



A Systems Approach to Making Schools HUMANE!

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## Key Strategy to Develop Student Agency Revealed

Hello everyone! Hope you all are doing great. You know, nowadays there is so much conversation around **student agency**. We, educators often think of strategies on "**How to build 'student agency'?**" or "**How do we as teachers make students 'active participants' to make this world more just and kind?**" Kiran Bir Sethi, takes up these questions in a candid conversation and provides us with the key strategy. Watch her video [here](#).



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## Happynings

Trainings | School Tours | Immersions

*Honoured to welcome Hon'ble Minister of Education, Grace Grace from Queensland*



It was our honour to welcome **Hon'ble Education Minister Grace Grace** and her 8 member team from Queensland and India to the Riverside school. She was delighted to meet our students, teachers, support staff, champions and parents who gave her a quick yet insightful peep into the **HumanE culture** and **I CAN mindset** that we are creating at Riverside every single day. While our students shared about **equity and excellence, collaboration and co-creation**, our educators shared about **DI/DA classroom practices** to foster inclusivity, shared leadership, insights on alumni data, ASSET results and more.

*DPS team takes with them the magic of hugs,  
and skills of cultural transformation*



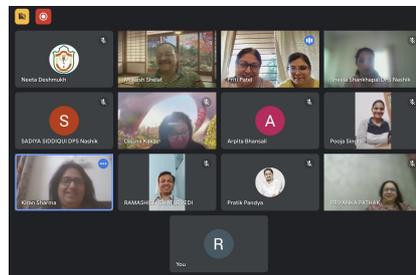
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The teachers shared, “we loved the culture and the relationships that have been built between teachers and students, and everyone on the campus. The smiles and hugs, and the fun experience were a highlight.”

A team of **10 educators** from **Delhi Public School Nashik, Varanasi and Lava Nagpur** visited RLC for an on-campus 5 day training programme. The educators observed various training **processes** at Riverside school, followed by expert talks, activities and challenges to ensure complete understanding of the programme. They felt confident to be able to challenge themselves with the processes they were introduced to and implement them in their respective schools.

**Introducing our unique  
Identity Curriculum to the  
DPS team**

A 2 day onboarding programme was organised on RLC’s unique **‘Identity Curriculum’** for a team of 10 educators from DPS schools. It is a bespoke curriculum developed by RLC through extensive research, iterations and implementation undertaken at the Riverside school.



Would you like to know what is Identity Curriculum? [Click here.](#)

*FAROS Vietnam team empowered with Teacher  
Agency  
and the ‘I CAN Mindset’ Tools*



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A power packed **3 day Edu-tour** was conducted for **18 school leaders and teachers** from across Vietnam, including a training for **5 master trainers** from FAROS, Vietnam. The group deep dived into Riverside school’s processes, workshops, interactions, challenges and experiences to take with them the teacher’s agency to empower their students with both ‘Content’ and ‘Character’. We can’t wait to see how this enables them to create an I CAN mindset.

*Three-Day Immersion on Teacher’s Agency was  
organised  
for Countryside International School, Surat*



A **3 day immersion** for a group of **15 teachers** from Countryside International School, Surat, was organised by RLC. The teachers engaged in **experiences, observations, debriefs, conversations and Q&A sessions** that helped them to understand teacher's agency. They were introduced to teacher preparedness, teacher being a facilitator, inclusivity, fostering an I CAN culture and relationships. The immersion would inspire them to bring a positive change in their school.

*Kindity team from Malaysia visited us again for a continued immersive experience*



The Kindity team visited us yet again with more members to get inspired and equipped to begin their own new venture in Malaysia. A **5 member team** immersed in the best practices and processes undertaken at Riverside during a 3 day immersion programme. **New members in the team were happily surprised by our students leading the school tours with sheer confidence.**

*I CAN Early Learning Center gearing up for its first academic year*



As our first **I CAN Early Learning Center** franchisee will begin its **first academic session from June '23**, eight educators from the center were trained on various processes on relationship building, how each day will look like, first few days of the children settling in, documentation, etc. Also, Early Childhood **Curriculum** specially designed by RLC was handed over to I CAN ELC educators for in depth reading, taking insights and setting the context for every session.

## School visits to get inspired by the 'I CAN' culture



### Specially curated immersion was organised for Radiant International School for Excellence (RISE), Nashik

A specially curated one-day immersion including a school tour, classroom observation and a conversation with school champion was organised for a two-member team from Radiant International School for Excellence. The objective was to experience the 'I CAN Culture' at the Riverside School.

### National Institute of Design students explored the role of Imaginative Play at Riverside School

3 students of Strategic Design Management, National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, explored the role of imaginative play in social and emotional development of preschool children. The students are undertaking early childhood development as a topic of their thesis.



### Our Partners Speak

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*"RLC training has helped mobilise our students and teachers with the belief that they can! Personally, the training has been transformative and inspirational."*

**Ms. Allie Cockburn**  
English Coordinator, Ivy Schools, Beijing

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9 countries | 55 schools | 177  
leaders

340 teachers | 40,000 students

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If you are a school or a startup who believe that children need to get a right start to their learning journey, building the strongest foundation on which the rest of their education will rest on - to eventually graduate as empowered, responsible, empathetic citizens of the world, then join us.

Riverside Learning Center (RLC), the research and training arm of The Riverside School, has recently launched the I CAN Early Learning Center Franchise Model - a thoughtfully designed Early Years programme based on Play, Inquiry and Skills, that takes inspiration from the proven practices of Riverside School's globally recognised I CAN approach to learning.

RLC is offering franchise partnerships to like-minded school-leaders, entrepreneurs and educators who believe in this vision for children. Please connect with us to know more.

## To become an **I CAN SCHOOL** [Click here](#)

“Do what you can to show you care about other people, and  
you will make our world a better place.”

- Rosalynn Carter