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CONCLAVE 2026

📍 India International Centre, New Delhi

📅 Friday, 24 April 2026

🕒 9:15 AM – 4:30 PM



About the Event

Central Square Foundation is hosting **CSF EDuConclave** to mainstream conversations on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (**FLN**) and Early Childhood Education (**ECE**) while reflecting on the journey of the last five years under the **NIPUN Bharat Mission**; leveraging **EdTech & AI** to strengthen teaching and learning in the classrooms; exploring the role of **districts as last-mile drivers** of NIPUN Mission fidelity, examining the role of philanthropy for system support in education and strengthening **school governance** for better learning for all children in India.

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM

Registration of Delegates

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Welcome Address

Ishmeet Singh, CEO, Central Square Foundation

Special Address by Key Dignitary

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Keynote Address by Chief Guest

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Badalta Bharat, Viksit Bharat: Role of Philanthropy for System Support in Education

Moderated Chat with

- **Ashish Dhawan**, Founder Chairperson, Central Square Foundation
- **Rakesh Bharti Mittal**, Vice-Chairman, Bharti Enterprises

Moderated by: **Ishmeet Singh**, Chief Executive Officer, Central Square Foundation

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Badhti Buniyaadi Shiksha: Strengthening FLN in India

Panel discussion

**MoE perspective on FIVE Years of NIPUN: by Smt. Archana Sharma Awasthi, IRS, (Addl. Secy, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education, Government of India)*

Panelists:

- **Dr. Ravi Kota**, IAS (Chief Secretary, Govt. of Assam) (TBC)
- **Shri Partha Sarthi Sen Sharma**, IAS (ACS, Basic and Secondary Education Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh)
- **Dr. E Naveen Nicolas**, IAS, Director, School Education & State Project Director, SSA, Telangana
- **Shri Vijay Singh Dahiya**, IAS, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Haryana
- **Dr. Dhir Jhingran** (Retd-IAS), Founder-Executive Director, Language & Learning Foundation
- **Dr. Saadhna Pandey**, Chief of Education, UNICEF
- **Satish Menon**, Senior Program Officer, Global Education, Gates Foundation

Moderated by: **Parthajet Das**, Project Director, Foundational Learning, Central Square Foundation

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Nipun Ki Neev: Practice Excellence in States & Districts

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

- **Shri Abhinav Gopal**, IAS, Chief Development Officer Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- **Shri Avinash Kumar**, IAS, District Magistrate, Ghazipur, Uttar Pradesh
- **Shri Anudeep Durishetty**, IAS, District Collector, Khammam, Govt. of Telangana
- **Shri Prateek Jain**, IAS, District Collector, Narayanpet, Govt. of Telangana
- **Shri Jatin Goyal**, Former Director of Education, UT of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Moderated by: **Santanu Chari**, Project Director, Foundational Learning, Central Square Foundation

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

School, Samaaj aur Badlav: From Report Cards to Accountability in Learning

Panel Discussion

Panelists:

- **Shri Kekhrieloulie Yhorne**, MLA & CM Advisor to Nagaland Education Dept.
- **Shri Gaurav Agrawal**, IAS, Dist. Collector & DM, Udaipur
- **Parth Shah**, Founder ISPP & CCS
- **Manit Jain**, Founder Heritage Group of Schools, Delhi NCR

Moderated by: **Harish Doraiswamy**, Project Director, Central Square Foundation

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM | Lunch

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Masti Ki Paathshala: Engagement Session with Children

A puppetry performance with Grade 3 children from Ghaziabad by Sesame Street

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

School se Ghar Tak: Leveraging EdTech for Quality Education in Bharat

Panel Discussion

**MoE perspective on EdTech & AI for a Viksit Bharat: by Shri Dheeraj Sahu, IAS, Addl. Sec. DoSE & L, MoE, Govt. of India (TBC)*

Panelists:

- **Dr. I.V. Subba Rao** (Retd-IAS)
- **Swati Vasudevan**, Country Director for Khan Academy India
- **Akashi Kaul**, Project Director, CSF
- **Shashank Pandey**, Co-Founder & Group President, ConveGenius.AI

Moderated by: **Bhanu Potta**, Consulting Senior Partner, Central Square Foundation

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

Shaveta Sharma-Kukreja, Advisory Board Member, Central Square Foundation