

3rd CES Vidya Utsav 2025

A Grand Confluence of Ideas Shaping the Future of Education



The 3rd CES Vidya Utsav 2025 was held on 3rd February 2025 at the prestigious Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The CES Vidya Utsav is an annual flagship event organized by the Child Education Society, designed to explore the evolving dimensions of education in contemporary times. This landmark event brought together eminent thought leaders, educators, and innovators to deliberate on the evolving landscape of education. Broadcast live to a 37,000-strong community of Bal Bharatians across 26 schools in India, the event was a testament to CES's unwavering commitment to future-focused learning.



The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Rajiv Makhni, renowned journalist and tech guru, on the theme "Future-Focused Learning to Thrive in the Digital Age." He provided an insightful analysis of the disruptive role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education, emphasizing the

urgency of creating adaptive learning environments that nurture critical thinking, creativity, and digital literacy, preparing students to be future-ready.

A thought-provoking panel discussion moderated by Mr. Sharad Arora, Member BOM and Advisor IT, CES featured Prof. Viraj Kumar IISc Bangalore, Mr Maanvendra Singh, HCL Foundation.

Manish Madan, Sr. VP, Tech Mahindra, Ms Garima Babbar, Head, Education and Skill Development, South Asia, Adobe, Mr Laksh Vir Sehgal, Jt. Secretary, CES and Mr Rajiv Makhni, who shared their insights to harness AI for enhanced learning experiences and improved outcomes .They deliberated on the challenges and opportunities of integrating AI into educational frameworks which was later exemplified by a presentation of BBPS AI connect by teachers.



Mr. Nikhil Channa, President, Child Education Society (CES), articulated the grand vision of Bal Bharati Public Schools—to provide inclusive and transformative education that nurtures both the head and the heart.

Adding further depth to the discourse, Mr. Sonam Wangchuk—innovator, educator, and environmentalist—shared his vision of “Grounded in Values, Growing with Technology: Future of Innovative and Sustainable Education.” He passionately advocated for a balanced approach—leveraging technological advancements while preserving core human values, thus



fostering education that is both sustainable and forward-thinking. He shared his mantras for educating children with skills for shaping their future responsibly. His views of simple living and high thinking resonated well with audience. He shared examples from his transformative experiences in Ladakh where educational outcomes improved dramatically by making learning contextual and relevant to learners



The event was further enriched by a mesmerizing cultural program, showcasing emphasis of CES on nurturing the rich heritage of India. The vision and Mission of CES was well articulated in documentary film encapsulating the nationwide reach and impact of transformative initiatives taken by Bal Bharati schools. A special

segment honoured distinguished alumni from various Bal Bharati units for their valuable contributions to society, reinforcing the importance of value-based education.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. L.V. Sehgal, Joint Secretary, CES, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of all participants speakers, panelists, and alumni in making the event an epoch making milestone in the history of CES.

The CES Vidya Utsav has firmly established itself as a platform for transformative ideas that hold the power to reshape education and redefine the future of our nation.

