

# Towards setting up school of tomorrow

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Chennai, Dec 8: iDiscoveri's 'School of Tomorrow' which aims at bringing innovative education witnessed thought leaders and educationists engaged in a stimulating discussion that could pave the way for progressive change in school education.

About 50 luminaries from the domain of education, corporate and business made their presence felt at the conference which was being held simultaneously in New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad and Chennai.

Speaking to the press in Chennai yesterday, Ramgopal Vallath, chief operating officer, 'iDiscoveri Education', said that 95 per cent of the schooling in the country were following the education system which took root 100 years ago.' While giving a brief description of their XSEED Living Knowledge System, he said, 'A vibrant learning culture happens in schools and the current education system has lot of frameworks available today to transform.' He said, 'In the present scenario we have to



**Ramgopal Vallath, chief operating Officer, iDiscoveri Education, Arun Jain, chairman and director Polaris, and Dr N Lijin, chairperson to Matriculation Schools, at a press meet in Chennai yesterday.**

evaluate a child for what he knows during the year so that one can support the child in his learning.'

'We cannot have a school of yesterday for the citizens of tomorrow. The old system of teaching in which the teachers teach and the students listen has to be changed. Instead of listening, the child has to do and experience the concept', added Vallath.

He said that thinking skills should be inculcated at the grassroots-level in which schools should focus on critical, analytical, communicative and collaborative thinking. There are around seven learning styles in

a class room and the schools should assess the child based on the learning style and they should support the teachers to take classes well to ensure a fair learning,' he added.

The speakers of the conference included professor Peter Senge from MIT Sloan School of Management, Professor David Perkins from Harvard University, Gurucharan Das, author and former CEO of Proctor and Gamble India and former President of India A P J Abdul Kalam. The conference would be webcast live across the four cities using internet and video conferencing technology.