

Intersect 5.0

Pre-Conference & Inauguration

Bridging the Industry-Academia Gap



13th February



3:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Deep dive into transformative strategies, global trends, and emerging opportunities.

Build collaborative networks to drive meaningful change in the education ecosystem.

A high-impact platform uniting school leaders, policymakers, and education experts.

Career Counsellors Round Table

Shaping Pathways. Influencing Futures.

The Career Counsellors Round Table brings together experienced counsellors, advisors, and education professionals for an open, peer-driven dialogue on the evolving landscape of student guidance.

As career pathways become increasingly global, interdisciplinary, and dynamic, counsellors play a pivotal role in helping students navigate choices with clarity, confidence, and context. This round table creates a space to exchange perspectives, challenges, best practices, and emerging trends shaping the future of counselling.

Session Flow & Agenda

Time

3:00 PM - 3:05 PM

Agenda

Welcome Keynote

Speaker



Swati Ganeti

Managing Director,
Masters' Union

Time

3:05 PM - 3:30 PM

Panel Discussion

Africa's Evolving Career Landscape: Skills, Systems & Student Aspirations

Speakers



Barry Phipps

Future Pathways Counsellor,
The International School of
Uganda



Lucinda Ochieng

University Counsellor,
The Aga Khan Academy,
Mombasa



Martha Kikvi

University Guidance Counsellor,
Aga Khan Academy Maputo



Francisco Mergulhao

Future Pathways Counselor,
International School Of Uganda &
Dremac Education Consulting

Time

3:30 PM - 3:55 PM

Panel Discussion

The Southeast Asia Career Counsellors' Update

Speakers**Tannaz Daver**Founder and Principal Consultant,
TZD Advisory**Manish Semwal**Head of Academics,
GMIS Jakarta**Swati Shrestha**University Counsellor,
International School Bangkok**Time**

4:00 PM - 4:25 PM

Panel Discussion

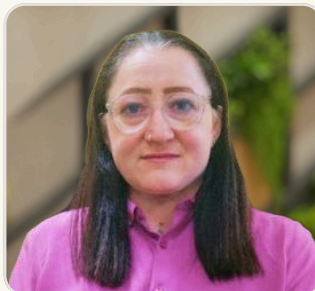
Indian Subcontinent Evolving Career Landscape: Aspirations & the New Skills

Speakers**Ganesh Datt Bhatt**College Head,
GEMS School, Lalitpur**Ambika Kaul**College Access Program,
Delhi Public School Society**Jessica Patnaik**Director Global Outreach,
ODM Educational Group**Soma Dam**Vice Principal (Academics),
Suncity School, Gurugram**Time**

4:30 PM - 4:55 PM

Panel Discussion

Middle East Evolving Career Landscape: Transformation, Talent & Tomorrow's Skills

Speakers**Christina Denise McDade**High School Counsellor,
American International School,
Riyadh**Bhavna Dhanak**Career Guidance Counsellor,
GEMS Modern Academy**Srivalasan Murugan**Principal & CEO,
GEMS Our Own English High School,
Sharjah**Time** 4:55 PM - 5:00 PM**Agenda** Closing Ceremony & Networking

School Leaders Round Table

Leadership. Vision. Transformation.

The School Leaders Round Table is a closed-door, high-impact conversation bringing together principals, directors, and senior education leaders to reflect on leadership in a time of rapid change.

This session focuses on strategic thinking, institutional growth, innovation in school education, and the evolving role of leadership in building future-ready learning environments. It is designed as a candid, collaborative space grounded in experience and driven by purpose.

Session Flow & Agenda

Time

6:00 PM - 6:05 PM

Agenda

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Speaker



Swati Ganeti

Managing Director,
Masters' Union

Time

6:05 PM - 6:30 PM

Panel Discussion

Inculcating Learning by Doing in School Curriculums

Speakers



Neeta Bali

Director - Academics,
MVN Schools,
Faridabad



Inderbir Thussu

Principal,
Kunsappskolan School,
Gurugram



Aditi Misra

Director Principal,
DPS Gurugram



Anita Malhotra

Director Principal,
Lotus Valley School,
Gurugram



Sanchita Verma

Principal,
Indian School, Sohar
Sultanate of Oman

Time

6:30 PM - 6:55 PM

Panel Discussion

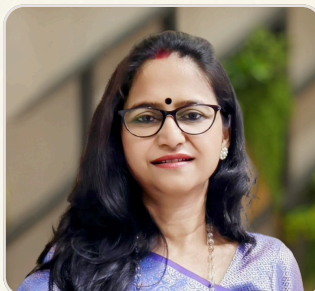
Who Is at the Centre of School Education: Students or Parents?

Speakers**Madhulika Agarwal**Head of School,
Kunskapsskolan, Lucknow**Ragini Kachhwaha**Principal,
Lucky International
School, Jodhpur**Alpana Baveja**Principal,
GD Goenka Signature School**Dr. Shabana Arora**Principal,
Allenhouse Public School
Khalasi Lines**Time**

7:00 PM - 7:25 PM

Panel Discussion

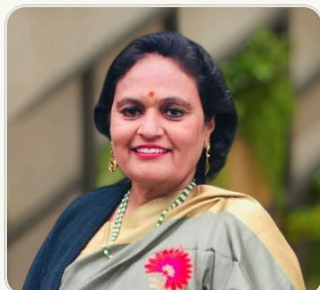
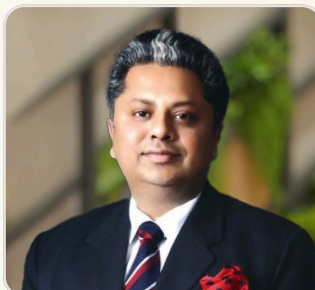
Building Skills for Teachers: The New Age of Educator Development

Speakers**Debika Chatterjee**Director Principal,
JBCN International School**Amrita Burman**Director,
Sunbeam Group of
Educational Institutions**Rakhi Mukherjee**Principal,
Utpal Sanghvi Global School**Gunjan Sahni**Head of School,
Seth M R Jaipuria School, Lucknow**Time**

7:30 PM - 7:55 PM

Panel Discussion

Leading Schools in a Changing World: The Skills Every Principal Needs Now

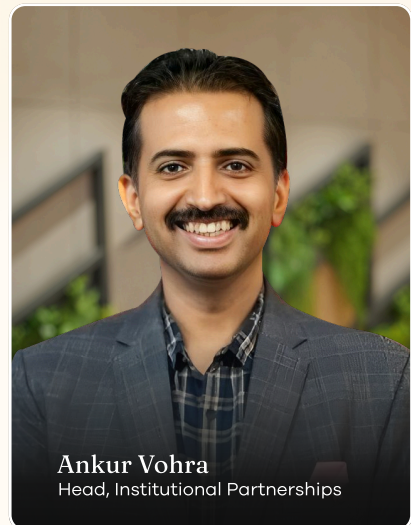
Speakers**Pratima Sinha**Academic Advisor Board Member,
Futuristic Edu Initiatives**Nirmal Waddan**Principal,
The Kalyani School, Pune**Dr. Anirudh Gupta**CEO,
DCM Schools**Srivalsan Murugan**Principal & CEO,
Our Own English High School
Sharjah-Boys**Time** 8:00 PM**Agenda** Closing Keynote

Anchoring the Conversations

Ankur Vohra anchors the conversations at Intersect 5.0 as the moderator for all panel discussions. He has been closely involved in shaping Intersect's vision, conversations, and collaborations across educators, school leaders, and higher education stakeholders.

He also runs the **Intersect Podcast** as the host, and has engaged with leading voices in education, leadership, and student development bringing forward narratives that focus on values, purpose, and the evolving role of education in society.

At Intersect 5.0, he brings this perspective to the room - facilitating **thoughtful dialogue, connecting diverse viewpoints**, and ensuring conversations remain grounded, relevant, and action-oriented.



Setting the Stage for Intersect 5.0

Day 0 marks the beginning of Intersect 5.0, a space where educators come together not just to attend sessions, but to build relationships, exchange ideas, and shape the future of education collectively.

The conversations initiated will flow into the larger dialogues, panels, and experiences across the next two days. We invite you to carry these reflections forward and continue engaging deeply with the Intersect community.

The conversations begin here. The impact unfolds ahead.

