



# EDU 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

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

## Special Address

Shri. Sanjay Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, MoE, Govt. of India

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

## Keynote Address

Dr. Vinod Kumar Paul, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog

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, Ministry of Education, Government of India)

### Panelists:

- **Shri Partha Sarthi Sen Sharma**, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Basic and Secondary Education Department, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
- **Dr. E Naveen Nicolas**, IAS, Director, School Education & State Project Director, SSA, Govt. of Telangana
- **Dr. Dhir Jhingran** (Retd-IAS), Founder-Executive Director, Language & Learning Foundation
- **Smt. Amita Tandon**, Education Specialist, UNICEF India
- **Dr. I.V. Subba Rao**, (Retd-IAS), Senior Advisor, Central Square Foundation

Moderated by: **Dr. Parthajeet 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:

- **Ms Riju Bafna**, IAS, District Collector, Shajapur, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- **Shri Anudeep Durishetty**, IAS, District Collector, Khammam, Govt. of Telangana
- **Shri Prateek Jain**, IAS, District Collector, Narayanpet, Govt. of Telangana
- **Shri Jatini Goyal**, Former Director of Education, UT of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- **Shri Abhinav Gopal**, IAS, Chief Development Officer, Ghaziabad, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh

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

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Lunch

2:00 PM – 2:35 PM

## Masti Ki Paathshala: Engagement Session with Children

A puppetry performance with Grade 2 & 3 children from Ghaziabad by Sesame Street

2:35 PM – 3:35 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.
- **Rajni Shekhawat**, Chief District Education officer, Jodhpur, Govt. of Rajasthan
- **Parth Shah**, Founder ISPP & CCS
- **Manit Jain**, Founder Heritage Group of Schools, Delhi NCR

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

3:35 PM – 4:35 PM

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

### Panel Discussion

**\*MoE perspective on what good EdTech for Government looks like:** by Shri Dheeraj Sahu, IAS, Addl. Sec. Department of School Education & Literacy, MoE, Govt. of India

### Panelists:

- **Dr. I.V. Subba Rao** (Retd-IAS), Senior Advisor, Central Square Foundation
- **Swati Vasudevan**, Country Director for Khan Academy India
- **Dr. Akashi Kaul**, Project Director, Research, Monitoring, Evaluation, Assessment and Learning, Central Square Foundation
- **Shashank Pandey**, Co-Founder & Group President, ConveGenius.AI
- **Satish Menon**, Senior Program Officer, Global Education, Gates Foundation

Moderated by: **Abhimanyu Maheshwari**, Senior Project lead, EdTech & AI, Central Square Foundation

4:35 PM – 4:40 PM

## Closing Remarks and Vote of Thanks

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