



2026 Education CONFLUENCE

3R to 3H to 3A: The Next Learning Revolution

Reimagining School Education and Higher Education for the Future

May 23-29 2026



Why Attend the Education Confluence?

- Learn Amidst the Breathtaking Landscapes of Ladakh - Mountains, Rivers and Monasteries as your Backdrop
- Engage with Top Education Experts & Exchange Ideas with Pioneers in Various Fields
- Explore SECMOL & HIAL Campuses to Experience Contextual & Experiential Education in action.
- Visit a Rehabilitated Village to See Transdisciplinary Approach to Problem-Solving at Work.
- Excursions & Cultural Experiences – Explore Himalayan Geology and Relish Ladakh's Rich Spiritual & Cultural Heritage.
- Be Part of the 3R to 3H to 3A Revolution – Shape the Future of Education.

Theme & Scope of the Confluence

HIAL's 5th Edition of Education Confluence brings together leading educators, disruptors, and changemakers to redefine learning. The confluence is designed around five key pillars of education for the future:

- **Contextual Curriculum** – Making education relevant to local and global challenges
- **Experiential Pedagogy** – Learning by doing, beyond classrooms
- **Transdisciplinary Approach** – Breaking silos to solve real-world problems
- **Higher Order Thinking & Deeper Order Feeling** – Cultivating critical thinking and emotional intelligence
- **3R to 3H to 3A** – Moving beyond traditional academics to holistic learning

Join us to exchange ideas, build networks, and co-create solutions for a meaningful and transformative education system.



May 23rd, 2026
Arrival & Acclimatization
Welcome meeting



May 24th, 2026
Contextual Curriculum
Keynotes, SECMOL tour, World Café



May 25th, 2026
Experiential Pedagogy
Keynotes, HIAL tour, World Café



May 26th, 2026
Trans-disciplinary approach to problem solving
Keynotes, Excursion to Kulum, Dinner in Leh



May 27th, 2026
Higher Order Thinking and Deeper Order Feeling
Keynotes, Uleytokpo via Alchi, Himalayas formation workshop



May 28th, 2026
3R to 3H to 3A
Keynotes, World Café, Free time in Leh market

May 29th, 2026
Morning departures.

Meet the Speakers

Meet the Visionaries Shaping the Future of Education



Sonam Wangchuk

Founder of SECMOL & HIAL, visionary innovator, environmentalist, and education reformer. Renowned for his work in sustainable development, alternative education, and climate resilience, he has reshaped Ladakh's education through hands-on, experiential learning.



Gitanjali J Angmo

Founder, CEO and Academic Dean of HIAL; proponent of the 5 Pillars of Education, an alternative education model shaping the future of schools and higher education. Through her leadership at HIAL, she continues to pioneer educational innovations that challenge conventional systems and prepare learners for real-world challenges.



Dr. Geeta Narayanan

Founder and Director of Srishti, is an educator and researcher dedicated to pioneering creative and original learning models. She has led innovative courses and projects addressing social and educational needs.



Anju & Pascal Chazot

Founders of Mahatma Gandhi International School, Ahmedabad; experts in experiential pedagogy. MGIS is student-centric and functions on democratic principles of self-governance. It has created a space for experiential learning through projects with real life links.



Girija Chatufale

Girija Chatufale is an educator and aspiring neuroscientist passionate about how students learn—especially how stress impacts learning. Her journey, shaped by curiosity and lived experience, led her to explore brainwaves in middle schoolers, collaborate with jazz musicians on creativity studies, design science curricula, and teach students across Texas, New York, and Maharashtra. Now as SECMOL's Gap Year Coordinator, she's excited to keep learning alongside her students.



Dr. Shyam Menon

Vice Chancellor, BML Munjal University. He is a distinguished academic and practitioner in the areas of institutional development, higher education, curriculum studies and teacher education.



Shefali Kosta

Co-founder of Swadhaa Waldorf School, she is a Vedanta postgraduate passionate about Indian heritage and alternative education. After a corporate career, she explored intentional communities and progressive learning, eventually training in Waldorf pedagogy and founding Pune's first Steiner school.



Padma Otsal

Director of SECMOL, an organization renowned for pioneering contextual and alternative school education in Ladakh. SECMOL has played a crucial role in redefining education in the region by integrating local knowledge, sustainable practices and innovative learning methodologies tailored to Ladakh's unique environment and cultural heritage.



Padmini Nagaraja

is an independent advisor and pedagogy co-designer with over 25 years of experience across schools, higher education and underserved communities. Grounded in contemplative leadership and inspired by Aurobindo, Gandhi and Freire, her work blends self-mastery, nature and knowledge through action. A former Dean at Srishti Manipal, she specializes in curriculum design, teacher education, and policy. Her current focus includes contemplative inquiry, indigenous knowledge systems, and learning in the age of AI.



Jwalin Patel

He is a research scholar and development professional focused on educational philosophy, teacher development, and holistic learning. His work emphasizes education of the heart and learning to live together, with experience in research, strategy, and project management across the education and development sectors.



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