

WORLD EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE 2004 MUMBAI, INDIA

Theme: Lifelong Learning—*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn in the Ever Changing Global Environment"*.

"The whole of life from the moment you are born till the moment you die is a process of learning. Learning has no end and that is the timeless quality of learning." J. Krishnamurti

The World Education Fellowship seeks to *"celebrate through education the beautiful diversity of the human spirit"* (WEF South Africa Conference 2001) and believes that education has a crucial role to play in the promotion of individual excellence with global perspectives.

This belief extends to education for everyone all the time whatever their age or circumstances. In some parts of the world there is a great need for literacy and numeracy programmes. In other countries world over, technological, economic and social changes render much formal education quickly out of date. Pressure of life and work frequently inhibit the achievement of individual potential and enjoyment of fruitful interaction. With the limitations of conventional education system and ever changing learning needs of the society, one cannot ignore the role of Lifelong Learning.

Learning opportunities outside school—in our daily lives in the family, in the community, at work etc.—greatly outnumber the opportunities offered in formal institutions. Lifelong Learning for all—from early childhood to our later years is now a major priority.

The **WEF International Conference** in Mumbai, India will focus on many ways in which lifelong education can contribute to continuing individual and global development.

The main purpose of the conference is to set an agenda for the future based on the greater understanding of how barriers to continuing learning for all might be diminished, how educational structures, processes, practices and value can promote individual growth and how global development, international cooperation and solidarity might be enhanced.

Highlights

- The Conference will be held in the sylvan environment of Khar a suburb of the City of Mumbai, close to the famous Juhu Beach.
- Plenary Sessions will be addressed by eminent educationists from India and from different parts of the world.
- Thought-provoking and interesting group and panel discussions related to the main theme will form an integral part of the Conference.
- Visits to educational and cultural institutions will be arranged to provide first-hand experience of Indian life to the delegates.
- Exhibition, films and video films will depict various facets of Indian education.
- Cultural programmes will be presented to provide an opportunity to the delegates to get an insight into Indian classical and folk dances.
- Sightseeing tours will be arranged to acquaint the delegates with Mumbai, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world.

The Conference is open to:

- Educators at all levels

- Scientists
- Policy makers, advisors, administrators and NGOs
- Industrialists
- Publishers of educational materials
- Students
- Other interested individuals

Youth Forum

The Indian Section of **WEF** will plan special sessions and programmes for a group of young people of the age group 15-24 years through:

Workshops

- Life Skills Education
- Poster Competition
- Panel Discussion

General sessions will be open to youth for integration with the main Conference.

Tentative Programme

Sunday 4th January

10a.m. to 4pm	Hospitality Desks open for Registration
1:30 to 2.45	General discussion about WEF
3:00 to 5:00	Guiding Committee Meeting
7:00 to 9:00	Welcome reception

Monday 5th January

8a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Hospitality – Desks open for Registration
9:30	Inauguration of the Conference
11:15 to 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 to 12:30	Lecture 1
12:30 p.m. to 1:00	Discussion on Lectures
1.00. to 2:00	Lunch
2:00 to 4:00	Parallel Group Discussion
4:00 to 4.15	Tea break
4.15	Film/Special Workshop-Reflection Groups

Tuesday 6th January

9.30 a.m. to 10:30	Dr. Madhuri Shah Memorial Lecture II
10:30 to 11:15	Lecture III
11:15 to 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 to 12:30	Lecture IV
p.m	
12:30 to 1:00	Discussion on Lectures
1:00 to 2:00	Lunch
2:00 to 4:00	Parallel Group Discussions
4:00 p.m.	Tea Break

6:30 to 9:30 International Evening

Wednesday 7th January

8:30 a.m. Educational Visits of Field Trips

7:00 p.m. Cultural Programme

Thursday 8th January

9:30. to 11:30 First session
a.m.

11:30 to 11:45 Tea Break

11:45 to 12:30 Lecture V

12:30 p.m. to 1:00 Discussion on the Lectures

1:00 to 2:00 Lunch

2:00 to 3:00 Parallel Group finalization

3:00 to 3:15 Tea Break

3:15 to 4:15 General assembly/Mid-term review of
Hamburg Conference

4:15 to 5:00 Reflection Groups

7:30 Banquet

Friday 9th January

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 Presentation of Reflection Groups

11:00. to 11:15 Tea Break

11:15 to 1:00 p.m. Highlights of Conference, Innovative ideas,
Policy Implications, Conference message,
Closing Session

1:00 p.m. Farewell Lunch

Proposed Speakers

Dr. Karan Singh Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, New Delhi, India Educationist and
Philosopher

Prof. Chris Duke Director Community and Regional Partnership, RMIT University
(Bundoora West Campus) Australia

Dr. Arun Nigavekar Chairman University Grants Commission, New Delhi, India

Dr. Bikas C. Sanyal Former Director International Institute of Education and Planning
UNESCO and at present Director, La Maison del'Inde, Paris

Mr. Francis Fathome Chief Executive and Secretary Council for The Indian School
Certificate, Examination New Delhi, India

Proposed Visits

* Visits to Educational Institutions

1. Primary and Secondary School
2. Higher Education Institutions
3. Institutions of Social Work

* Field Trips (on payment)

1. Visit to Art Galleries, Museum, Temples and other places of interest in Mumbai

2. Elephanta Caves, having sculptures of India's Past Heritage dating back to 5th Century, accessible by boat ride of one hour

Further information: <http://www.wefindia.org.in/>