DEVELOPING LEARNING POWER IN STUDENTS FOR THE KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION ECONOMY
Introduction

India aspires to become a 5 trillion-dollar economy by the year 2024. This is possible if Indians embrace and build ‘Learning Power’ to flourish and thrive in the Knowledge and Innovation Economy.

In 1970, Alvin Toffler in his famous book ‘Future Shock’ had pointed out to the challenges that arise out of ‘too much change in too short a period of time’. The age of computers and Internet and the realisation of Moore’s law led to what we now call the VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) world.

The traditional model of learning was to equip the learner for a well-defined series of skills and abilities, which led to the importance of definable learning outcomes and adoption of the ISO model by several educational institutions. This must change in the present scenario where learners have to be ready for a future that will bring with it, new challenges and therefore new opportunities if the individual is ready for it.

Learning Power (a collection of psychological traits and skills that enable a person to engage effectively with a variety of learning challenges) is a phrase popularised by Prof. Guy Claxton that in simple terms means, ‘knowing what to do when you have not been told what to do’. This concept was formulated a few decades back but seems to be the way forward in a VUCA world.

Conference Structure

The 11th EDU ConvEx will include a set of 4 talks for about 18-20 minutes each and will discuss Learning Power, and elaborate on the approaches and methods of how to build the key components of Learning Power:

1. English language as a means of accessing knowledge
2. Skills for supplementing and improving knowledge and building cognitive flexibility
3. Technology - the key tool for building learning power and for continuous and life-long learning.

The conference will also touch upon the need of assessing the Learning Power in a modern, integrated, personalised, innovative and continuous manner.
Who should attend?

While participation at the conference will be beneficial for everyone who is involved with improving education and learning, it will be of particular interest to:

- Principals, Directors, Managers and Leadership teams of schools, colleges and other academic institutions
- Teachers
- Independent educators (trainers, tutors, freelancers etc.)
- Education services providers who are providing out of school teaching-learning support

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Prof. MM Pant, Founder, LMP Education Trust, India, is an internationally renowned scholar of rare insight specialising in pedagogy, technology and the development of tools and curricula for 21st Century education through a framework titled ‘Learning 221 – Learning for the second decade of the 21st Century’. His current work and interests revolve around the development, delivery and promotion of educational products, processes and services that cater to the needs and interests of future learners. Especially noted for his efforts in leveraging Social Media for improving learning and bringing the ‘traditionally banned’ mobiles and handhelds in the classroom, Prof. Pant has been the Pro Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), a member of faculty at IIT Kanpur and MLNR Engineering College, Allahabad and a faculty member as well as a Visiting Professor at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada.

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