

Indus World School awarded for Innovation in Pedagogical Practices

We at Indus World School always like to innovate and come out with processes that will help each child in our care excel and learn. Innovation also happens to be one of our core values. However, when an external agency ratifies this, it surely leaves us with a **wow moment**. !! One such wow moment at Indus happened very recently when **Indus World School bagged the award for 'Innovation in Pedagogical Practices' at the 4th World Education Summit organized by digital Learning and eletsTechnomedia.**



digital Learning World Education Summit, organized annually since 2011, is the world's premier platform on education for everyone who is passionate about education and learning. Top schools of India had filled in the nominations and it was a moment of pride as our school bagged this award. Our focus was **Indus Practices and Tech@Indus (technology at Indus)**.

As an Indusian I look at this award as a small window through which the world outside gets a glimpse of the life at Indus. So on one hand the curriculum adopted very beautifully integrates the three R's of education: Responsibility, Relationships and Reverence for the entire life. The entire focus is thus on the need to learn about oneself and to be involved in one's learning thereby nurturing self-respect and self-esteem. The learning also inculcates the social and emotional literacy along with the focus on academics and MACDS – Music, Art, Craft, Dance Drama and Sports. We do all this with the help of some unique practices generally termed as **Indus Practices**.

Our school harnesses **technology** in a unique manner. Indusians are developing their thinking skills by *engaging* with technology rather than *consuming* technology. Children at IWS learn to use a programming language – *Scratch* – from an early age. Each child from grade 4 onwards uses an

educational tablet. The tabs are like a personal 'Smart Class'. The children use the tabs to take diagnostic tests. The online learning platform 'Compassbox' has a number of tests for the children to practice. A fully wi-fi campus with a safe high speed Video Conferencing (VC) facility connects the children across our sister schools. Subject experts use VC for arranging lectures, we also use VC for teacher training and sharing of resources. The School connects to the parents through its indigenous technology for communication – **SIS** – Student Information System. We also use Google Apps for Education and the drive to share and upload all documents including daily homework, newsletter, circulars etc.

Indus is creating ripples in the academic circles and each one of us at Indus is taking a moment to reflect and celebrate this moment. However, we Indusians believe in the adage – **Plan, Prepare, Proceed and Pursue** and so the learning cycle never stops at Indus. Many more ideas and wow moments are in the offing as life at Indus is all about joyful learning!