



Musings From a Teacher's Ink

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TIE UP WITH SKILLS & YOU

Teacher Ink has tied up with SAY (Skills & You) to impart and facilitate training for "Certificate in Teaching Excellence", which is recognized by the National Skills Development Corporation (N.S.D.C).

This collaboration was brought about with Ms. Nagalakshmi Raju, director, Secretary, Skills & You (Karnataka) in her effort to provide for skills training to aspiring teachers. Teacher Ink takes great pride in this association.



This training is job-oriented and provides for internship opportunities to the candidates who have enrolled for it.

We have started the delivery of this 6 months certificate course, in 2 new centers, Electronic City-Phase 1 and Vijaya Bank Layout, Off Bannerghatta Road with 7 and 10 candidates in each center respectively.

This training is primarily focused on developing the skill like facilitation, lesson planning, teaching strategies, subject enrichment (English & Math) as well as Art & Crafts, in anyone who aspires to be a teacher in today's world. There are ample opportunities provided for classroom observations. The training is mostly collaborative and dialogue based giving a chance to candidates to develop themselves holistically

COLLABORATION WITH KIDZ WONDERLAND FOR JOLLY PHONICS & PARENT INTERSECT

In another collaboration with Kidz Wonderland, Electronic City, Phase-I, we have launched Teacher PD Programs such as Nursery Teacher Training, Jolly Phonics & Jolly Grammar.

One of the unique offerings through this collaboration is the "Parent Intersect - A dialogue based program designed specially for parents to come together to have conversations around joys and challenges they face in parenting in today's digital world.






On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force. Over the next fifteen years, with these new Goals that universally apply to all, countries will mobilize efforts to end all forms of poverty, fight inequalities and tackle climate change, while ensuring that no one is left behind.

The SDGs build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and aim to go further to end all forms of poverty. The new Goals are unique in that they call for action by all countries, poor, rich and middle-income to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and addresses a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

A quality education is the foundation of sustainable development, and therefore of the Sustainable Development Goals. As a policy intervention, education is a force multiplier which enables self-reliance, boosts economic growth by enhancing skills, and improves people’s lives by opening up opportunities for better livelihoods.

The Sustainable Development targets for 2030 call for ensuring the completion of primary and secondary education by all boys and girls, and guaranteeing equal access to opportunities for access to quality technical and vocational education for everyone. Policy interventions will require improving access and improving quality, as well addressing relevant obstacles which include gender inequalities, food insecurity, and armed conflict.



Sources: <https://in.one.un.org/page/sustainable-development-goals/sdg-4/>
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

The teacher this month is someone who *has been a constant support in running the FLOMONT World School at Indiranagar, Bangalore. Having completed the Montessori Teacher Training course with Florida Montessori Centre, joined FloMont World School as a pre-primary Teacher and climbed my way up to Academic Dean and now a Centre Head, all in the course of last 5 years. It has been in all aspects an enriching experience for her. Ms. Puja, has juggles multiple hats at her school and enjoys every moment of it.*

We are happy to share her ideas about and for education and her life as a teacher:

What got you into teaching profession?

My love for children and the desire to know their thought process

What are your aspirations as a teacher?

To help children develop a value system and become better human beings.

What is Puja's typical day like?

Since I wear multiple hats, the fun part is juggling many roles] Highest on priority is ensuring children are safe and happy at School.

What was your defining moment in your career as a teacher?

The unspoken faith and trust of the child in me as their teacher!

How do you keep yourself updated professionally?

You need to change along with the times. And the best way to do it is by "actually listening to the children." The way they think and what they express as their need, becomes your way of teaching and what you teach.

What is that one piece of advice you would like to give your counterparts in other schools?

Teachers are responsible for laying the foundation for building the nation's future. Do not lose focus of your goal. Each step may get harder, but don't stop, because when you look back at a point of time in life, the view then is beautiful!

Life philosophy and what do you do when you are feeling down and low

"A strong person is not the one who doesn't cry. A strong person is one who quietly sheds tears for a moment and then picks up the sword and fights again".

I believe I have been through the worst. It has only made me



TEACHER Feature

Ms. Puja

Teacher, Academic Dean and Center Head, FloMont World School

Titbits from a teacher...

Favorite food... My soul food is Biryani!!

Favorite pastime... Creating a piece of art or reading fast paced fiction thrillers.

Favorite quote... "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events small minds discuss people" – Eleanor Roosevelt

Favorite role models.... Maria Montessori, Mrs. Asia Ismail & Mrs. Shahista Ismail

My stressbuster... spending quality time with my friends or Watching Masterchef Australia



UPCOMING EVENTS @ TEACHER INK

Teacher Dialogue Series: Once a month event

A gathering of educators to voice their views and share best practices and just to hang out with like-minded people. We are here to have dialogue for change!

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