



World Teachers' Day Seminar Oct 05, 2025

"Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners"

International Seminar on World Teachers' Day 2025

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International Council for Education, Research and Training (ICERT), Pennsylvania,
USA

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On October 05, 2025, ICERT convened a global seminar in observance of World Teachers' Day, under the theme "Inspiring the Next Generation of Learners." The seminar brought together educators, researchers, and policymakers from across the globe to celebrate the teaching profession and explore strategies for inspiring the next generation in an evolving educational landscape.

Leadership & Distinguished Speakers

Role	Name	Affiliation
Chief Patron & Inaugural Address	Ms. Sonia McPherson	Global Education Influencer, ICERT Fellow
Keynote Speaker	Dr. Anahita Ghanad	Assistant Professor, Head of Master of Education, Veritas University College, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Keynote Speaker	Dr. Amila Gamage	Associate Professor, LIGS University, USA; International Trainer & Consultant, Singapore
Coordinator & Host	Dr. Chetna Gupta	Associate Professor, Government SPMR College of Commerce, Cluster University, Jammu, India

Global Participation

The seminar registered 944 participants, demonstrating a strong international footprint:

Region	Countries Represented
South Asia	India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan
West Africa	Nigeria, Ghana, Gambia, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire
East Africa	Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania
Southern Africa	South Africa, Eswatini, Namibia, Zimbabwe
North Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Sudan
Southeast Asia	Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, Singapore
Middle East	UAE, Jordan, Oman

Europe	United Kingdom, Ireland, Portugal, Italy, Sweden, Kosovo, Hungary, North Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Netherlands
North America	USA, Canada
Pacific	Fiji, Australia
Other	Costa Rica, Russia

Keynote Insights

Dr. Anahita Ghanad (Malaysia) addressed the evolving role of educators in the digital age, emphasizing that technology must serve pedagogy, not replace it. She highlighted the importance of culturally responsive teaching and the need for educators to model lifelong learning.

Dr. Amila Gamage (Singapore/USA) explored strategies for inspiring learners through emotional intelligence, authentic connection, and purpose-driven education. She emphasized that inspiring teachers create ripple effects that transform communities and shape generations.

Ms. Sonia McPherson delivered the inaugural address, calling on educators to reclaim the joy of teaching and to see themselves as architects of hope in an uncertain world.

Awards & Recognition

In keeping with the spirit of World Teachers' Day, the seminar recognized outstanding contributions to education. While no formal award ceremony was conducted during the seminar, ICERT reaffirmed its commitment to celebrating educators through its existing recognition programs, including the Global Educator Award and Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Global Educator Award, which honor teachers who exemplify excellence, innovation, and dedication to inspiring the next generation.

Key Outcomes

Outcome	Description
Global Educator Dialogue	944 participants from 40+ countries engaged in a shared celebration of the teaching profession
Intergenerational Inspiration	Discussions centered on how educators can inspire learners across generations in a rapidly changing world
Technology & Humanity	Keynotes emphasized that technology must enhance—not replace—the human connection at the heart of teaching
Cultural Responsiveness	The importance of culturally relevant pedagogy was underscored as essential for reaching diverse learners
Teacher Well-being	Implicit throughout was the need to support teacher well-being as foundational to inspiring students

Seminar Recording: Full Seminar: [Watch on YouTube](#)

HOW ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE ENABLES IT?

- **Messages:** Normalise unfinished work; show drafts beside finals; treat revision as scholarship.
- **Structures (Time & Assessment):** Require revision stages; timetable space for rework; keep standards high (grade the final).
- **Relationships (Belonging & Voice):** Specific, respectful, next-step feedback; recognise contribution and growth, not only rank.

Result: Confidence stabilises (evidence of progress) & resilience grows (planned recovery).

Ms Sonia Mcpherson

Dr. Anhalita and Dr. Amila, your contributions will undoubtedly enrich our discussion and inspire us to new heights.