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Ideas in Motion. Conversations in Action.

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A Month of Conversations.

A Milestone Worth Celebrating.

Over the past few weeks, the Intersect community has come together around a shared question: how do we rediscover learning? Through four conversations with educators, school leaders, career counsellors and institutional voices, we explored the possibilities of more curious, collaborative and meaningful learning environments.

It has also been a milestone month for the Intersect Podcast, which has reached its 50th episode, while preparations for Intersect 6.0 continue to gather momentum.

FROM THE DESK OF INTERSECT

The Intersect Conversations:

Four Weeks.
Four Conversations.
One Shared Question.

As part of the journey towards **Intersect 6.0: Rediscovering Learning**, we hosted a four-part ***Intersect Conversations*** series. The conversations challenged familiar perspectives and brought forward a range of questions that will continue to shape the dialogue at Intersect 6.0.

Beyond the Invitation: What It Means to Be an Intersect Scholar

16 October 2026

What happens after receiving an invitation to Intersect? This opening conversation brought together past Intersect Scholars to reflect on the opportunity, their experience of attending the gathering, and what it means to become part of a community working towards a better future for education.

Host:

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Principal
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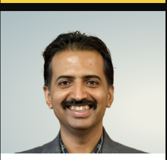
From Running Institutions to Shaping Learning Cultures

22 October 2026

How can educational institutions move beyond operations and compliance to create environments where curiosity, experimentation and collaboration can thrive? This session brought school leaders together to reflect on the role of leadership in shaping the culture of learning within their institutions.

Host: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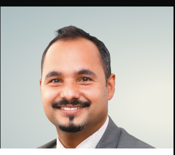
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From Familiar Pathways to Unwritten Futures

28 October 2026

The concluding conversation brought the series back to its central question: are our institutions, teaching practices and assessment systems keeping pace with the changing needs of learners? From rethinking classrooms to redefining student success, the panel explored what education must preserve, rethink and reinvent for the future.

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Rediscovering Learning: What Needs to Change?

4 November 2026

What happens after receiving an invitation to Intersect? This opening conversation brought together past Intersect Scholars to reflect on the opportunity, their experience of attending the gathering, and what it means to become part of a community working towards a better future for education.

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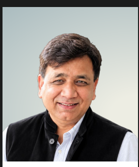

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Four conversations have brought us closer to the questions at the heart of Intersect 6.0. The dialogue continues in February, when the wider education community comes together to explore what it means to move from passenger to explorer.

Explore Intersect 6.0 ↗

Voices Shaping the *Future of Education*

THE INTERSECT PODCAST REACHES *50 Episodes*

A milestone moment for the conversations that bring education's many voices together.

Fifty episodes. Fifty conversations. Countless perspectives on the people, ideas and institutions shaping education.

The Intersect Podcast has reached its 50th episode, marking an important milestone in our effort to bring meaningful conversations from across the education ecosystem to a wider audience.

Episode 50

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From Boardrooms to the
HEADMASTER'S
Office
50TH EPISODE
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From Boardrooms to the Headmaster's Office

Featuring Mr. Sourav Sinha
Principal, Mayo College

In this milestone conversation, Mr. Sinha reflects on the experiences that shaped his journey, the importance of keeping the passion for teaching alive, and the role of boarding schools in preparing young people for life and leadership.

Episode 49

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Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice

Featuring Charu Wahi
Chief Operating Officer, Vasant Valley Centre for Excellence in Education

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The conversation explores why the development of educators requires more than prescribed training hours. It calls for mentorship, thoughtful questioning, and the space to reflect on practice.

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Fifty episodes mark more than a number. They represent a growing archive of experiences, ideas and perspectives from people who are rethinking education in their own ways. Here's to many more conversations.

The ROAD TO intersect 6.0

The Voices
are coming
Together.

The speaker line-up for **Intersect 6.0** is taking shape. We have announced **20 speakers so far,** bringing together leaders and practitioners from schools, universities and across the wider education ecosystem.

Each voice brings a different experience to the conversation, adding new perspectives to this year's theme: **Rediscovering Learning.**

3 DAYS. One Shared Learning Journey.

DATE
12–14 February 2027

PLACE
Masters' Union University Campus, Gurugram

If you have been planning to join us, this is the time to register. A limited number of seats are also available under the **Intersect Scholars Programme,** which offers selected eligible educators and career counsellors fully funded travel and stay.

Registration Deadline:
16 November, 2026

Register For Intersect 6.0 ↗

#K12 INITIATIVES

Building with AI: The AI Buildathon

Masters' Union University is opening registrations for the **AI Buildathon**, a 2-day, hands-on bootcamp for students in **Grades 8–12** to experiment with AI tools, build functional prototypes, and pitch their ideas to India's top CTOs.

- Get mentored by experienced FDEs as you turn your idea into an AI solution.
- Experiment with the latest AI tools, including ChatGPT, Codex, Replit, Midjourney and more.
- Learn through hands-on masterclasses led by industry experts.
- Build, test and refine a working AI prototype before pitching it to top CTOs.
- Earn a Letter of Recommendation (LOR) and an industry-recognised certificate.

21st-22nd November '26
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Masters' Union University, Gurugram

Programme Fee:

- **Individual:** INR 4,999 per person
- **Team:** INR 3,999 per person (minimum 4 members)

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Milestones & Meaningful Connections

Masters' Union Receives **QS Stars Overall** *5-Star Rating*

Masters' Union University has received an **Overall 5-Star Rating from QS Stars,** becoming one of just six institutions in India to achieve this distinction. The recognition was marked by a campus visit from **Dr. Ashwin Fernandes**, who joined the Masters' Union community for the occasion.

Strengthening Connections Across the *Education Ecosystem*

We were pleased to welcome **Ms. Anuradha Handa, Founder Principal, G.D. Goenka Public School, Sector 48, Gurugram**, to our campus for an engaging exchange of perspectives on the evolving landscape of school education, and the importance of building stronger connections between schools and higher education institutions.

Stay *Connected*

Intersect Website ↗ Follow on LinkedIn ↗ YouTube Channel ↗

We'll be back next month with more stories, voices, and updates from across the Intersect network.
Until then, thank you for being a part of this journey and for helping us shape the future of education, together.

– Team Intersect Powered by Masters' Union University