



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

DELEGATE PROGRAMME

6th - 8th August 2026 | Jaipur | India



Join the Official ABLE 2026 WhatsApp Group



ABLE 2026

WhatsApp group



Receive important announcements, event photographs, presentations, PDFs and free resources, all in one place.

Scan the QR code to join.

This is a one way group. Only the ABLE team can post, so you receive updates without unnecessary messages.



THREE DAYS. *ONE SHARED COMMITMENT.*

DAY 0

THURSDAY, 6 AUGUST 2026

BOOTCAMP &
THE FIRST BELIEVERS' DINNER

DAY 1

FRIDAY, 7 AUGUST 2026

ABLE &
THE ROYAL ED GALA

DAY 2

SATURDAY, 8 AUGUST 2026

THE ABLE FRAMEWORK &
GLOBAL EDUCATION AWARDS

PLEASE NOTE

- Arrive 15 minutes before the first session.
- Meals and movement are shown in yellow.
- Evening celebrations are shown in colour.
- Live event timings may change slightly.



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE



DAY 0

**THURSDAY
6 AUGUST 2026**



**BOOTCAMP
&
THE FIRST BELIEVERS' DINNER**



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

12:00 PM ONWARDS

Arrival & Registration of Residential Guests at Hotel Clarks

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Lunch for Residential Guests

01:45 PM - 02:15 PM

Doors Open for Guest Seating

02:15 PM - 02:25 PM**The Stage Belongs to Everyone**

A joyful medley of Sufi, contemporary and charming dance forms, performed by students of Disha, a special school in Jaipur.

02:30 PM - 02:45 PM**Everyone Is Good at Something:****The ABLE Journey Book Launch followed by the Bootcamp**

Gitanjali G Govindrajan, Founder & Executive Director of Snehadhara Foundation

Charu Wahi, Chief Operating Officer at The Vasant Valley Centre for Excellence in Education

Dr. Simmi Mahajan, Chief Programme Officer of Project Inclusion & Chief Human Resource Officer, Sri Aurobindo Society

Amrita Burman, Director, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions

Pooja Sharma, Founder & CEO, The Sarvodya Collective

Ravi Santlani, Founder & CEO, ScooNews

02:45 PM - 03:30 PM

The School Leader's Guide to the Disability Spectrum

Gitanjali G Govindrajan, Founder & Executive Director of Snehadhara Foundation

Dr Simmi Mahajan, Chief Programme Officer and Lead - Project Inclusion, Sri Aurobindo Society

Vicky Roy, Award-Winning Photographer | Forbes Asia 30 Under 30

03:30 PM - 04:00 PM

Know the Law: The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Gitanjali G Govindrajan, Founder & Executive Director of Snehadhara Foundation

Pooja Sharma, Founder & CEO, The Sarvodya Collective

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM

Inclusion: Asked and Answered. Myths and honest answers about inclusion in schools.

Amrita Burman, Director, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions

Charu Wahi, Chief Operating Officer at The Vasant Valley Centre for Excellence in Education

04:30 PM - 05:00 PM

Coffee Break

05:00 PM - 05:45 PM**The Vasant Valley Inclusion Model. Built in One School. Open to Every School.**

A practical model for building inclusive schools, openly shared for others to adapt and adopt.

Raj Singh Bhandal, Trustee, The Vasant Valley Schools

Sharmila Bakshi, Principal, Vasant Valley School, New Delhi

Snigdha Pattajoshi, Head, Special Section, Vasant Valley School, New Delhi

06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Coffee Break - Durbar Hall

07:00 PM ONWARDS**The First Believers' Dinner in honour of the Founder Trustees of ABLE**

A private evening celebrating the visionaries helping build India's movement for disability inclusion in schools.

08:00 PM ONWARDS**Teacher Warriors 2026 Awards****08:30 PM ONWARDS****A Moment of Opera**

Hai già vinta la causa!
From Mozart's opera Le nozze di Figaro

Performed by **Gyaan Bhuyan**
Assamese Baritone and Rivers Symonds Scholar, Royal College of Music, London

09:00 PM ONWARDS**High School Hop ft. Carlton Braganza**

Global Vibes, Great Music, Cocktails & Dinner



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

DAY 1

FRIDAY
7 AUGUST 2026

ABLE INAUGURAL PROGRAMME
&
THE ROYAL ED GALA



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM

Breakfast for Residential Guests

07:30 AM - 08:30 AM

Registration at Main Lobby

08:15 AM - 08:45 AM

Doors Open for Guest Seating

08:45 AM - 09:00 AM**ABLE 2026 - Official Inaugural Ceremony**

Hosted by

Priyanka Agarwal, Master of Ceremonies, IT professional and the second visually impaired Indian woman to complete the trek to Everest Base Camp.**09:05 AM - 09:15 AM****The ABLE Choir: Walk With Me**

Featuring Priya Andrews and the choir
The opening performance of ABLE 2026, launching an original song that asks the world to go beyond accepting persons with disabilities and begin walking alongside them as equals.

Echoes of Ability: a soul-stirring musical and dance performance by
Vishwas K.S., an inspiring Indian para-swimmer and dancer

09:20 AM - 09:40 AM**Welcome Address:**

Ferose V.R., Founder, India Inclusion Foundation and Senior Vice President and Head of SAP Academy for Engineering

Ravi Santlani, Founder & CEO, ScooNews

GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026

X



presents

ABLE

09:45 AM - 10:05 AM**From Bullet to Blueprint — the story of turning a personal tragedy into an institution****Padma Shri Javed Ahmed Tak**, Founder, Zaiba Aapa Institute of Inclusive Education, Kashmir**10:10 AM - 10:25 AM****The Willingness Project: A Reveal, the ScooNews Way****10:30 AM - 10:50 AM****Patron's Keynote Address****Shriji Huzoor Dr Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur**, Lifelong Patron of the Global Ed Fest**11:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

Coffee Break & Expo Visit

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM**They Saw the Wheelchair. Oxford Saw a Scholar.****Pratishtha Deveshwar**, The first Indian wheelchair user to study at the University of Oxford**11:50 AM - 12:05 PM****I'm With You: When Friendship Becomes Inclusion**

The story of India's first engineer with cerebral palsy and the friend who ensured he never had to chase his dream alone.

Ashwin Karthik, Author | TEDx Speaker | Agilist | Disability Activist, Writing Coach**Bharat Sharma**, Leader Project Management Koch in conversation with**Sachin Vats**, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Founder Director, Gurukul The School

12:10 PM - 12:30 PM**From Principles to Practice: Designing Education Where Every Learner Can Thrive**

Dr Kala Parsuram, Senior Manager, Equity and Inclusive Education at the International Baccalaureate in conversation with

Manjot Dhillon, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Founder Director, Invictus International School, Amritsar and

Mukesh Sharma, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Founder Chairperson, Prometheus School, Noida

12:35 PM - 12:45 PM**Multiple learners, Multiple abilities - One ecosystem to SKILL them all**

Neha Chauhan, CEO & Founder, Aviotron Aerospace

12:50 PM - 01:05 PM**Five Words. One Language.**

Simran, a Deaf educator from Sai Swayam Society, and **Dr Aditi Misra**, Director of Dharav High School, DPS International Gurgaon and DPS Sector 45, Gurgaon, teach the audience five words in Indian Sign Language.

Together. As co-teachers. As equals.

01:10 PM - 02:00 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH & EXPO VISIT

01:50 PM - 02:20 PM**Legs, Heart and Sixes**

A two over friendly cricket match featuring the armless cricketer

Amir Hussain Lone from Kashmir, versus the Patron & Founder Trustees of ABLE.

Walk over and watch. (Lawns outside the expo hall.)

02:30 PM - 02:40 PM**Inclusion Must Be Felt, Not Just Taught**

Sara Gupta, 16 year old Founder, Autism Theatre Initiative TEDx Speaker and Global Finalist, Kurt Hahn Award

Master of Ceremonies for the Afternoon Sessions

02:45 PM - 03:05 PM**Beyond My Story- A conversation about the experiences of students with cerebral palsy in mainstream schools today.**

Jeeja Ghosh, Disability Rights Activist, Enable India
in conversation with

Kanak Gupta, Director, Seth M.R. Jaipuria Schools

03:10 PM - 03:25 PM**Inclusion at Scale: Where Does India's Largest Private School Network Stand?**

A conversation between

Prajodh Rajan, Co-founder and Group CEO, Lighthouse Learning Group
and
Ravi Santlani, Founder & CEO, ScooNews

on turning disability inclusion from individual school initiatives into an institution-wide commitment.

03:30 PM - 03:45 PM**Skills, Not Sympathy- Creating pathways to independence and opportunity for persons with disabilities**

Aarti Takawane, Director, NFBM Jagriti Skill Development Centre for Blind Girls

in conversation with
Sandeep Sethi, Educationist & Curator of Academic Festivals

03:50 PM - 04:05 PM**Different, Together: A Mother, Two Sisters and the Art of Possibility****Shweta Runwal, Dhriti Ranka & Ira Ranka**, Co-Founders, Tickle Your Art

in conversation with

Aditi Goradia, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Director, Billimoria High School

exploring Down syndrome, siblinghood and how belief, creativity and inclusion can help every child build an identity of their own.

04:10 PM - 04:25 PM**Can Technology Rewrite Disability?**

A conversation on how AI and emerging technologies are breaking old barriers and creating new possibilities for people with disabilities.

Manit Jain, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Co-founder, Heritage Group of Schools & CEO, Humaine Learning

in conversation with

Aman Srivastava, Co-Founder, Thinkerbell Labs**04:30 PM - 04:45 PM****Belonging Begins Early****Shivani Dhillon**, Co-founder, Smiling Dandelion Foundation & Director, Discover Ability Special School

in conversation with

Urvashi Warman, Principal, The Palace School, Jaipur

about welcoming children with intellectual disabilities into preschools, supporting families and building acceptance from the very beginning.

04:50 PM - 05:20 PM**Different Bodies. Same Finish Line.**

A Conversation on access, opportunity, belonging and what it takes to make sport truly inclusive.

Amir Hussain Lone, Para Cricketer, Kashmir**Vishwas K S**, Para Swimmer & Dancer**Gautam Rajgarhia**, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Pro Vice Chairperson, DPS Nashik | Nagpur | Varanasi | Pune**Dr Amit Bhalla**, Vice President, Manav Rachna Group of Educational InstitutionsGLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026

X



presents

ABLE

05:25 PM - 06:30 PM

Coffee Break

6:30 PM ONWARDS

Doors Open for The Royal Ed Gala

07:00 PM - 07:30 PM**The ScooNews Memorial Awards 2026**

Honouring remarkable educators while celebrating the lives, values and enduring legacies of those whose names these awards proudly carry.

Featuring:

Maharana Arvind Singh Mewar Award for Outstanding Educational Leadership

Ashok Gupta Rise & Reform Honour for Bold Reform and Educational Upliftment

The Kanni Thahryamal Prize for Championing Education Against All Odds

The Dr Maheshwari Natarajan Award for Grace, Grit and the Gift of Believing in Others

The Mohini Bakshi Spirit of Possibility Prize for Inspiring Hope, Possibility and Purpose

The P N Kavoori Prize for Values Driven Learning

The Rani Hooja Lifetime Footprint for a Lifetime of Impact in Education

The Snehlata Prize for Building a Culture of Reading

07:30 PM -08:30 PM**Threads of Belonging**

An inclusive showcase celebrating the craftsmanship of Rajasthan, creatively directed by **Ritu Beri** and accompanied by the soulful melodies of the Langa Manganiyars of Barmer and Jaisalmer.

08:30 PM ONWARDS**The Patrons Dinner**

hosted by

Shriji Huzoor Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of Udaipur, Lifelong Patron - Global Ed-Fest

GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026

X



presents

ABLE

DAY 2

**SATURDAY
8 AUGUST 2026**

•
•
•
•
•
•
•

**THE ABLE FRAMEWORK
&
GLOBAL EDUCATION AWARDS**



GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

08:30 AM - 08:45 AM

Doors Open for Guest Seating

08:45 AM - 09:00 AM**Why Is My Ordinary Your Inspiration?**

Rethinking success, dignity and what true inclusion looks like.

Nincy Mariam Mondly, Psychologist, Pallium India and NIMS Medicity**09:05 AM - 09:20 AM****Vision Beyond Sight**

A conversation on resilience, purpose and why true inclusion begins with seeing potential before disability.

Prathamesh Sinha, Visually Impaired Changemaker | National Award Recipient | Shark Tank India

in conversation with

Amith Bajla, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Chairperson, Taurian World School, Ranchi**09:25 AM - 09:40 AM****Unwritten Stories**

A mother and her daughter with Down syndrome, in conversation about lived experience and creating schools where every child is seen, valued and belongs.

Dr. Shalini Gupta, Founder Trustee, The Art Sanctuary with**Gayatri Gupta**, Neurodiverse Photographer and Artist**09:45 AM - 10:00AM****The Gift I Never Asked For**

Born with dislocated hips and having undergone multiple surgeries,

Lina Ashar, Founder, Dreamtime Learning, shares a deeply personal keynote on resilience, empathy and why inclusion begins with understanding.

10:05 AM - 10:20 AM**Seeing Differently: Reframing Limits as assets – Self-integration vs conventional inclusion**

Sabriye Tenberken & Paul Kronenberg, Co-Founders, Braille Without Borders & kanthari

10:25 AM - 10:40 AM**Inclusion in Indian Schools: The Law, the Policy and the Reality**

A candid conversation about what disability inclusion requires, what the NEP envisions and where India's private schools actually stand today.

Deepak Madhok, Founder Trustee, ABLE | Chairperson, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions

in conversation with

Col Sathya Rao, Chairperson, Mathru Foundation for the Disabled

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM**The Interpreter Gap: Why India's Classrooms Still Can't Hear Deaf Students**

A conversation on what it really takes to make mainstream education accessible to Deaf learners.

Meera Chetan Bhatia, Founder, Sai Swayam Society in conversation with

Arijit Ghosh, Vice President, Seth M.R. Jaipuria Group of Schools

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

NETWORKING COFFEE & EXPO VISIT

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**The ABLE Inclusion Framework**

A practical toolkit organised by who you are : school leader, educator, human being, community with a School Readiness Survey to tell you honestly where to start.

Gitanjali G Govindrajan, Founder & Executive Director of Snehadhara Foundation

Pooja Sharma, Founder & CEO, The Sarvodya Collective

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM

The Five-Stage Journey

A five-stage, badge-earning action plan that turns Part Three's intentions into a structured, multi-year commitment with mentorship, quarterly calls, and a public marker of progress at every stage.

Amrita Burman, Director, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions

Charu Wahi, Chief Operating Officer at The Vasant Valley Centre for Excellence in Education

01:30 PM - 02:30 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH & EXPO VISIT

02:30 PM - 03:15 PM

Now What?

An Open Mic on Leading Inclusion Beyond the Summit
Col A Sekhar, CEO, Indirapuram Group of Institutions

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM

Global Education Awards 2026

04:30 PM - 04:45 PM

Vote of Thanks & End of Global Ed-Fest 2026



THE HANDS BEHIND ABLE

Everything you see around you began as an idea.

But it was brought to life by hundreds of young hands, guided by art teachers and supported by school leaders who believed in what ABLE stands for.

Every pinwheel folded.
Every colour painted.
Every installation imagined.
Every little detail created.

The décor of ABLE is not the work of an event agency. It is the collective expression of students from schools who came together to make India's first summit on disability inclusion in mainstream schools feel as meaningful as its message.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the Art Teams of:

**Dharav High School, Ajmer Road
Dharav High School, Vidhyadhar Nagar
Mayoor School, Jaipur
The Palace School, Jaipur
Sanskar School, Jaipur
Delhi Public School, Gurgaon**

To every student, art teacher and school leader who contributed their imagination, time and heart, thank you.

You did not simply decorate ABLE.
You gave its purpose colour, form and movement.

Concept
Ravi Santlani

Décor Lead
Abhinav Dutt Pandey & Arvind Kumar Nishad
from Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions, Varanasi

Mentor
Sandeep Sethi

ONE IDEA. MANY HANDS. A BILLION LIVES.





GLOBAL
ED-FEST
2026



X



presents

ABLE

THANK YOU
for being a part of this journey

