

## “SHARING & LEARNING”

(27<sup>th</sup> Program)

**26<sup>th</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Leh, Ladakh**

“An innovative approach to Learn & improve quality education, leadership & administrative practices and implementing changes”



Mind Mingle **Sharing & learning** is a movement initiated by Mind Mingle team for creating opportunities for school leaders to learn the best educational practices from the most creative & top schools in India & abroad through practical school visits and group discussions. Hundreds of schools have been benefitted from this initiative.

The core of this educational initiative lies on sharing and learning. As we believe that every school/school leader follows some different excellent practices, some schools are good at ‘teacher retention’ some are good at ‘parent involvement’ some are doing great in ‘academics’ where some are good at ‘co-curricular activities’ and so on.

We believe that if every school starts to share its best practices with other schools, it will certainly bring an immense change and make every school equally good.

### Objectives:

- To make school leaders experience the various innovative practices being followed by the most creative & top schools of the country.
- To create an environment where school leaders can share with and learn from one another the best practices they have been implementing in their own schools.
- To help schools develop a good relationship with maximum schools for future educational collaborations

### This Four day program includes the following:

1. **Visits to two different schools:**
  - ✓ Druk White Lotus School: Best Architectural Educational building In India
  - ✓ Secmol School: A Place where students learn for life
2. **Sessions with the heads of ‘SECMOL’ & ‘Druk White Lotus School’**  
(Depends on Availability)
3. **Sharing of best Educational practices:**
  - ✓ An opportunity to present a 10 minute paper on the best educational practice of your school
4. **Unforgettable one in a life time experience of Sight Seeing at Ladakh**

## School Visits:

- **Druk white lotus school: World Architecture Awards as Best Education Building of the Year 2002**



DPKS is for those educators who are interested in ground breaking education and construction, the Dragon Garden project, and '**Rancho's school' (3 idiots film)**. The Druk White Lotus School is a small Buddhist school under the patronage of the Dalai Lama, and founded by His Holiness the 12th Gyalwang Drukpa in 1992. Enrolling nearly 500 local children, the school provides a modern education with a sound grounding in Ladakhi language, culture, and tradition

The overriding goal for the school was to provide flexible, high-quality teaching spaces in a sustainable building that takes advantage of local sustainable building materials and appropriate building technologies (traditional and modern). It won **World Architecture Awards in 2002 as Best Education Building of the Year**, Best Green Building of the Year, and Regional Winner—Asia

The school has been designed to optimize use of natural resources such as solar radiation, shading, and natural ventilation. The school's toilets use a "ventilated improved pit" system, considered an important and affordable breakthrough for improving sanitation in developing countries. The system uses no water but has a solar-driven flue to eliminate smells and insects.

**Awards:** The International Architecture in Stone Award, 2013, The Emirates Glass LEAF Awards, 2012 for 'Best Sustainable Development', 'Test of Time: Environmental' Award from the British Council for School Environments, 2012, Design for Asia Grand Award, 2009, Award for 'Inspiring Design - International' from the British Council for School Environments, 2009, Australian National Association of Women in Construction, 2005, Sinclair Knight Merz Award for Achievement in Development, British Consultants and Construction Bureau - International Expertise Awards, 2003, World Architecture Awards, 2002, Best Asian Building, Best Education Building, Best Green Building

The school was featured in a 2007 episode of the PBS series Design e2, Cisco Systems "Human Network" advertisement as well as the Aamir Khan movie 3 Idiots.

- **SECMOL School – A place where children learn for life**



The Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL) was founded in 1988 by a group of young Ladakhis with the aim to reform the educational system of Ladakh.

In 1998, 95% of Ladakhi students failed the state 10th class exams every year, so SECMOL realized that it was necessary to change the educational system. In 1994 SECMOL launched the **Operation New Hope movement to improve education in Leh District**, in collaboration with the Education Department, the local government and the village community members. In 2007, SECMOL had to pull out of school reform.

Their activities include working to reform the government school system, helping village students in their education, awakening youth to the problems stemming from inappropriate and insensitive schooling, producing related videos and radio programmes, and designing and building solar-heated eco-friendly buildings.

The campus is maintained, and to a large degree run, by the students themselves on a democratic basis. **The Game Changer Award was presented to Sonam Wangchuk by The HR Club on Feb 7, 2015 for bringing about educational reforms in Ladakh**

SECMOL runs a residential program for about 50 such children every year to tutor them to re-appear for this exam. **SECMOL is also writing culturally appropriate language and science books for the primary schools of Ladakh**

The curriculum is designed in such a way that most of their learning is 'self-learning'. **The school also tries to follow a 100% sustainable model and how they have implemented it is marvelous.**

The school building is constructed largely using a combination of mud and clay. This helps in temperature regulation within the rooms/spaces. For cooking, the campus uses biogas. On days when sunlight cannot be depended on for electricity, they have a back up of solar batteries which are charged when sunshine is abundant. The conserved electricity is used on dull, cloudy days. The students learn to handle the whole machinery and they are solely responsible for remembering to switch on the battery, diagnose problems, if any, and attempt to set them right.

A day in the life of a SECMOL student is designed to be as rich as possible, with the **curriculum having a mix of academics and life skills**. In a nutshell, the students of SECMOL are exposed to overall and complete learning. Not only are they focusing on their academic studies, they are also being groomed to become responsible citizens capable of handling the real world, and more importantly to have innovative solutions and ideas for situations around them

### **Sharing of best Educational practices of Participating Schools:**

- An opportunity to share your expertise with other participants and to know about the expertise of others: Since this is a gathering of educational practitioners, here group discussions are really meaningful.
- Ten participating schools with some best/unique educational practices (chosen by Team Mind Mingle) will get opportunity to present a 10 minute paper. Every school is unique with at least one educational practice; why not take an advantage to learn from the people like yourself and to share what you are good at?

### **Local sightseeing:**



### **Accommodation:**

- Comfortable stay on Double sharing basis at a Luxury hotel



**Program Dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**Number of Seats:** 25 seats (First come basis)

### **Investment:**

**INR 45,000/- per person-with accommodation on double sharing basis\***  
**INR 14,000/- extra in case participant needs non-sharing accommodation**  
(\*Double sharing rooms are limited and will be subjected to availability)

### **The Program fee includes the following:**

- Four night accommodation during the Program on twin sharing basis.
- Transport (A/C buses) for visiting the schools
- Lunch, Dinner & Breakfast during the program
- Stationery

### **Fee Doesn't Include:**

- Any expenses of personal nature such as tips, portage, telephone, beverages etc.
- Airport transfer
- Breakfast on 26<sup>th</sup> September & Dinner on 30<sup>th</sup> September (in case of early arrivals or late departure)
- Any other item not included under the "Cost includes" column

### **Special NOTE:**

- Meant for School Principals, Owner Managers and administrators only.
- Group Size: 25 ( First come basis)
- Please study about the schools we are going to visit **before confirming your participation.**

### **Cancellation:**

- In case of a cancellation 30 days before the commencement of the event 100% fee will be refunded
- In case of a cancellation less than 30 days prior to the commencement of the event 50% of the total fee will be refunded
- In case of a cancellation less than 15 days prior to the commencement of the event, no fee will be refunded.

### **Registration:**

A scanned copy of a duly filled Registration form has to be mailed to [chetan@mindmingle.org](mailto:chetan@mindmingle.org)

The Participation will be confirmed once the duly filled registration form is received along with Cheque/Demand Draft favoring "Mind Mingle Education" payable at New Delhi, should be sent to: "Mind Mingle, B-101, Lower Ground Floor, next to vardaan hospital, Malviya nagar, New Delhi- 110017".

### **Online Payment Details:**

Name: Mind Mingle Education

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### **Information Source:**

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### **Testimonial Sharing & Learning Program:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ffPSYV2yDI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HrCgMILbK10>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMmBaiN3HJ8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tnb0UhpJ7w>