## **REPORT- GLOBAL ED CONNECT 2022**

"The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways."

- Robert Greene

To discuss the future of education, a virtual educators' conclave, Global Ed Connect 2022 was organised by High School Moms for the educators, heads of schools, counsellors and parents' fraternity on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022. The webinar focused on bringing together educators from all over the world to improve and advance educational practices.

It commenced with a brief address by Ms Megan Blight, President, Wesleyan College, Georgia, USA and Mr Abhishek Gupta, Founder and CEO, High School Moms. The platform offered 13 panel discussions scheduled in different rooms, simultaneously. Some of the topics for the panel discussions were- A Progressive Mindset: Change the Narrative; Less is More: Counselling Department Creating a Big Change; Acclimatizing International Students: Role of Student Service; Balancing EQ & IQ: Impact of Covid on Student Learning; Gap Year: Stagnation or Strategy; Inclusivity & Sustainability in Higher Education; Planning Ahead: Student Finance, College Cost & Scholarships etc. Each panel discussion had few experts, who imparted valuable inputs and provided insight as takeaways for the audience.

Some of the speakers at the Virtual Educator Conclave included Ms Aditi Misra, Director Principal, DPS 45, Gurgaon, Ms Shailaja Raghavendra, Special Educator, Ms Poonam Pagay, Career Counsellor, Mr Louis Dias, Principal, Greenwood High Bannerghatta and Ms Nirmal Waddan, Principal, The Kalyani School, Pune.

The panellists iterated that teachers in school must embrace new opportunities on their own to focus on learning by innovating and finding progressive ways to fulfil the needs of the young learners. Teachers must develop facilitation skills to guide their students on how to think, converse and participate in the learning process. They must aspire to become a newer and better version of themselves by reflecting and taking upon themselves the skill-based training so that they comfortably merge themselves in the ever evolving education system.

The enriching session of power packed panel discussions, skill building workshops and interactions concluded with 'Be Inspired Awards 2022', where those personalities, who always go an extra mile and inspire others to make an impact on others, were applauded.

DPS, Sec 45, Gurgaon made its mark by bagging two awards. The Director Principal, Ms Aditi Misra was the winner of the Inspirational Educator award 2022. She received this special award in recognition to being an educator par excellence who not only runs one of the largest schools in Delhi NCR and one of the finest schools in the country, but also Shiksha Kendra, the school for underprivileged children under the same roof and using the same resources in a sustainable way. Ms Misra thanked the High School Moms for honouring her with the award and praised Mr Gupta for successfully running a platform such as HSM, that is beneficial to each stakeholder of the education world. The Inspirational Student award was bagged by Ananya Singhal.

The webinar was very enriching and captivating.

