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Dr. Niyati Chitkara is Principal of the Chitkara International School. She is the generation next educationist, who believes in developing a learning centered approach and a positive learning environment in which every student can experience success and challenges. She visions to create a sense of integrity; dignity and confidence amongst young learners so as they are ready to face life's challenges.

Dr. Niyati Chitkara has completed her doctorate in school based assessment including the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation. She holds 16 years of experience in the field of education. Her educational accreditations includes; an M.Ed. topper from Panjab University, one of the top ten rank holders during her Bachelors of Education and a gold medalist in Masters of Commerce and Business Administration. She is also an external expert for Board of Studies of Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) at Chitkara College of Education. She has written a book "Assessment Quotient - Efficient and Effective School Learning Paradigms for Generation Z and Generation Alpha Learners", published under Germany's renowned house and well famous publishing house, 'Lambert Academic Publishing'. Dr. Niyati is a certified IB Trainer for Primary Year Programme, certified Inlingua Trainer; who headed Inlingua International School of Languages, Chandigarh in the past. British Council has certified her as a trainer for Business English Courses and Infosys also certified her as a trainer for its Campus Connect Programme. CAER (Center for Assessment Evaluation and Research), Pearson, recognized & certified her for designing rubrics for assessments and multiple choice item writing. Dr. Niyati was one of the fourteen speakers at the CBSE-CAER International Conference 2014 in New Delhi. She was also invited as one of the key speaker in a forum organized by Funtoot on "Personalized Learning".

Under her expert guidance and leadership, CIS was chosen as a case study school by Cambridge International Examinations. She has been an invited panelist in School Leadership Summit 2015 organized by Digital Learning. Leadership qualities and path breaking initiatives for the cause of education, the Academic Council of Science Olympiad Foundation bestowed upon the award of "The Best District Principal for the year 2016-17".

Her research papers on "Confidence Level in Multiple Choice Tests Leading to Increase in Reliability and Decrease in Standard Error of Measurement" and "Assessing Scholastic and Non-Scholastic areas of learning" were covered in International Journal of Information Technology and Business Management and Educationia CONFAB respectively. The research done by her has been primarily in the area of school assessments.

Her papers on "Corporal Punishment" and "Future Classroom" made her gold medalist in her Masters of Education Programme. She also submitted a dissertation on "Occupational Stress of teachers teaching under graduate classes in relation to their emotional intelligence". Her innovative and distinct approach in providing global platform for students made her a Bill Gates & Melinda Gates Scholar in TEDActive 2014 Conference in Canada.

Dr. Niyati Chitkara, has been chosen amongst "33 Young Rising Stars of Indian Education" by Education World. Leading Chitkara International School strongly on innovation and research, she is the only Principal listed out of Chandigarh and Panchkula schools, on the Education World cover story. Bringing fresh energy, management expertise and inherited knowledge into today's ever evolving education ecosystem, Dr. Chitkara has joined this elite group of young, highly-qualified and business savvy Indian Edupreneurs (Education Entrepreneurs).

Dr. Niyati has also conducted many workshops on child development too. Her thoughts on school education were recently covered in QUEST-an initiative of The Indian Express. Print Media and Doordarshan have also covered as the Top Shot and Young Entrepreneur of Chandigarh respectively. She is instrumental in organizing a lot of Faculty & Management Development Programmes for the school fraternity of Chandigarh, Panjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana in association with Educational Leadership Centre, Chitkara University. She has organized Education Leadership Workshop for School Leaders on "Teaching makes a difference" inviting eminent mentors from Cardiff University. A similar workshop on Teacher Leadership Skills by Max Coates from The Institute of Education, University of London, was also organized by her. She was invited as one of the speakers in a panel discussion on Levelling the playing field: classroom technology for all at EduTech Asia 2016,

Singapore. Also she headed a 90-minutes round-table discussion on the topic: Shaping Portfolios for the Digital Learners at EduTech Asia 2016. Recently, Dr. Niyati Chitkara represented India in one of the International Leadership Exchange Program focusing on Adapting and Implementing CUL (Content and Language Integrated Learning). She represented Chitkara University in the first intra-consortium CLIL camp in Ciudad Real, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha University (UCLM), Spain. The kick off training meeting was held for Developing Content and Language Integrated Learning - Resource and Training Centre for a multilingual India (CLIL@India under the Erasmus+ Project).

Adding another bit to Dr. Niyati Chitkara's numerous achievement is 'Joining the Dots: what makes an innovative school?' an article written by her, published by Teacher Magazine (The International Education Magazine published by ACER- Australian Council For Educational Research) in its October-December 2017 issue. It talks about the International Best Practices for students. 'Digital School inside the School' is a cover Story of digital LEARNING magazine, March 2016 issue, written by Dr. Niyati Chitkara. The magazine also featured the coverage of "The Digital Education Summit" wherein CIS got awarded as one of the Best schools in India. She was also interviewed by Range Bahar, aired on channel 107.2 FM for her views on current educational practices.

She was invited as one of the key speakers in the panel discussion of Indian School Awards 2018 powered by Times of India and organized by Robochamps. The convention was centred towards technology education, apt gadgets and building innovative mindset among school students and sowing the seed of entrepreneurship right from the school years of a child.

Dr. Niyati Chitkara was the first one to partner with Canadian Early Childhood Development Programme in India with an intend to initiate the same at Chitkara International School. Also, for the same she ardently participated in teacher training workshop on early childhood programs organized by Maple Bear Education Pvt Ltd.

Under the assiduous umbrella of Dr. Niyati Chitkara, CIS received accreditation by the Quality Council of India (QCI) after being assessed and found to be complying with NAB ET requirement as per Accreditation Standard for Quality School Governance. The Accreditation Certificate was presented to her by Member of Parliament and CEO of NITI Aayog in the presence of more than 800 delegates. Chitkara International school has also been ranked as one of Top 3 schools in Chandigarh City Rankings amongst "Top Schools of India--Ranking 2016" by Digital Learning.

She is fervently instrumental in setting up an Office of International Affairs at School level and bridging it up with Chitkara University along with other universities across the globe. Currently, she is closely working with universities like Macquarie University, Australia, Vancouver Island University, Canada, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland and Deakin University, Australia.

India's leading human development magazine "Education World" covered the stand point of top 40 principles and higher Ed leaders on mending Indian education. Dr. Niyati Chitkara, being one of them marvellously articulated her lucid take on contemporary Education System along with suggesting ways and means to muddle through the empirical predicament that accosts Indian Education. She also shared her thoughts and her edifying journey through an interview on "Just Candid" by Chitkara Studio. Her constant efforts and undaunted strength helped the most prominent school of Chandigarh, CIS attain two times in the row the crown as one of the Top 50 Future Schools in India under the National category in Future 50 Schools Shaping Success award organised by University and Fortune India. Also, CIS achieved "School excellence award" at 5th National conference on teaching, learning and leadership organised by Brainfeed, one of the leading magazines targeting the entire education system. The school was awarded for best implementing PBL, infrastructure, innovative practices and influential brand school. She undertook many outreach programs to help community and sensitize students and teachers towards addressing issues concerning community development. She has also been a part of the student exchange programs with Government School, Dhanas and various health

programs initiated in nearby government schools to spread awareness about health and hygiene. Moreover, another felicitation on CIS was the district level Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2017 by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India under the initiative 'Swachh Bharat Swachh Vidyalaya' (SBSV). Member of the Lok Sabha and Indian actress Kirron Kher accorded this award to Dr. Niyati Chitkara. Recently she brought a big breakthrough for Chitkara International School, as through her constant hard work the school entered into the coveted League of Futuristic Schools of India 2018. Also, it got 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Acclamation' by ReTHINK INDIA, for Internationalisation of India's Education 2018 and Sir C V Raman Award for Applied Physics by ReTHINK INDIA for best Learning Ambience, deemed possible because of the efforts of Dr. Niyati Chitkara.

Under her leadership aspect, Chitkara International School has been awarded as "New India Champions" in the field of school education by rethink India. For incredible contributions in the field of education, Dr. Chitkara also received the title of "Progressive Principal of India" by rethink India. It is a pan India award conferred on Principals who are Progressive and have Innovative ideas at the core of the heart. Dr Chitkara has always made every endeavor to devise the educational framework of the school that suffices the appetite of students in the most creative way possible. It is because of her exemplary contribution and attributes like such that she was invited to a panel discussion at The IDA Connect Conference as a panellist among other notable members from institutions like IBM, Robomate, Shemford Group of Schools etc. The theme of the conference was 'Education 4.0: Reimagining & Transforming Learning Environments'. The discussion centred on various topics like curriculum and what the students learn, innovative pedagogies and how learners are taught. Dr Chitkara remarkably expressed her point across and carved a niche of progressive disposition.

Her constant focus on investing in the future of children through programs that deck them with skills and tools, directed CIS to fetch applauses for its best practice of "twining model- sharing of resources on environment and value culture" by Chandigarh Commission For Protection Of Child Rights (CCPCR). Under her aegis, CIS was also titled among India's Best 10 International Schools for 2018 by Knowledge Review Magazine in its October Issue.

Being an articulate and eloquent speaker, Dr Niyati Chitkara, addressed more than 175 international delegates from 18 different countries on the topic "Transformation in Education: Vision 2030" at International School Awards (ISA) 2018 ceremony and conference held at Dubai, UAE. She also enlightened more than 200 international delegates from 12 different countries, through her views on the topic "Teachers and School Education" at International School Awards (ISA) 2019 ceremony and conference held at Chitkara University, Punjab Campus. Apart from this, she also got featured in business sight magazine's July issue and Chitkara International School as one of the most trusted educational institutes of the year 2019.

Supporting her empowered leadership, one of the milestones achieved by her school was getting acknowledged by the Department of Education Chandigarh (U.T.) in association with PGIMER, Chandigarh and Indian Council of Medical Research under the School Health Accreditation Project (SHAP). After the rigorous assessment of 460 government and private schools by the team of assessors, Chitkara International School was found to be in the category of 'Platinum' (platinum being highest).

Dr Chitkara's steadfast approach towards the progress of her school and her consistent efforts to provide the best education and learning opportunities to the 21st-century learner, caught her certificate of appreciation conferred by the prestigious and leading organisation 'Education Today'. The award was to highlight the top 50 effective principals of the year 2019 for their exemplary contribution in the field of education.

Dr Niyati Chitkara is the most scrupulous leader as it is under her tutelage that every day thousands of minds are inspired and educated. She is indeed a true personification of leadership as she believes in assimilating a powerful value system in the students along with focusing on their academic and co-curricular excellence. Thus it is in the honour of this distinction that she was bestowed with the title 'Principal Par Excellence' by leading International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM).

Dr Niyati Chitkara, being one of the panelists, shared her thoughts on the topic 'Online Schooling or Online Learning', organised by Education Today magazine and published by Education News Network.

Calling attention to the major tectonic shift underwent by the education sector, amid COVID19, The Indian Express interviewed honourable Dr Niyati Chitkara to know about the solutions adopted by her to help tide over the challenge of pandemic. Voicing her opinion on the same, she asserted multi-model learning and hybrid teaching are the new face of education.

This speaks volumes of her commitment and her passion towards school education. Hereunder are a few of the links highlighting the achievements of Dr Niyati Chitkara.

Links:-

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