemic on middle income countries



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**DAY 1 – 29 June**

**Opening Session**  
**29 June; 1500 – 1545 hrs**

Welcome remarks & Moderated by	<b>Dr BVR Mohan Reddy</b> Chairman, CII Education Council, Chairman, BOG, IIT Hyderabad & Executive Chairman, Cyient
Remarks	<b>Ms Radhika Bharat Ram</b> Co-Chair, CII Education Council & Joint Vice Chairperson, The Shri Ram Schools
Inaugural Address	<b>Dr Vinay Sahasrabudde</b> Chairman Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports
Vote of thanks and close	<b>Dr BVR Mohan Reddy</b>

**Plenary 1 – Reimagining Education**  
**29 June; 1545 – 1645 hrs**

Session Host	<b>Dr Renu Singh</b> Country Director Young Lives India
Address	<b>Prof Neharika Vohra</b> Vice Chancellor Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University
Keynote Address	<b>Mr Terry Durnnian</b> Chief Education Unicef India
Discussions and close	



**Plenary 2: Digital Technology Roll-out for Education**  
**29 June; 1700 - 1800 hrs**

Panel Chair	<b>Prof Raghunath Shevgaonkar</b> Former Director, IIT Delhi & Professor IIT Bombay
Panellists	<b>Dr Rajnish Kumar</b> Director Ministry of Education
	<b>Mr Narayanan Ramaswamy</b> Partner & National Head of Education KPMG
	<b>Mr Ashwani Sharma</b> Head of Operations Google Research India
	<b>Dr Vinnie Jauhari</b> Director Education Microsoft India

**Plenary 3: 'In Conversation' on 'Rebuilding Education with EdTech'**  
**29 June; 1800 - 1845 hrs**

Moderator	<b>Prof Raghunath Shevgaonkar</b> Former Director, IIT Delhi & Professor IIT Bombay
	<b>Mr Sapnesh Lalla</b> CEO, NIIT
	<b>Mr Mayank Kumar</b> Co-Founder & MD, upGrad



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**DAY 2 – 30 June**

**Plenary 4: Ensuring continuity in learning  
30 June, 1030 – 1130 hrs**

Session Chair & Moderator	<b>Col Gopal Karunakaran</b> CEO Shiv Nadar Schools
Panellists	<b>Dr Ramachandra Begur</b> Senior Education Specialist UNICEF
	<b>Prof Amarendra P Behera</b> Joint Director, CIET NCERT
	<b>Prof Disha Nawani</b> Professor, Mumbai campus and Dean-School of Education" Tata Institute of Social Sciences

**Plenary 5: 30 June; 1130 - 1200 hrs**

**Ms Radhika Bharat Ram 'In Conversation' with Ms Shaheen Mistri**

Learning from pandemic and moving forward

	<b>Ms Radhika Bharat Ram</b> Co-Chair, CII Education Council & Joint Vice Chairperson The Shri Ram Schools
	<b>Ms Shaheen Mistri</b> CEO Teach for India



**Plenary 6: CII Catch-up Campaign – Cementing Foundational Learning  
30 June, 1200 – 1300 hrs**

Session Chair & Moderator	<b>Dr Rukmini Banerji</b> CEO Pratham
Remarks	<b>Dr Suresh Reddy</b> Director SRF Foundation
Remarks	<b>Mr Manoj Gopalakrishna</b> CEO Care India
Remarks	<b>Dr Shailesh Kr Chourasia, IAS</b> State Project Director – Jharkhand Education Project Council Jharkhand Government

**Plenary 7: 30 June; 1300 - 1345 hrs  
Inspirational Talk**

Journey of school teachers from India who went on to win prestigious international awards

<b>Moderated By:</b>	<b>Dr Vinnie Jauhari</b> Director, Microsoft
	<b>Ms Paramjeet Kaur Dhillon</b> Principal, Kamla Nehru Public School, Phagwara
	<b>Ms Mrinal Ganjale</b> Zilla Parishad Teacher, Maharashtra
	<b>Ms Shalini Sahdev</b> Teacher, The Shri Ram School, Gurgaon



**Plenary 8: Catalysing Change in School Education**  
**30 June; 1430 - 1530 hrs**

Session Chair & Moderator	<b>Ms Mamta Saikia</b> Chief Executive Officer Bharti Foundation
Panellists	<b>Mr Yuvraj Malik</b> Director National Book Trust
	<b>Ms Sunisha Ahuja</b> Education Specialist Unicef India
	<b>Ms Samyukta Subramanian,</b> Program Lead Pratham Education Foundation

**Plenary 9: Capacity Building of Teachers for New Age Teaching**  
**30 June; 1530 - 1630 hrs**

*Announcement of 'CII-IBM Programme for Capacity Building of Teachers for New Age Teaching'*

Session Moderator	<b>Mr Nirupam Srivastava</b> Vice President Hero Corporate Service
Remarks	<b>Dr Biswajit Saha</b> Director, Skills CBSE
	<b>Dr Anne Forbes</b> Senior Lecturer – STEM Education Macquarie University, Australia
<i>Launch of 'CII-IBM Programme for Teachers'</i>	
Discussions and close	

**Plenary 10: In Conversation**  
**30 June; 1630 – 1715 hrs**

Impact of pandemic on education in middle income countries

Host	<b>Mr MS Unnikrishnan</b> CEO IIT-B Monash Research Academy
Speaker	<b>Mr Andreas Schleicher</b> Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills and Special Advisor on Education Policy to the Secretary-General OECD