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# EDEX AWARDS 2024: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

The EDex Awards 2024, presented by Indianpreneur Magazine, brought together the brightest minds in education to honor excellence across various sectors. Held on December 15, 2024, the event recognized outstanding institutions, educators, and leaders who have made a significant impact in reshaping the landscape of education in India.

The morning commenced with a grand opening, with Sri J. Arun Chakravarthy, Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Karnataka, lighting the ceremonial lamp to officially kickstart the proceedings. His inspiring journey and commitment to service set a powerful tone for the event. The first award of the evening, the Lifetime Achievement in Educational Leadership 2024, was presented to Dr. Paramashivaiah Shivakumar, Senior Professor and Dean at Tumkur University, Karnataka, in recognition of his stellar contributions to academia.

The event's key highlight was the series of awards acknowledging excellence across the preschool, K12, and higher education sectors. The winners ranged from educational institutions leading innovation in early childhood learning, such as Chimes Montessori House of Children and ILM Pathway, to K12 schools like Candor International School and National Public School, JP Nagar, which have set new benchmarks in academic excellence and student development.

The K12 category was particularly notable for the recognition of outstanding women leaders in education, with figures like Ms. Meera Sundaram, Principal of The School for Global Minds, and Dr. Malini M Dutta, Principal of BGS National Public School, being honored for their remarkable leadership.

In higher education, the awards celebrated not only institutional achievements but also individual



contributions, such as Dr. Balram Gowda for excellence in academic administration and Dr. Vijay D Patil, Chancellor of DY Patil University, for visionary leadership in education and sports.

Additionally, two prestigious awards in the dental field were presented to Dr. Praveen B Kudva, for his excellence in academic leadership in dentistry, and Sri Siddhartha Dental College, for its groundbreaking research and development in dental education.

The event concluded with heartfelt thanks to all the awardees, guests, and speakers. It was a celebration of the collective commitment to educational excellence and innovation, fostering a brighter future for students across the nation.

As we look back on the event, it serves as a reminder that education is the cornerstone of progress, and it is through the dedication of exceptional educators and institutions that the future of education in India will continue to thrive. The EDex Awards 2024 was not just an evening of recognition, but a testament to the transformative power of education.



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## HONORING EXCELLENCE

The EDex Awards 2024 conducted on 15th December 2024, presented by Indianpreneur Magazine, was a prestigious platform that honored excellence across various sectors of education, celebrating the innovative institutions, visionary leaders, and inspiring individuals who are shaping the future of learning. The event not only highlighted remarkable achievements in educational leadership but also showcased the contributions of those who are transforming the education landscape through innovation, commitment, and passion.

The EDex Awards aimed to bring together leaders, educators, and innovators who are shaping the educational experiences of students across the country. From visionaries working in leadership roles to educators pioneering new models of learning, these awards shone a light on those who demonstrated excellence in every facet of the educational journey. Every winner displayed unwavering commitment to the core values of education: empowerment, innovation, and excellence. Their stories serve as a source of inspiration for future educators and leaders, motivating them to aspire toward greatness in their respective fields.

The event's opening set the tone for a day filled with reflection, inspiration, and celebration. It began with the lighting of the lamp by our esteemed Chief Guest, Sri J. Arun Chakravarthy, the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, Karnataka. Sri Chakravarthy's career is a testament to dedication and service, and his presence at the EDex Awards reflected the importance of leadership in all sectors, including education.

As the day progressed, the award ceremony unfolded in multiple segments, each celebrating

excellence in a different facet of education. The event began with recognizing exceptional achievements in preschool education, where institutions and individuals were honored for their contributions to the foundational years of learning. These early years are crucial for shaping a child's future, and the awardees demonstrated their commitment to creating nurturing, innovative environments for young learners.

Next, the K-12 education sector took center stage, with schools, principals, and educators who had shown exceptional leadership in creating dynamic, inclusive, and academically enriching environments being recognized. This segment not only highlighted the achievements of top-performing schools but also acknowledged the leadership of visionary educators who made a difference in the lives of students across the country.

Following that, the institutions and individuals making waves in higher education were celebrated. This segment focused on those pushing the boundaries of knowledge, research, and academic leadership at the university level. Whether through innovative academic programs, groundbreaking research, or leadership in higher education, the awardees exemplified the very best in academia.

The EDex Awards 2024 was more than just a ceremony; it was a celebration of the transformative power of education. It was an opportunity to recognize the hard work, dedication, and passion that drive the continuous evolution of education in India and across the globe. As we reflected on the day, we were all inspired by the incredible stories of success, resilience, and innovation that emerged. The event reminded us of the importance of celebrating education, for it is through education that we can build a brighter future for all.

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## CHIMES MONTESSORI

# *A Foundation for Lifelong Learning*

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**P**reschool education and childcare in India have witnessed remarkable transformations in recent years, driven by changing parental expectations, technological advancements, and evolving policies. To meet these dynamic demands, preschools must go beyond conventional standards, offering quality experiences that foster independence, self-discipline, and confidence in young learners. Standing out as a leader in the field, Chimes Montessori embodies the educational philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, creating an environment where children can thrive and reach their full potential. Recognizing its exceptional contributions to early childhood education, we at the EDex Awards are proud to honor Chimes Montessori with the prestigious title of Best Preschool in India 2024.

### **CHIMES MONTESSORI IN A NUTSHELL**

Located in the heart of Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South, Chimes Montessori was founded with a vision to respect, support, and recognize the vital role children play in shaping the future of humanity. Guided by a dream to create an environment that is not only aesthetically beautiful but also purposefully designed to nurture self-confidence, joy,

and a lifelong love for learning, Chimes Montessori remains dedicated to empowering young minds.

At Chimes Montessori, Bengaluru, safety and hygiene are paramount to creating a healthy learning environment. The school ensures spotless classrooms and premises, clean and hygienic toilets, and safe drinking water for students and staff. With spacious, well-lit, and well-ventilated facilities, Chimes promotes a fresh and conducive atmosphere for learning. Recycling is encouraged through segregated dustbins, and students are guided on maintaining personal hygiene, such as washing hands before meals and keeping their attire and grooming neat.

What sets Chimes Montessori apart is its forward-thinking international curriculum, designed to prepare young learners for a globalized world. Also, the school fosters a collaborative community where children and families come together, creating a nurturing environment that supports emotional, social, and intellectual development. Recognized among top preschools, Chimes Montessori provides personalized attention through its experienced faculty, ensuring every child receives the care and guidance they deserve.

Chimes Montessori, managed by the Chimes Educational Trust, offers thoughtfully designed



programs tailored to the developmental needs of young children. The Early Years Program caters to children aged 22 to 30 months, providing a nurturing environment that supports their initial stages of growth and exploration. For children aged 2.6 to 6 years, the Montessori/Pre-Primary Program fosters independence, creativity, and holistic development through the Montessori method.

### **A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR HOLISTIC GROWTH**

At Chimes Montessori, the Montessori-trained educators

share a unified vision, ensuring that each child's progression through the programs builds upon prior experiences, creating an uninterrupted continuum of learning. The curriculum encompasses key areas such as Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Arithmetic, and Cultural Studies, each designed to foster holistic development.

Practical Life exercises instill care for self, others, and the environment through activities like food preparation, cleaning, and exercises in grace and courtesy. Sensorial materials help children refine their cognitive skills and

classify impressions through sensory exploration. Language development thrives in a rich environment of conversations, stories, and sandpaper letters, which seamlessly integrate sound and symbol to nurture reading and writing skills. Arithmetic introduces foundational mathematical concepts and problem-solving abilities, while Geography, Biology, Art, and Music inspire respect for global cultures, nature, and creative expression. Together, these elements create a nurturing environment that supports children in becoming confident, curious, and globally aware individuals.

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# CANDOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## *Shaping Global Citizens of Tomorrow*

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**N**ew-age parents are increasingly moving away from traditional schooling methods, seeking holistic development for their children. In a dynamic hub like Bangalore, often referred to as India's Silicon Valley, parents and students prioritize education that aligns with contemporary global standards. They aim for curricula that ensure seamless transitions for children, whether they join schools nationally or internationally.

International schools, for instance, offer unique subject combinations like art with science or courses such as design thinking and design technology, which are rarely found in traditional schools. This flexibility is a key driver behind their rising popularity. However, while many international schools promise quality learning, only a select few meet these high expectations.

Candor International School, Bangalore, stands out in this domain. With a vision of "Preparing for Life," the school offers both IB and Cambridge curricula, ensuring students receive a globally relevant education. Its consistent excellence over the years has earned it the title of Best International School in Bangalore 2024.

### **A VISIONARY CAMPUS FOR HOLISTIC AND SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION**

Established in 2011

under the visionary leadership of Dr. Suresh Reddy, Founder and Chairperson, Candor International School is strategically located between Bannerghatta and Electronics City on a sprawling 25-acre campus.

A standout feature of the campus is its six-acre organic farm, paying tribute to India's agricultural heritage. The campus is thoughtfully structured into distinct blocks—Administrative, Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, and Secondary—ensuring smooth communication and efficient operations.

Candor's eco-friendly campus is certified for its sustainable practices, incorporating initiatives like rainwater harvesting, waste management, and energy conservation into daily routines. The school's facilities include modern classrooms, specialized play and sports areas, cutting-edge labs, well-stocked libraries, music studios, dormitories, and a cafeteria.

The school supports students in Grades 5 to 12 with excellent boarding options, offering both weekly and regular boarding. The campus also provides WiFi connectivity and a unique architectural design, enhancing its character as a forward-thinking educational institution.

Candor places a strong emphasis on inquiry-based learning and critical thinking, making it a leader in global education standards. With a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), the curriculum encourages innovation



and creativity through hands-on projects and collaborative learning.

Additionally, the school offers a wide array of after-school activities, from sports like basketball, football, cricket, and skating to performing arts and creative pursuits. Its sports teams frequently compete in regional and national inter-school tournaments, reflecting the school's commitment to excellence beyond academics.

**Empowering Students Through Innovation, Technology, and Global Connections**

To enhance student learning and engagement, Candor International School integrates cutting-edge technology and innovative teaching methodologies. Digital classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, projectors, and educational software facilitate

dynamic presentations and multimedia lessons tailored to diverse learning styles. Blended learning combines online content with in-person sessions, allowing students to explore digital resources like videos and quizzes at their own pace, while class time focuses on discussions and hands-on activities.

The school emphasizes STEM and coding programs, introducing students to robotics and engineering through practical projects that foster critical thinking and collaboration. Personalized learning platforms powered by AI adapt to individual student needs, providing tailored lessons and assessments. Collaborative tools like Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams enhance peer interaction and teacher feedback, while flipped classrooms and gamification transform lessons into engaging, interactive

experiences.

Additionally, augmented and virtual reality tools immerse students in 3D environments for experiential learning, while project-based learning encourages them to tackle real-world challenges, boosting creativity and teamwork. Through digital literacy and citizenship programs, students learn to navigate technology responsibly, fostering a tech-driven, student-centered educational ecosystem.

Lastly, Candor is known for fostering global connections through student exchange programs and partnerships with international schools, providing students with valuable cultural exposure and a broader worldview. The school further enhances this global outlook by hosting international events and conferences, enriching students' educational experiences.

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BANGALORE 2024

# BS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## *Transforming Education*

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**B**angalore, often hailed as the “Silicon Valley of India,” is not only a center for technological innovation but also home to a dynamic and diverse education landscape. The city’s school system reflects the broader educational ecosystem of India, blending traditional values with contemporary teaching methods. While Bangalore offers numerous educational options, it also faces challenges such as educational inequality and inconsistent quality standards across institutions. In this context, schools like BS International School stand out as beacons of excellence, providing a Holistic Education System designed to nurture future leaders. Recognized for its outstanding performance in the tech area of Electronic City, we are proud to honor BS International School with the title of Best School in Electronic City, Bangalore at the EDex Awards 2024.

### **BS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN A NUTSHELL**

Located on a sprawling 4-acre campus in Electronic City, Bengaluru, BS International School (BSIS) offers a comprehensive educational experience. The school follows the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) syllabus from primary to high school, alongside a Montessori curriculum for preschoolers.

Also, the school provides a structured academic pathway up until the XIIth Grade.

BSIS is set in a world-class campus, designed with the utmost attention to safety and security. The school boasts exceptional facilities, high academic standards, and a dynamic team of specialist teachers and support staff. These resources come together to inspire students to reach their full potential, equipping them for the next stages of life while helping them develop a broad range of interests and skills.

Students at BSIS enjoy a well-rounded education, balanced with sports and extracurricular activities. The curriculum is further enriched by unique educational modules that foster student progression, character development, leadership, and overall personality growth. BS International School have 18 sports like shooting, archery, fencing, snooker, pickleball etc, Air Sqn NCC, first school in India to train two students for pilot every year free of cost with AFI and Drone lab.

### **INSIGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

To provide our readers with an authentic insight into what sets BS International School apart from its peers, we had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Hyder Vali, the Chairman of the school. In this brief yet insightful conversation, we delved into the school’s origins, its core values, and the future goals it aims to achieve.

When asked about the inception of BS International School, the Chairman shared, “The school was founded with the belief that students deserve a nurturing



academic environment—one that not only cultivates their minds but also teaches them responsibility, decision-making, and skills that will support their success both in the classroom and beyond.” He further added, “Our academic program is designed to focus on seven key areas for holistic development: community, career, finance, health, peace and tranquility, and family.”

Reflecting on the school’s mission and vision, Mr. Vali emphasized, “BSIS aims to inspire students to become compassionate, responsible, and successful global citizens, guiding them to make the right choices and follow the right path in life.”

### **NURTURING WELL-ROUNDED, RESILIENT LEADERS**

Aligned with its core mission of providing a holistic education to shape future leaders, BS International School (BSIS) integrates the distinctive Holistic Young Development Education (HYDE) Curricula, crafted by renowned academicians and education professionals. This programme is designed to equip students with the skills and mindset needed to overcome challenges both in their academic journey and in life. The core principles of the HYDE Curricula include

self-realization, the development of healthy relationships, fostering positive social behaviors, emotional growth, resilience, and the ability to appreciate beauty. Additionally, it emphasizes the importance of experiencing transcendence and truth, while nurturing leadership qualities to shape a well-rounded individual. The HYDE Curricula is implemented across various educational stages, including the Montessori curriculum for Preschool, the 4C curriculum for Primary, and the ICC programme for Middle and High School.

In conclusion, BS International School (BSIS) remains committed to excellence through continuous professional development and exchange programmes, ensuring that teachers stay updated on the latest subject knowledge and pedagogical practices. The school integrates technology to enhance teaching and learning, making the educational experience more impactful. With a consistent track record of exceptional academic performance, as well as achievements in sports and co-curricular activities, BSIS prepares students to excel. Furthermore, the school takes pride in successfully placing its students in top-ranked universities worldwide, solidifying its reputation as a leader in holistic education.



## PANEL DISCUSSION AT EDEX AWARDS 2024: FROM CHALKBOARDS TO CHATBOTS – HOW INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE RESHAPING EDUCATION

The panel discussion titled “From Chalkboards to Chatbots: How Infrastructure and Technology Are Reshaping Education” at the EDEX Awards 2024 sparked insightful conversations about the evolving landscape of education in the digital age. Held on December 15, 2024, the discussion brought together a diverse group of experts, including educational leaders, technology innovators, and industry professionals, to explore the transformative role of infrastructure and technology in reshaping how education is delivered and experienced across the country.

### Revolutionizing Learning Environments

The discussion began with a focus on how traditional classroom infrastructure, which has

long been dominated by blackboards and physical materials, is making way for more dynamic and technologically integrated spaces. Panelists discussed the growing significance of modern educational infrastructure, which now includes smart classrooms, digital boards, interactive learning tools, and advanced audio-visual equipment. These innovations have drastically enhanced the learning experience, making it more interactive, engaging, and accessible for students.

One key point raised was the shift towards hybrid learning environments, where digital and physical resources are blended to provide flexibility for both in-person and remote learners. The panel highlighted how such infrastructure has become a necessity, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to a massive adoption of online learning platforms and digital



tools. Today, schools and colleges across India are integrating advanced tech solutions like AI-driven learning systems, virtual labs, and collaborative digital platforms to ensure continuity in education.

### **Technological Advancements in Education**

The discussion then delved deeper into the role of cutting-edge technology in transforming teaching and learning methods. From Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Augmented Reality (AR), panelists explored how these technologies are revolutionizing education, making learning more personalized, immersive, and efficient. AI, for example, has enabled educators to develop adaptive learning systems that tailor lessons to the needs of individual students, allowing for customized learning experiences that cater to diverse learning styles and paces.

Additionally, the panelists discussed the integration of chatbots and virtual assistants in the education sector. These tools are increasingly being used to support both students and teachers by offering real-time assistance, answering queries, and even facilitating administrative tasks. Chatbots, in particular, are helping in streamlining

communication between teachers, students, and parents, ensuring a seamless educational experience.

### **The Future of Education: A Blended Approach**

Another major focus of the discussion was on the future of education, where the blending of traditional teaching methods with technological innovations will shape the next generation of learners. Panelists emphasized that while technology offers unprecedented opportunities for growth, it is equally important to retain the human touch in education. Teachers will continue to play a critical role as guides, mentors, and facilitators, even as they embrace technology to enhance their teaching.

The conversation also touched upon the importance of equitable access to technology and infrastructure. As technology plays an increasingly central role in education, there is a pressing need to bridge the digital divide, ensuring that all students, regardless of their geographical location or socio-economic background, have access to the tools they need to succeed in the modern educational environment.

### **Conclusion: Embracing Change and Innovation**

The panel discussion concluded with a strong message about the importance of embracing change and innovation in education. As infrastructure and technology continue to evolve, educators, institutions, and policymakers must remain committed to staying ahead of the curve. The shift from chalkboards to chatbots is not just a technological change; it is a paradigm shift that has the potential to democratize education, improve learning outcomes, and create new opportunities for both students and educators.

Overall, the discussion at the EDEx Awards 2024 underscored the critical role of infrastructure and technology in shaping the future of education, ensuring that it remains inclusive, engaging, and adaptable to the needs of future generations.

BEST CBSE SCHOOL IN KARNATAKA - STIMULATING  
CREATIVE ATMOSPHERE 2024

# NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL JP NAGAR

## *Transforming Education One Student at a Time*

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**I**n today's highly competitive environment, a quality education from a top school is vital for a student's academic success and overall development. Parents often prioritize enrolling their children in the best institutions to ensure holistic growth. Among the various educational boards in India, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) stands out as a popular choice, recognized for its high-quality education and comprehensive approach to student learning. However, while CBSE schools are rapidly increasing in number, only a select few consistently meet the established standards and nurture future leaders capable of driving societal progress.

National Public School (NPS) JP Nagar distinguishes itself as a trusted institution, celebrated for fostering child-centric environments through innovative teaching practices and diverse learning opportunities. In recognition of its commitment to excellence and for creating a vibrant and stimulating creative atmosphere, EDex Awards

proudly bestows National Public School JP Nagar with the prestigious title of Best CBSE School in Karnataka 2024.

### **NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL JP NAGAR IN A NUTSHELL**

National Public School (NPS) JP Nagar, established as a part of the esteemed National Public School group founded by Dr. K P Gopalkrishna in 1959, embodies a legacy of academic excellence, discipline, and ethical values. True to the NPS ethos, the JP Nagar branch has consistently upheld its commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals equipped with multi-dimensional skills, integrity, and global citizenship values.

Also, National Public School (NPS) JP Nagar operates as a distinguished institution that champions opportunity and achievement, embodying a vision of education that goes beyond the mere accumulation of facts.

Offering exceptional teaching and learning experiences, NPS JP Nagar caters to the specific



needs of every child. With a robust faculty, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and comprehensive educational programs, the school delivers an environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and holistic development. Guided by the motto “Reach Out, Reach High, Reach Beyond,” the school emphasizes creating opportunities, challenging minds, encouraging innovation, and sustaining excitement in the

learning process.

Central to its philosophy is the dynamic partnership between students, their families, and the school, working together to achieve shared goals. This holistic approach, combined with expert guidance and a focus on inspiring innovation, ensures that students grow from foundational learning to advanced knowledge, equipping them for future challenges.

Lastly, at the EDex Awards

2024, we are proud to honor Mr. Pramod Srinivas, Director of NPS JP Nagar, with the title of Outstanding K12 Educational Leader 2024. This recognition highlights his exceptional contributions to the growth of the school and the broader K12 education sector. His visionary leadership has been instrumental in advancing the school’s progress, transforming it into a beacon of academic excellence and innovation.

OUTSTANDING CULINARY AND HOSPITALITY  
INSTITUTE IN SOUTH INDIA 2024

# GESTO CULINARY & HOSPITALITY ACADEMY

## *A Taste of Success*

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**T**here was a time when pursuing a career in culinary arts, hospitality, or hotel management seemed like a distant dream, and convincing parents to support such a passion was no easy feat. However, in recent years, the field has undergone a significant transformation, with institutes like Gesto Culinary & Hospitality Academy leading this change. Through their comprehensive skill enhancement programs, including Student Capacity Analytics, Gesto instills passion in students by offering proper counseling, training support, and reenergizing their capabilities. This approach helps students emerge as well-rounded professionals, while also reassuring parents that their children can build a successful future in this industry. With a remarkable track record since its inception, we at the EDex Awards are proud to honor Gesto with the title of Outstanding Culinary and Hospitality Institute in South India 2024.

### **GESTO CULINARY & HOSPITALITY ACADEMY IN A NUTSHELL**

Located in Goa, a vibrant hub for hospitality, Gesto offers an ideal setting for students to immerse themselves in rich culture while honing their skills.

Established in 2005 and an ISO  
9001:2015 certified

institution, Gesto Culinary & Hospitality Academy offers a range of specialized courses designed to equip students with the skills needed for successful careers in the hospitality industry. These include the Diploma in Hotel Management, Executive Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Science, and Professional Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Science. Additionally, the academy provides certifications in key areas such as Housekeeping, Food Production, Front Office, Bakery, and Food & Beverage Service. These programs combine theoretical knowledge with practical training to prepare students for leadership roles in hospitality.

The academy has earned prestigious awards and recognitions worldwide, and maintains partnerships with renowned universities like Alagappa University and the Open University of Malaysia.

Gesto provides a comprehensive education through a top-tier curriculum, industry-driven internships, and placement support to ensure career success. With a proven 100% placement record, Gesto ensures that graduates secure high-ranking positions in reputable organizations. The academy's faculty, with a minimum of 10 years of industry experience, delivers practical knowledge through seminars, workshops, guest lectures, field trips, and mock interviews. The sophisticated training



facilities, including live kitchens and well-ventilated classrooms, offer a conducive environment for mastering culinary and hospitality skills.

### **A BLEND OF ACADEMICS, INDUSTRY EXPOSURE, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Gesto Culinary & Hospitality Academy offers a dynamic and enriching student experience that extends beyond academics. The academy hosts a vibrant calendar of events, including cultural festivals, industry expos, and culinary competitions, creating opportunities for students to showcase their skills, network with industry professionals, and celebrate cultural diversity.

Additionally, Gesto's 'Earn While You Learn' program provides students with part-time opportunities within the hospitality industry, enabling them to gain valuable work experience while earning income. Gesto also focuses on holistic

development through extracurricular activities and career advancement programs. Leadership workshops, industry seminars, and mentorship initiatives equip students with both practical skills and a global perspective. The academy's career development services, including internships and resume-building workshops, ensure that students are prepared to thrive in the competitive hospitality industry.

The academy is also dedicated to community engagement, encouraging students to actively participate in local initiatives, volunteering, and social responsibility projects.

Moreover, Gesto prioritizes the importance of physical well-being through sports and recreational activities. By supporting students' participation in athletic events, the academy promotes mental and physical health, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience that prepares students for success both inside and outside the classroom.

OUTSTANDING EMERGING BUSINESS  
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**A**s businesses navigate new and evolving challenges, India's leading business schools are reigniting discussions on reimagining and redefining the esteemed postgraduate degree in business management. This shift coincides with a global trend where the allure of an MBA appears to be waning, as reflected in declining admission rates. However, this trend does not encompass the entire business education landscape. Institutions like the Faculty of Management at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) are experiencing a notable rise in both interest and admission numbers.

A key factor behind this premier B-school's success, even in these times of rapid change, is its unwavering commitment to delivering industry-relevant programs and addressing complex business and societal challenges. Through academic rigor, pedagogical excellence, groundbreaking research, consulting, and innovative collaborative practices, the Faculty of Management continues to thrive. Recognizing these exceptional qualities, we at the EDex Awards 2024 are proud to bestow the title of Outstanding Emerging Business School in India 2024 upon the Faculty of Management, SRMIST.

### **FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, SRMIST IN A NUTSHELL**

Operating as a constituent institute of SRMIST, a globally recognized private university, the Faculty of Management aspires to evolve into a world-class business school. By providing a platform for all stakeholders to achieve their goals, FoM continues to make significant strides in business education and societal impact.

Renowned for its comprehensive academic programs, FoM currently offers undergraduate (BBA), postgraduate (MBA), and doctoral (PhD) courses. These programs are supported by a team of highly competent faculty members specializing in diverse functional areas such as Marketing, Finance, Accounting, Economics, Decision Sciences, Operations, Entrepreneurship, Information Systems and Technology, Strategy, and Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management. Recently, FoM has introduced an innovative Executive MBA program tailored for working professionals, offering a unique opportunity for executives, managers, leaders, and entrepreneurs to enhance their skills.

Furthermore, the institute's pedagogy emphasizes self-awareness, effective communication,



confidence-building, and problem-solving skills, fostering an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. Through case discussions, individual and team presentations, and extensive industry exposure, FoM equips students with both managerial and leadership capabilities, while also encouraging them to explore and capitalize on entrepreneurial opportunities.

### **DRIVING HOLISTIC EXCELLENCE**

Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Shivganesh Bhargava, Dean of the Faculty of Management (FoM) at SRM Institute of Science and Technology, the institute has achieved remarkable milestones, earning numerous accolades and recognitions. Known for its emphasis on experiential learning, FoM integrates theoretical knowledge with practical application, ensuring students are equipped to navigate real-world challenges. Faculty members actively contribute to quality research, consulting,

and training, while students gain hands-on experience through internships, live projects, and cultural exchange programs with international universities.

Dr. Bhargava's leadership has been instrumental in creating a dynamic and innovative learning environment that prepares future-ready leaders and entrepreneurs. Recognizing his exceptional contributions to the field of management education, Dr. Bhargava is being honored with the prestigious title of Outstanding Dean of the Year 2024. Reflecting on this achievement, he expresses his gratitude and reaffirms his commitment to guiding FoM toward greater heights as a globally recognized business school. Dr. Bhargava extends a warm welcome to aspiring students, encouraging them to embark on a transformative journey at FoM, where they will find a platform to realize their potential and make a meaningful impact on society.

# SRI J. ARUN CHAKRAVARTHY: A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT



**S**ri J. Arun Chakravarthy, the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) for the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement in Karnataka, is a highly respected and accomplished leader within the Indian police force. His career, marked by dedication and a deep sense of justice, reflects his commitment to ensuring the protection of civil rights, equality, and fairness in society. As

a seasoned officer, Chakravarthy's leadership continues to inspire both his colleagues in the law enforcement community and citizens alike.

### **A Commitment to Civil Rights**

Appointed as ADGP of the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, Chakravarthy has been at the forefront of addressing human rights violations and ensuring that marginalized and vulnerable

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communities receive the justice they deserve. His role in this capacity has made him instrumental in combatting issues such as caste-based discrimination, atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Tribes, and various forms of social injustice that affect the underprivileged sections of society.

The Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement, under Chakravarthy's leadership, has worked to ensure that the state government's policies and laws are effectively implemented to protect civil liberties. This includes not only addressing complaints related to human rights abuses but also taking proactive steps to educate both the public and law enforcement agencies on the importance of civil rights protection.

Chakravarthy's leadership has been defined by his steadfast dedication to maintaining the rule of law while promoting social justice. His work has significantly contributed to elevating public awareness on civil rights issues, building trust between the police and communities, and ensuring that victims of discrimination have a platform for redress.

## **A Visionary Leader in Law Enforcement**

Sri J. Arun Chakravarthy's career is not just about law enforcement but also about systemic change. His vision for a more inclusive society is rooted in his understanding of the deep-seated social challenges that persist within communities. Chakravarthy's approach to policing has always been forward-thinking and progressive. He has emphasized the importance of transparency, accountability, and empathy within law enforcement, recognizing that policing goes beyond enforcement—it is also about service, support, and safeguarding the dignity of every individual.

Chakravarthy's leadership is characterized by his ability to navigate complex and often sensitive situations with professionalism and integrity. He has built a reputation as a law enforcement officer who listens and responds with empathy, acknowledging the socio-economic dynamics

that influence crime and civil rights violations. His initiatives have strengthened the connection between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

## **Contributions to Police Modernization**

Beyond his role in civil rights enforcement, Chakravarthy has also been involved in several other key areas of police reform and modernization. His contributions to training programs for police officers, focusing on civil rights, ethics, and human dignity, have ensured that law enforcement in Karnataka remains progressive and aligned with national and international standards for human rights.

He has been a strong advocate for technology in policing, pushing for better tools, systems, and infrastructure that not only enhance law enforcement capabilities but also ensure that citizens are protected through efficient and transparent processes. His initiatives have supported reforms in police administration, making it more citizen-friendly and responsive.

## **Legacy of Integrity and Justice**

Sri J. Arun Chakravarthy's legacy is one of integrity, service, and a relentless pursuit of justice. His approach to leadership has instilled a sense of responsibility in his colleagues, emphasizing that true law enforcement is not just about enforcing laws but about ensuring that those laws serve to protect the rights and freedoms of all citizens, especially the marginalized and oppressed.

Throughout his distinguished career, Chakravarthy has remained steadfast in his belief that the police force is an agent of social change, capable of bringing about transformation through dedicated service and ethical practice. His work continues to make a profound impact on Karnataka's police force and the lives of the citizens he serves, leaving an indelible mark on both the institution and the state's commitment to justice and equality.

OUTSTANDING DENTAL RESEARCH AND  
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# SRI SIDDHARTHA DENTAL COLLEGE

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**D**entistry is a rapidly evolving field, with new technologies and techniques emerging every day. As the world becomes increasingly connected, integrating technology into dental education has gained immense significance. In India, institutions like Sri Siddhartha Dental College (SSDC), Tumkur are leading this transformation by incorporating advanced technologies to train the next generation of dental professionals. These efforts extend beyond traditional dental education, focusing on enhancing research performance and promoting robust R&D activities.

With a vision to shape students into well-rounded dental experts equipped with both practical skills and research acumen, Sri Siddhartha Dental College has set a benchmark in the field. In recognition of its commitment and achievements, we are proud to honor Sri Siddhartha Dental College as the Outstanding Dental Research and Development College in India 2024.

## **SRI SIDDHARTHA DENTAL COLLEGE IN A NUTSHELL**

Sri Siddhartha Dental College, a part of Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (a NAAC Grade “A+” accredited deemed university), functions under the guidance of Sri Siddhartha Education Society which was established in 1956 by the visionary leader “Shikshana Bheeshma,” Sri H.

M. Gangadharaiah. Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education (SSAHE) is led by the dynamic

leadership of Savyasachi - Dr. G. Parameshwara, the former Deputy Chief Minister and current Home Minister of Karnataka as Chancellor of SSAHE.

At the helm of the dental faculty is Dr. Praveen B. Kudva, the Principal and Dean, who continues to uphold the institution’s legacy of excellence. His exceptional contributions have earned him the esteemed title of “Outstanding Principal & Dean in Dentistry 2024”, underscoring the institution’s dedication to academic and professional distinction.

Nestled in the serene rural setting of Agalakote, the campus spans a scenic, well-designed area that houses state-of-the-art facilities, including medical and dental colleges, hostels, canteens, an auditorium, a guest house, and playgrounds.

SSDC offers a diverse array of programs, including undergraduate (BDS), postgraduate (MDS), PhD, and postdoctoral courses in various dental specialties. These specialties encompass Oral Medicine & Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Conservative Dentistry & Endodontics, Pedodontics & Preventive Dentistry, Orthodontics, Public Health Dentistry, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral Microbiology, and Implantology.

In addition, the institute is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure, including smart classrooms, preclinical and advanced laboratories with e-learning capabilities, as well as cutting-edge equipment and diagnostic tools, ensuring a well-rounded and high-quality educational experience. The college upholds the University’s motto, “Entrancing education to



reach the unreached,” alongside its own vision to achieve excellence in the science and art of dentistry through education, research, and service. Guided by a dedicated faculty team, the college places a strong emphasis on research, development, and the continuous enhancement of healthcare delivery.

SSDC has a state of the art specialty based dental clinic called “Siddhartha Smiles” which believes in rendering dental excellence in treatment protocols and management of various dental problems through super specialized armamentarium & equipment’s, rendered by highly trained senior specialists.

### **FOSTERING CREATIVITY, WELLNESS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Sri Siddhartha Dental College (SSDC) provides a vibrant campus life, fostering a thriving residential community of creative and accomplished individuals from diverse backgrounds. Nearly all undergraduate and over 60% of graduate students reside in well-equipped housing facilities, complemented by sustainable dining options sourced from organic gardens.

The college emphasizes community engagement through camps & many outreach programs and diversity through initiatives such as Environment Day celebrations, public education programs, and leadership development activities. Student Affairs offers comprehensive support, including residential

programs, career exploration, public service opportunities, and community engagement.

The institution is really fostering a strong research culture among students, providing early training and guidance to gain valuable skills. This has led to bag SSDC many ICMR grants & Industrial grants.

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SSDC is also a hub for arts and culture, with a rich tradition of creativity showcased through performances and events held in its state-of-the-art auditorium. Sports and fitness are integral to campus life, with students competing in 24 varsity sports and enjoying modern recreational facilities and wellness programs. The institution actively promotes health and well-being through a variety of incentives and activities, creating a well-rounded and enriching environment for its community.

SSDC prioritizes teamwork, collaboration, and healthy competition, complemented by a strong support system for both staff and students. The college has a strong alumni association with the members who are successfully placed in various prestigious organizations & government sectors & practicing dentistry across the world. Overall atmosphere of our campus is created for the students, to the students & by the students.



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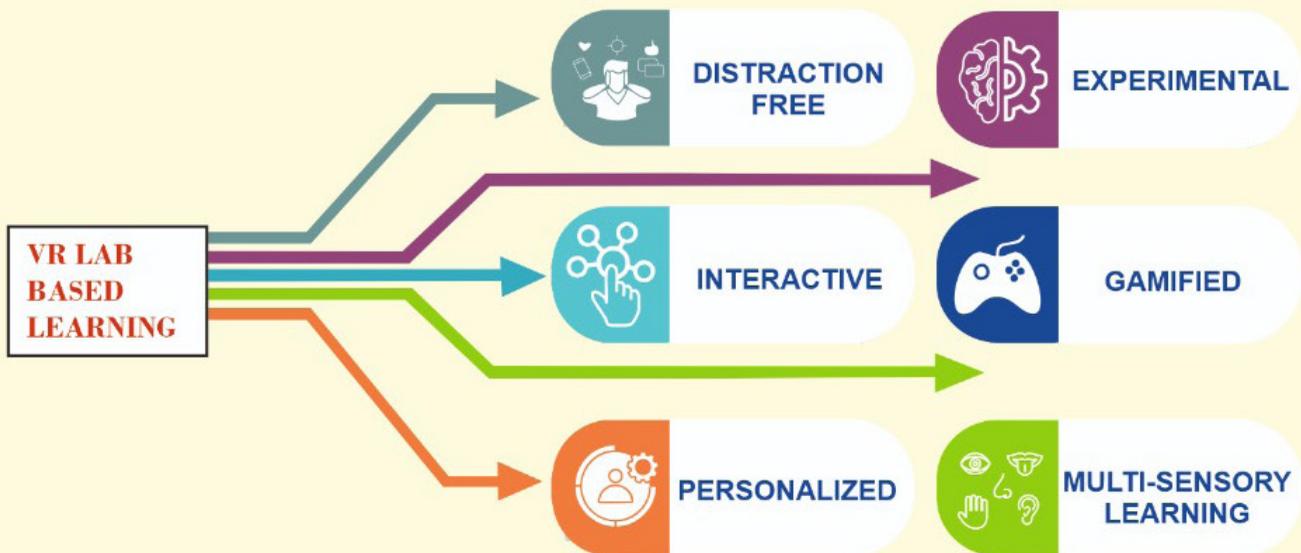
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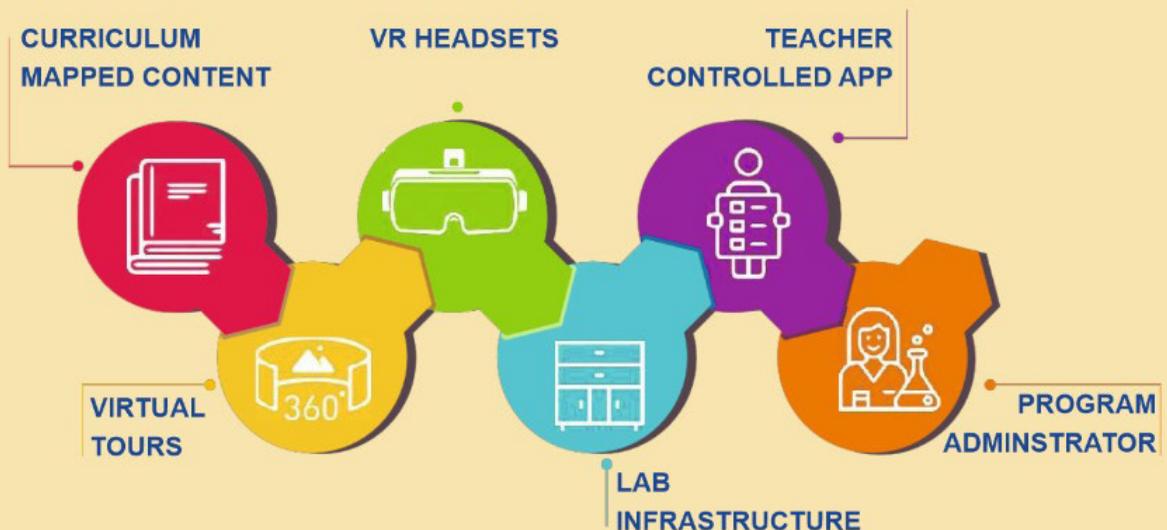


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## VIBGYOR GROUP OF SCHOOLS

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**I**n a developing country like India, school chains play a pivotal role in shaping the education system. Ideally, they serve as exemplars of best practices, pioneers in adopting innovative pedagogies and technologies, and valuable partners to the government through advisory roles and special programs. While not all school chains achieve this, the VIBGYOR Group of Schools stands out by recognizing that exceptional education extends beyond skilled teachers and effective pedagogy. The group emphasizes building state-of-the-art campus infrastructure that fosters the holistic development of students while setting benchmarks for educational excellence. In recognition of their remarkable contributions and consistent excellence, we are proud to honor VIBGYOR Group of Schools as the Best School Chain in India 2024.

### **VIBGYOR GROUP OF SCHOOLS IN A NUTSHELL**

Under the visionary leadership of Rustom Kerawalla, Founder Chairman, and Kavita Kerawalla, Vice-Chairperson and a trailblazer in educational innovation, the VIBGYOR Group of Schools has expanded to 15 cities across India. From its

first school in Goregaon, Mumbai, VIBGYOR now boasts 39 campuses, including two new additions in Maharashtra.

In recognition of Ms. Kavita Kerawalla's outstanding contributions to reshaping education through her leadership of both the VIBGYOR Group and its parent company, [Ampersand Group](#), we are proud to honor her with the title of Top Academic Expert & Innovator 2024, alongside celebrating the success of the school chain.

Celebrating 20 years of excellence, the VIBGYOR Group has consistently evolved to meet the changing educational landscape. Over the past two decades, the group has embraced technological advancements and introduced new learning solutions, always keeping the all-round development of students at its core. The professional growth of its teachers is equally prioritized, ensuring a continuous evolution in teaching standards.

VIBGYOR campuses, located across multiple cities and states, are equipped with age-appropriate, ergonomically designed classrooms, state-of-the-art labs, and a conducive learning environment that sparks student potential. With a vision of being a "home away from home," the schools nurture both the academic and personal growth of



students. In addition to academic excellence, VIBGYOR places a strong emphasis on safety and hygiene, implementing strict safeguarding policies and enhanced cleanliness protocols to maintain a secure environment throughout their campuses, from classrooms to recreational areas.

### **EMPOWERING FUTURE LEADERS**

The VIBGYOR Group of Schools offers a diverse curriculum, including CBSE, CISCE, and CIE, designed to prepare students aged 3 to 18 for global success. The school fosters an exhilarating learning journey,

igniting students' curiosity and encouraging them to reach new heights. The carefully crafted teaching methods empower young minds, nurturing them to learn, grow, and thrive through innovative approaches such as inquiry-based learning, flipped classrooms, and problem- and project-based learning.

In addition to academic excellence, VIBGYOR provides a wide range of sports, performing arts, and extracurricular activities. Programs like V-EMBARK and VIBGYORMUN further enrich the educational experience, helping students develop

critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership skills.

The school embraces 21st-century trends and demands, by focusing on creative and collaborative learning, eliminating rote memorization, and emphasizing practical, learner-centric methodologies. Tech-enabled, activity-based, and blended learning approaches are seamlessly integrated into the curriculum, with a focus on personalized development through 360-degree progress cards. Aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP), VIBGYOR prioritizes a future-ready education.

# DATA AND CYBERSECURITY IN EDUCATION: SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF LEARNING

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In an era where technology has seamlessly integrated into classrooms and campuses, the role of data and cybersecurity in education has never been more critical. From online assessments and learning management systems to administrative tools and digital student records, educational institutions are now treasure troves of sensitive information. While this data revolution offers immense opportunities for personalized learning and operational efficiency, it also exposes schools and universities to significant risks. This article explores three key aspects of this evolving landscape: student data privacy, cybersecurity in schools, and the use of analytics to enhance student success.

## Student Data Privacy: Balancing Innovation and Protection

Student data is the cornerstone of modern education systems. It includes personal identifiers, academic records, behavioral data, and even health information. While this data enables institutions to tailor educational experiences, it also presents vulnerabilities that can compromise student privacy if not properly managed.

### The Challenges of Student Data Privacy

**1. Data Collection Overreach:** Many digital tools collect more data than necessary, including browsing histories, location data, and other personally

identifiable information. This raises ethical questions about the extent to which student data should be gathered and used.

**2. Third-Party Vendors:** Schools often rely on third-party platforms for virtual learning, cloud storage, and administrative management tasks. Without stringent oversight, these vendors might misuse or inadequately secure sensitive data.

**3. Regulatory Compliance:** Educational institutions in India must navigate complex regulatory landscapes, including laws like The Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 which governs how entities process digital personal data, including in educational institutions along with IT ACT 2000. Non-compliance can lead to severe penalties and reputational damage.

## Strategies to Protect Student Data

- **Data Minimization:** Collect only the necessary data for educational purposes.
- **Transparency:** Inform students and parents about what data is collected, how it is used, and who has access to it.
- **Robust Policies:** Establish clear data governance policies defining roles, responsibilities, and data access and sharing protocols.
- **Encryption:** Employ advanced encryption techniques to protect data both in transit and at rest.



- **Regular Audits:** Conduct periodic reviews of data privacy practices to identify and address vulnerabilities.

### **Cybersecurity in Schools: Building a Digital Fortress**

As educational institutions become increasingly digitized, they are prime targets for cyberattacks. Cybersecurity in schools is no longer a luxury but a necessity to protect sensitive information and ensure uninterrupted learning.

### **The Threat Landscape**

- 1. Ransomware Attacks:** Cybercriminals often target schools with ransomware, locking access to critical systems and demanding payment for restoration. The impact of such attacks can disrupt classes, delay administrative processes, and erode trust.
- 2. Phishing Scams:** Students, teachers, and staff are frequently targeted with deceptive emails or messages designed to steal login credentials or install malware.



**3. IoT Vulnerabilities:** The proliferation of smart devices in schools, such as interactive whiteboards and connected lab equipment, creates new entry points for cyberattacks.

### Building Resilient Cybersecurity Frameworks

- **User Awareness Training:** Conduct regular cybersecurity training for students, teachers, and staff to recognize and avoid threats.
- **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Implement MFA for accessing sensitive systems to add an extra layer of security.
- **Endpoint Protection:** Deploy antivirus and anti-malware solutions on all devices

connected to the school network.

- **Regular Updates:** Ensure all software and systems are updated to patch known vulnerabilities.
- **Incident Response Plan:** Develop a comprehensive plan to respond quickly and effectively to cybersecurity incidents.

### Case Study: A Real-World Example

In 2020, a large school district in the United States fell victim to a ransomware attack that encrypted student and staff records. The school had to shut down for two weeks, disrupting learning and costing millions in recovery. This incident highlights

the importance of proactive cybersecurity measures and the value of investing in advanced threat detection systems.

**Analytics for Student Success: Harnessing Data Responsibly** While data and cybersecurity are often framed as challenges, they also offer immense potential for improving educational outcomes. Analytics, when used responsibly, can provide actionable insights into student performance, enabling educators to tailor interventions and support.

### Applications of Analytics in Education

- 1. Early Warning Systems:** Predictive analytics can identify students at risk of

falling behind or dropping out, allowing timely interventions.

- 2. Personalized Learning:** By analyzing learning patterns, educators can customize lesson plans to suit individual student needs and preferences.
- 3. Resource Allocation:** Analytics can help schools allocate resources more efficiently by identifying trends and areas of need.
- 4. Measuring Teaching Effectiveness:** Data-driven insights can assess the effectiveness of teaching methods and curricula, driving continuous improvement.

**DATA AND CYBERSECURITY IN EDUCATION ARE DOUBLE-EDGED SWORDS. WHILE THEY OPEN DOORS TO UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONALIZED LEARNING AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFICIENCY, THEY ALSO DEMAND RIGOROUS SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT SENSITIVE INFORMATION AND ENSURE ETHICAL USE**

### **Ethical Considerations**

While the benefits of analytics are significant, it's crucial to address ethical concerns:

- **Bias in Algorithms:** Ensure that analytics tools do not perpetuate biases that could disadvantage certain student groups.
- **Informed Consent:** Obtain clear consent from students and parents before using their data for analytics.
- **Anonymization:** De-identify data wherever possible to protect individual privacy.

### **Use Case: Enhancing Student Outcomes**

A university in Australia implemented an analytics platform to track student engagement in online courses. By analyzing login frequencies, time spent on materials, and quiz scores, the university identified students who needed additional support. As a result, retention rates improved by 15% over two years, demonstrating the transformative power of data-driven decision-making.

### **A Unified Approach to Data and Cybersecurity**

To fully realize the benefits of technology while mitigating risks, educational institutions must adopt a holistic approach to data and cybersecurity:

- 1. Collaboration:** Foster collaboration between IT departments, educators, policymakers, and third-party vendors to ensure comprehensive security measures.
- 2. Continuous Learning:** Stay updated with the latest cybersecurity trends and regulatory changes to remain proactive in addressing emerging threats.
- 3. Investment in Technology:** Allocate budgets for advanced cybersecurity tools, analytics platforms, and ongoing training programs.
- 4. Student Involvement:** Educate students about the importance of data privacy and cybersecurity, empowering them to be vigilant digital citizens.

### **Conclusion**

Data and cybersecurity in education are double-edged swords. While they open doors to unprecedented opportunities for personalized learning and institutional efficiency, they also demand rigorous safeguards to protect sensitive information and ensure ethical use. By prioritizing student data privacy, fortifying cybersecurity frameworks, and harnessing analytics responsibly, educational institutions can create a secure, innovative, and inclusive learning environment for the leaders of tomorrow. The challenge is significant, but so is the potential to transform education for the better.



## THE FUTURE OF AWARDS: CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Awards have always played a significant role in recognizing and motivating excellence. As education continues to evolve in response to new challenges and innovations, the future of awards in the sector holds even greater promise. The EDex Awards, which honor outstanding contributions to education, are a perfect example of how such recognition fuels progress. The recent EDex Awards 2024, held in December, celebrated remarkable achievements in education, from leadership in K-12 schools to groundbreaking work in higher education and technology.

Looking ahead, the role of awards will become even more critical in highlighting those who are at the forefront of transforming education. In a world where technology is revolutionizing learning, awards not only celebrate success but also set benchmarks for others to follow. With the growing impact of digital tools, AI, and blended learning, the future of education-related awards will likely embrace new categories that recognize innovative uses of technology, sustainability in education, and inclusive practices that cater to diverse student needs.

The next edition of the EDex Awards will be held in Chennai in April 2025, and promises

to build on the success of this year's event. As one of India's educational hubs, Chennai is set to provide a vibrant backdrop for recognizing excellence in teaching, leadership, and technological innovation. This will be an opportunity to honor educators, institutions, and leaders who are pioneering efforts to shape the future of learning. The recognition of institutions driving digital learning platforms, as well as those who prioritize holistic education, will take center stage at the event.

Looking further ahead, we expect a more diverse and comprehensive approach to awards, recognizing not just academic achievement but also the role of educators in fostering resilience, creativity, and critical thinking in students. Awards will likely continue to focus on empowering teachers and institutions that are not only producing great academic results but are also leading educational reforms and inspiring the next generation of learners.

As the EDex Awards move to Chennai in April 2025, the future of educational recognition seems brighter than ever, reflecting a world where excellence, innovation, and inclusivity are celebrated and encouraged at every level of education.



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