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IX - Edition

International Principals' Educational Conference - 2026

The Theme

“Understanding **WOW** Generations...
... Bridging Insights & Innovations”



22nd, 23rd &
24th Oct, 2026



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WISDOM
OF THE PAST



LEADERSHIP
OF TODAY



INNOVATIONS FOR
TOMORROW



DIVERSE
PERSPECTIVES



EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES



INCLUSIVE
FUTURE

• Connecting Diversity

• Transforming Pedagogy

• Celebrating Process



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The South Public School, Omkar Nagar

**IX International Principals'
Educational Conference 2026**

22nd, 23rd and 24th of October, 2026 at

**Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Nagpur
1, Sector 20, MIHAN (Non-SEZ), Nagpur –
441108, Maharashtra, India**

OUR MOST PRECIOUS MOMENT



सत्यमेव जयते

प्रधान मंत्री

Prime Minister

MESSAGE



I am happy to know that the 6th International Principals' Educational Conference is being organized at Nagpur from 27th - 29th November, 2017.

Education sector builds the pathway to the future of a Nation and it is imperative that a strong, agile and responsive educational system should be in place in India. A dynamic education system with stress on quality is possible only if the educationalists and institutional leaders are receptive to new ideas and best practices across the world.

I hope that the 6th International Conference at Nagpur will be an opportunity for the Institutional heads to learn from each other and build a momentum for ensuring quality education. Best wishes for the success of the Conference.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
22 November, 2017

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The independent views of the paper presenters are most solicited. However, looking at the vast purview of the theme "Understanding WOW (World of Wonderful) Generations – Bridging Insights & Innovations.", it would not be advisable to restrict ourselves in niches and corners. To facilitate the paper presenters to encompass the vastness of the theme, the following advisory committee has been set up. The paper presenters may feel free to contact any of the committee members, if required through mail.



Dear Madam/Sir,

यदा पीढयः मिलन्ति, तदा भविष्यस्य निर्माणम् आरभ्यते।
युवानांहृदयंज्ञात्वासेतुंकुर्याम्विचारतः।
पुरातनंनवेनसार्धसृजामःनूतनंजगत्॥

[As we understand the hearts of our young minds and bridge generations with wisdom, we pave the way for innovation and a truly wonderful future.]

Ignited by the thought behind the above verse, we the organizers of IPEC have been encouraged to bring forth the IX edition of IPEC with theme -

“Understanding WOW (World of Wonderful) Generations – Bridging Insights & Innovations.”

Please allow us the liberty to place before you details of the earlier conferences held every alternate year, followed by this year's theme.

We organized the **First** edition of IPEC at Nagpur in 2008 with the theme **Total Quality Management in Education**, with relevant sub-themes.

The II edition of IPEC was in 2010, again in Nagpur, with the theme **School-the Last Frontier**, with relevant sub-themes.

The III edition of IPEC was held in 2012 in Nagpur. The theme was **Sing Your Own Song**, with relevant sub-themes.

The IV edition of IPEC was held in Dec 2013, on the theme **Back to Black-Board**, with relevant sub-themes.

The V edition of IPEC, held in 2015 was based on a highly thought-provoking theme **Harmony with oneself through education**, with relevant sub-themes.

The theme of the VI edition of IPEC was **Generating Happy minds – thought behind education**, with relevant sub-themes.

The theme of VII edition of IPEC was **Scripting the legends of human excellence through schools**, with relevant sub-themes.

The theme for VIII edition of IPEC was **New Song With Old Composition – Thought Behind Present Education System**, with relevant sub-themes.

The Theme for IX IPEC is **“Understanding WOW (World of Wonderful) Generations – Bridging Insights & Innovations.”**

Theme explanation –

Understanding the World of Wonderful (WOW) Generations: Bridging Insights and Innovations.

The theme recognizes that today’s schools are educating and leading multiple generations simultaneously. Students, teachers, parents, and school leaders come from different generational backgrounds, each shaped by unique experiences, values, learning styles, technologies, and aspirations. These diverse generations collectively form the World of Wonderful (WOW) Generations.

In an era marked by rapid technological advancement, artificial intelligence, globalization, and evolving societal expectations, educational leaders must deepen their understanding of these generational perspectives. Such understanding enables schools to create learning environments that are inclusive, relevant, engaging, and future-ready.

The phrase “Bridging Insights and Innovations” highlights the need to connect the wisdom, experience, and proven practices of the past with emerging ideas, technologies, and innovative pedagogies of the future. Effective school leadership lies in building bridges between tradition and transformation, ensuring that educational institutions remain rooted in enduring values while embracing meaningful change.

This conference aims to provide a platform for principals and educational leaders to:

- Understand the characteristics, needs and expectations of different generations.
- Explore emerging trends shaping the future of education.
- Share insights from research, leadership experiences and best practices.
- Foster innovation in teaching, learning, assessment and school culture.
- Build intergenerational collaboration among students, educators, parents and communities.

- Develop strategies that prepare learners not only for academic success but also for lifelong learning, adaptability and responsible global citizenship.

Ultimately, the theme calls upon educational leaders to become Architects of learning ecosystems where generational diversity is celebrated, insights are shared, and innovation becomes a catalyst for meaningful educational transformation. Through understanding and collaboration, schools can create a future where every generation learns from one another and contributes to a thriving educational landscape.

So the theme, **“Understanding WOW (World of Wonderful) Generations – Bridging Insights & Innovations”**... when generations come together, the creation of the future begins. Let us build a bridge between the new and old, enriched with knowledge and discernment. Through harmony arises growth, fostering ever new innovation.

We are looking forward to a serious discourse on this theme when we meet for the conference on **22nd, 23rd& 24thOct 2026 at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) MIHAAN, Nagpur, Maharashtra, India.**

With this intention in mind, we assemble for the IX International Principals' Educational Conference and invite papers for deliberation on the theme's following dimensions. Author's guidelines for paper writing are briefed with every sub-theme.

1) Bridging modern learning paradigms with Indian traditions for WOW Generations–

- India's educational legacy, rooted in the Gurukul tradition, offers enduring insights into values, discipline, wisdom, and holistic growth. At the same time, contemporary education calls for technology-enabled, collaborative, flexible, and learner-centred approaches.
- This sub-theme invites papers, that explore how traditional Indian wisdom and modern pedagogical practices can be meaningfully integrated to nurture WOW (World of Wonderful) generations. Contributions may present models, case studies, classroom practices, leadership approaches, or critical reflections on the relevance, feasibility and impact of such integration.

2) Safeguarding emotional steadfastness in WOW Generations for a sustainable society–

- Emotional steadfastness enables young people to remain resilient, purposeful, and compassionate amid uncertainty and global challenges. It is essential for building responsible citizens who can contribute meaningfully to ecological balance, social harmony and sustainable development.
- This sub-theme welcomes papers on practical ways to cultivate emotional strength, self-awareness, empathy, ethical responsibility, and social commitment among young learners, enabling them to face challenges and contribute constructively to a sustainable society.

3) From achievement to well-being – redefining success for WOW Generations –

- The pursuit of marks, rankings, and career outcomes often places immense pressure on learners, narrowing the meaning of success and distancing it from emotional, mental, social and physical well-being.
- This sub-theme welcomes papers that reimagine success as a balanced and humane concept—one that values well-being, resilience, character, creativity, relationships, purpose and lifelong learning alongside academic and professional achievement.

4) Cyber engagement, digital identity and learning patterns in WOW Generations –

- Young learners are increasingly shaped by their participation in digital spaces, their online presence, and the ways in which technology influences attention, behaviour, communication and learning preferences.
- This sub-theme invites research and reflections on responsible cyber engagement, ethical digital identity, and evolving learning patterns. Papers may examine how schools and educators can guide learners to use technology effectively, safely, critically and creatively.

5) Interpreting cognitive, emotional and behavioural trends of WOW Generations –

- Millennials, Gen Z, and Gen Alpha are growing up in a world shaped by rapid change, multitasking, information overload, visual communication, uncertainty, and evolving social behaviours. Alongside these challenges, they also demonstrate adaptability, awareness, creativity and the confidence to question established norms.

- This sub-theme invites papers that deepen our understanding of young generations by examining their strengths, vulnerabilities, aspirations, learning behaviours, and socio-emotional needs. Contributions may suggest responsive educational practices rooted in empathy, insight and innovation.

6) Treating school as launch pad of lifelong physical well-being for WOW Generations–

- In an age marked by speed, stress and sedentary habits, schools have a vital role in nurturing healthy lifestyles, preventive health awareness, active living and positive attitudes towards fitness from an early age.
- This sub-theme welcomes contributions on building a whole-school culture of physical well-being through curriculum, leadership, infrastructure, sports, health education and partnerships with families and communities.

Guidelines for Paper Writing and Submission by Principals:

1. Eligibility

- Only School Principals, Vice-Principals, Heads of Institutions, or a Person officially nominated by the Principal/Management are eligible to submit and present papers.

2. Originality

- The paper must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication or presentation elsewhere.
- Plagiarism should not exceed 20% (excluding references). Papers exceeding the permissible limit shall be rejected without review.

3. Conference Theme

- Papers must strictly relate to the Conference Theme and one of the approved Sub-Themes mentioned in the conference brochure.

4. Research Orientation

Papers should be based on one or more of the following:

- Action Research
- Case Study
- Best Institutional Practices

- Innovative Leadership Practices
- Policy Analysis
- Empirical Research
- Conceptual or Review Study

5. Paper Structure

The manuscript should include:

- Title of the Paper
- Name, Designation and Institution of the Author(s)
- Abstract (250–300 words)
- Keywords (4–6)
- Introduction
- Review of Literature (wherever applicable)
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Findings/Discussion
- Recommendations/Implications
- Conclusion
- References

6. Formatting Guidelines

- Paper Length: 2000–3000 words
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size:
 - Title – 16 Bold
 - Headings – 14 Bold
 - Body Text – 12
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Paper Size: A4

7. Review Process

- All submissions will undergo a review by the Review Committee.
- The decision of the Review Committee shall be final.

8. Presentation

- Accepted papers must be presented by at least one registered author.
- Presentation time shall be 10–12 minutes, followed by interaction.
- Language could be English/Hindi.
- PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) is mandatory. Arrangement for the same will be made in the conference. Participants are required to bring their own labelled **pen drive** and submit the same on the registration desk on **22nd October 2026**.

9. Publication

- Selected papers, after incorporating reviewers' suggestions, will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

10. Best Paper Awards

- Best Paper Awards shall be presented based on originality, relevance, methodology, presentation, and contribution to educational leadership.

11. Submission

- Papers should be submitted in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format only.
- The file name should be: PrincipalName_Institution_City_ShortTitle.docx

12. Copyright

- Submission of the paper implies that the authors grant the organizers permission to publish the accepted paper in the Conference Proceedings.

13. Important Note

- The Advisory Board reserves the right to accept or reject any paper.
- The decision of the Editorial and Review Committee shall be final and binding.

14. Only one paper would be accepted from one school.

15. Six sub-themes are given on which the paper presentation will be taken up. Participants will have to mail the paper on or before **10th September 2026** on **pecmahaindia@gmail.com**.

We invite your papers on the above topics and the rules for the same are annexed herewith. Similarly, we have planned keynotes on related and important topics, which would assure a chance to every member in the conference to express his/her views and participate fruitfully in the discussion.

Nachiketa / Super Nachiketa Award :

Inspired by the story of 'Nachiketa', the virtuous son of Rishi Uddalak, the IPEC has instituted the Nachiketa Awards for writing creative and practical ideas on the Conference Theme or one of the relevant sub-themes to improve the holistic wellbeing of school, beyond the mere intellectual exercise of IPEC. **(Video for writing Nachiketa Award will be shared a day prior)**

In the IV conference 20 Principals were bestowed with **Nachiketa Award** on the conference theme or one of the relevant sub-themes at the valedictory function at the hands of **His Highness Late Bharat Ratna Dr. APJ Abdul Kamal, former President of India**.

In the V conference again the Nachiketa Awards were conferred to 20 Principals at the hands of **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Mr. Devendra Fadnavis**.

In the VI conference again the Nachiketa Awards were conferred to 20 Principals at the hands of **Hon'ble Gen V. K. Singh and Dr. Vikas Baba Amte**.

In VII conference again the Nachiketa Awards were conferred to Principals at the hands of **Great Educational Scientist Mr Sonam Wangchuk**.

In VIII conference the Nachiketa Awards were conferred to Principals at the hands of **Hon'ble Shri Nitinji Gadkari, Senior Union Minister, Govt. of India**.

Along with **Nachiketa Awards**, '**Super Nachiketa Award**' is given to one of the Nachiketa Awardees of previous conference, for having implanted the winning idea in the most appropriate manner. This award is based on the assessment of the Scrutiny Committee which took a regular follow up of the activity.

This highly informative conference which includes delegates from India as well as abroad, would not be possible without your whole hearted co-operation and active participation.

Hoping early response.

Sincerely yours,

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Rules and Regulations for smooth execution of conference

To ensure the effective and seamless conduct of the conference, all delegates are requested to adhere to the following guidelines:

- All participants must strictly follow the scheduled timings of all sessions.
- Attendance for all three days of the conference is compulsory for every registered delegate.
- Delegates must carry and display their official IPEC I-Card at all times in the conference premises.
- Certificates will be issued only to those delegates who attend all sessions across all three days.
- All research papers must be submitted/ mailed on or before **10th September 2026**.
- Papers will not be accepted under any circumstances after the due date.
- Registrations are limited to 400 delegates. Once the capacity is reached, registrations will be closed.
- The last date for registration is **20th September 2026**.
- The participation fees will be as follows:

One participant	3500/-	(Principal)
Two participants	5500/-	(Principal + One participant)
Three participants	7000/-	(Principal + Two Participants)
(Residential accommodation not included)		

- The participation fees includes breakfast, lunch, high-tea, stationery material, etc. (at the conference venue only).
- The participation fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- For effectiveness of IPEC, there will be quiz on keynote addresses and paper presentations at the end of the day and winner will be felicitated with attractive prizes.
- Outstation delegates will contact on following numbers if they wish to book their stay at IIM Nagpur before **10th September 2026**.

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Note: Organizing Committee is recommending stay @IIM Nagpur for the convenience of outstation delegates.

Mode of Registration:

- Last date of registration **20th September 2026**
- Registrations can be done online through the IPEC website-
[www.principaleducationconference.com]

Mode of Payment:

DD/ Cash payment can be done personally/ physically at The South Public School, Omkar Nagar, Nagpur-27.

Ph. No. 9923594714

OR

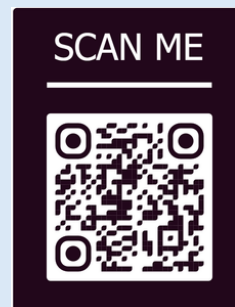
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1) QR Code



2) UPI Address – 59867001@ubin

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OR

Deposit in Union Bank of India, Manewada Branch, Nagpur

i) A/C Name: PEC INDIA, Nagpur

ii) A/C No.543002010005790

iii) IFSC Code UBIN 0554308

(Kindly mail / Whatsapp the deposit slip on pecmahaindia@gmail.com / 8149960079)

Please Note: All rights and powers for the changes in dates, venue, food, paper presentations, guests are reserved with the Organizing Committee.



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