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Speakers' Profiles



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MS. ANJCHITA NAIR

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MR. PRATIK RAJURKAR

Pratik is a teacher turned entrepreneur, and the co-founder of Polymath AI, a classroom orchestration product which is designed to assist teachers in providing personalized remedial support to learners using generative AI. He is a Teach For India alum, and a former consultant on Public Education with the State Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.



MS. GOWRI ISHWARAN

Recipient of the Padma Shri Award in 2004, Gowri Ishwaran is an internationally-recognized educationist with over 30 years of experience, and a passionate believer in the power of education to create change. Mrs Ishwaran's innovative, values-based approach to learning has catalyzed a paradigm shift in the Indian educational sphere. She was the founding Principal of Sanskriti School, New Delhi, which is counted among the leading schools of India, and she now serves as CEO of The Global Education and Leadership Foundation (tGELF).



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Lt Gen Surendra Kulkarni is Director Mayo College. While serving his approximately four decade long distinguished service in the Indian Army, he has simultaneously pursued rigorous academic interests; he has four Masters Degrees and is one of the few officers to have been sent abroad thrice on academic assignments. He has also taught at the Armoured Corps Centre and School at Ahmadnagar, the Institute of Armament Technology at Pune, and the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.

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MS. SUMMIYA YASMEEN

Summiya Yasmeen is the co-founder and managing editor of EducationWorld – The Human Development Magazine which has a readership of over 1 million people countrywide. An alumna of the Asian College of Journalism, Summiya believes that human capital development is the prerequisite of India achieving developed nation status, and has written extensively on challenges confronting the Indian education system.





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MR. KAUSHIK DASGUPTA

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