



AGENDA AT A GLANCE

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August 22, 2026 | 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM



The Residency Towers, T Nagar, Chennai

TIME	SESSION	HALL NAME
9:30AM - 9:45AM	Registration	
	OPENING REMARKS by Ms. Vijayalakshmi Mohan, Co-Founder, Madhi Foundation	TOWN HALL
9:50AM - 10:00AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Tmt. Pooja Kulkarni IAS, CEO, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board	TOWN HALL
The Forest	Beginning with the big questions that shape the future of foundational learning	
10:05AM - 10:20AM	YUVA TALKS – YOUTH UNLOCKING VOICES AND AGENCY by Ms. M. Yaazhini, Grade 11, GHSS Sarabojirajapuram, Nagapattinam District	TOWN HALL
10:20AM - 11:00AM	ARE WE SEEING THE FULL PICTURE OF FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING? Porvika Balasubramanian, Senior Manager, Program Design & Delivery, Madhi Foundation Rebecca Swittens, Head of Programs, FLIP - National, Madhi Foundation	TOWN HALL
11:05AM - 11:20AM	Tea and Networking	
The Canopy	Exploring the forces shaping learning	
11:30AM - 11:40AM	SPECIAL ADDRESS by Mr. C Devarajan, Chairman, CII Tamil Nadu State Council	TOWN HALL
	PANEL DISCUSSION: CAN AI TRULY UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF INDIAN CLASSROOMS? Tmt. D. Sneha IAS, District Collector, Kancheepuram Akshay V, Founder and CEO, EdZola Akash Burlawar, Chief of Staff, Khan Academy India S. Prakash, Botany Teacher, Salem District Govt. Model School MODERATOR: Gokul Kumar , Associate Director, Products, Madhi Foundation	TOWN HALL
11:45AM - 1:15PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: CAN ONE FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING MODEL EVER WORK EVERYWHERE? Anurag Shukla, Lead, Centre of Excellence- Political Thought and Practice, SOUL Diego Luna Bazaldua, Senior Education Specialist, The World Bank Khroteu Lasushe, District NIPUN PMU Coordinator, Phek, Nagaland Menechou Akami, Primary School Teacher, GPS Losatephe, Phek, Nagaland Uma Raman, Teacher Trainer and English Language Teaching (ELT) Specialist Umanath Selvan (Vizhiyan), Author, Math Expert and AI in Education Practitioner MODERATOR: Vijayaragavan Prabakaran , Consultant, Education Policy & Practice	IMPERIAL
	PANEL DISCUSSION: DOES THE SYSTEM MEASURE WHAT MATTERS? Dr. V. Kumar, Joint Director of School Education, Samagra Shiksha, Tamil Nadu Dr. D. Palanisamy, BEO Uthangarai, Krishnagiri District Archana Hari, Volunteer PMU, Health Department S. Geetha, District Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha, Chennai Prabha A. M. Secondary Grade Teacher, Chennai Middle School, Jaladampet MODERATOR: Ramnath Sankaran , Assistant Vice President, CEGIS	RAJ
1:15PM - 2:15PM	Lunch and Networking	1 st Floor

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The Trees	Examining where learning is actually experienced	
2:15PM - 3:45PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: WHAT DOES IT TAKE FOR COMMUNITIES TO BECOME CO-EDUCATORS? Bernat L , State Training Lead (SMC), Samagra Shiksha Programme, Department of Education J. Shiyamsundar , Director, Institute of Social Education (ISE) Murugavalli , கல்வி இணைப்பாளர் (Parent Ally) Saveri Kulshreshth , Lead, Operations, Direct Elementary Programs, Pratham Education Foundation MODERATOR: Shivananjani Ramasubramaniam , Senior Manager, Research and Innovation, Madhi Foundation	RAJ
	PAPER PRESENTATION: WHAT HELPS CREATE THRIVING CLASSROOMS? Usha Srivastava , Vibha, Gujarat Tarushee Mehra , Involve Learning Solutions Foundation Indhu Priyadharshini R & Nithya S , NalandaWay Foundation MODERATOR: Meenakshi Prabhu , Program Manager Coach, Teach For India	IMPERIAL
	PANEL DISCUSSION: HOW DO MENTORS ENABLE BETTER TEACHING AND LEARNING? Mohammed Aslam , State Coordinator (Quality Wing), Samagra Shiksha, Tamil Nadu Shveta Lall , Associate Director, Continuous Professional Development Programs, Language and Learning Foundation Mainak Roy , Co-Founder & CEO, Simple Education Foundation Vipin Kataria , District Resource Coordinator, Rupnagar MODERATOR: Anustup Nayak , Project Director, Central Square Foundation	TOWN HALL
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Tea and Networking STUDENT GALLERY WALK J. Muthamizhan – 6th Grade R. Kiruthika – 6th Grade	TOWN HALL
The Seeds	The ideas we plant today, hoping they bloom into change tomorrow	
4:15 PM - 5:15 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION: DO WE LISTEN TO CHILDREN ENOUGH WHEN DESIGNING SCHOOLS? Madesh R – 11th Grade Hema V – 11th Grade Jayashree – 9th Grade S. Mohana Surya – 10th Grade MODERATOR: Prabhakaran Karunamoorthi , City Director, Teach for India, Chennai	TOWN HALL
5:15 PM - 5:30 PM	GRATITUDE AND CLOSING by Ms. Merlia Shaukath , Founder, Madhi Foundation	TOWN HALL

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