

The one-day workshop will bring together academics, policymakers and educators to reflect on recent developments in school and higher education in India. Drawing on UDISE+ and AISHE data, the workshop will examine key trends, emerging challenges and their implications for education policy and practice. The programme will include presentations and panel discussions, followed by a public lecture on the Indian diaspora.

Programme

10:00–11:15 am Inaugural Session

Welcome Address

Introductory Remarks

Keynote Address

Bheemeshwar Reddy A

Associate Professor, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad

11:15–11:30 AM Tea Break

**11:30 am–12:45 pm Panel Discussion I: Comments / Reflections on
UDISE/School Education trends**

Moderator Vijayabaskar M

Professor, MIDS

Panelists Divya Syam Sudheer Bandi

Communication Specialist, UNICEF, Chennai

S Shameem

Principal, District Institute of Education
and Training (DIET), Chennai

Jafar K

Assistant Professor, MIDS

Mrinalini Badrinarayan

Researcher, IIT Madras

12:45–1:45 pm Lunch Break

1:45–3:00 pm

**Panel Discussion II: Comments / Reflections on
AISHE / Higher Education trends**

Moderator Binod Khadria
 Former Professor, JNU

Panelists M P Vijayakumar, IAS (Retd.)
 Vice Chairperson, Tamil Nadu State Council
 for Higher Education

 Nelson Mandela S
 Assistant Professor, MIDS

 Suresh Babu M
 Director, MIDS

Concluding Remarks

3:00–3:30 pm

Tea Break

3:30 pm

**Public Lecture—Indian Diaspora through Turbulent Times:
Between the Matrix of Transnational and Subnational
Identities**

Chair Bernard D’Sami
 Senior Fellow, Loyola Institute of Social Science Training and
 Research (LISSTAR), Chennai

Speaker Binod Khadria
 Former Professor of Economics, JNU & President, Global
 Research Forum on Diaspora and Transnationalism (GRFDT)