

CLix Initiative felicitated SCERT for the support and Telangana teacher efforts at International Connected learning at scale symposium at TISS Mumbai.

Connected Learning at Scale: An International Symposium was conducted at Tata institute of social sciences, Mumbai on 8th - 9th August. There were participants who were educational planners, policymakers and practitioners, educational researchers, foundations and agencies involved in advancing quality education for all, STEM education, representatives of Indian state and central governments and teachers. These diverse partners and stakeholders came together to create strategies, pathways and opportunities for new partnerships and further innovations in education.

The Connected Learning Initiative (CLix) is a technology - enabled initiative at scale for high school students, seeded by Tata Trusts, Mumbai and is led by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. CLix offers a scalable and sustainable model of open education, to meet the educational needs of students and teachers. Through research and collaborations, CLix seeks to nurture a vibrant ecosystem of partnerships and innovation to improve schooling for underserved communities. CLix project aims to reach approximately 1,100 schools, 1,100 Headmasters and 1,11,000 students in 4 states during the period 2015-2018. With an eye on capacity building, Teacher Professional Development (TPD) courses for approximately 4,500 teachers are to be conducted during the same period, to strengthen their competencies and confidence.

Dr Padma Sarangapani, Professor and Chairperson, Centre for Education, Innovation & Action Research, TISS & Project Director, CLix talking about CLix said the following ...

Uniqueness of the CLix platform - The CLix platform supports collaborative learning and interactivity and encourages students to become 'active-producers' rather than passive consumers of education. Teachers are also encouraged to see professional development as a long-term process involving participating in communities of practice, bridging the geographical spread through technology and through the use of smartphones and internet, the access to which is growing.

Focus on Teachers as an important aspect of the project - Education, learning, particularly quality education, is possible only through teachers' involvement with students. Even adaptive learning programmes work best when a teacher is also involved in selecting and reviewing what a student does on a computer-based or computer- assisted learning process. Hence, we decided that it would make most sense if our approach to the use of technology involve the teacher.

ICT can help deliver quality education in government schools in India -ICT for school education policy should emphasise active use of computers and ITE (Integrated approach to Technology in Education) and integrated subject teaching by offering useful resources that supplement the textbooks and support higher order cognitive abilities. It should also emphasise use of ICT for teachers' professional development and building teachers' communities of practice.

State SCERT and Telangana Teacher felicitated in the program. - CLix project is currently working with SCERT Telangana state working with 300 schools of 13 districts in the state. Mrs.Tara Sabavala-Director, Program Design, Tata Trusts has felicitated SCERT Telangana for their support in the state and Prof. Shalini Bharat, Acting Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences awarded certificate to Mr. M.P.

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Nelson, Headmaster of ZPHS Thallapalkiguda, Manchal mandal, Ranga Reddy district for his outstanding performance in completion of course in CLix module and Mr. Odelu Kumar, ZPHS Pachnur, Manakondur mandal, Karimnagar district was invited to share his experiences of CLix implementation at the symposium. Mr. Ramanjaneyulu, Lecturer SCERT and Dr. Upender Reddy were present at the symposium. CLix and SCERT Telangana are collectively planning to scale up this initiative to more schools in Telangana state in future.



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