



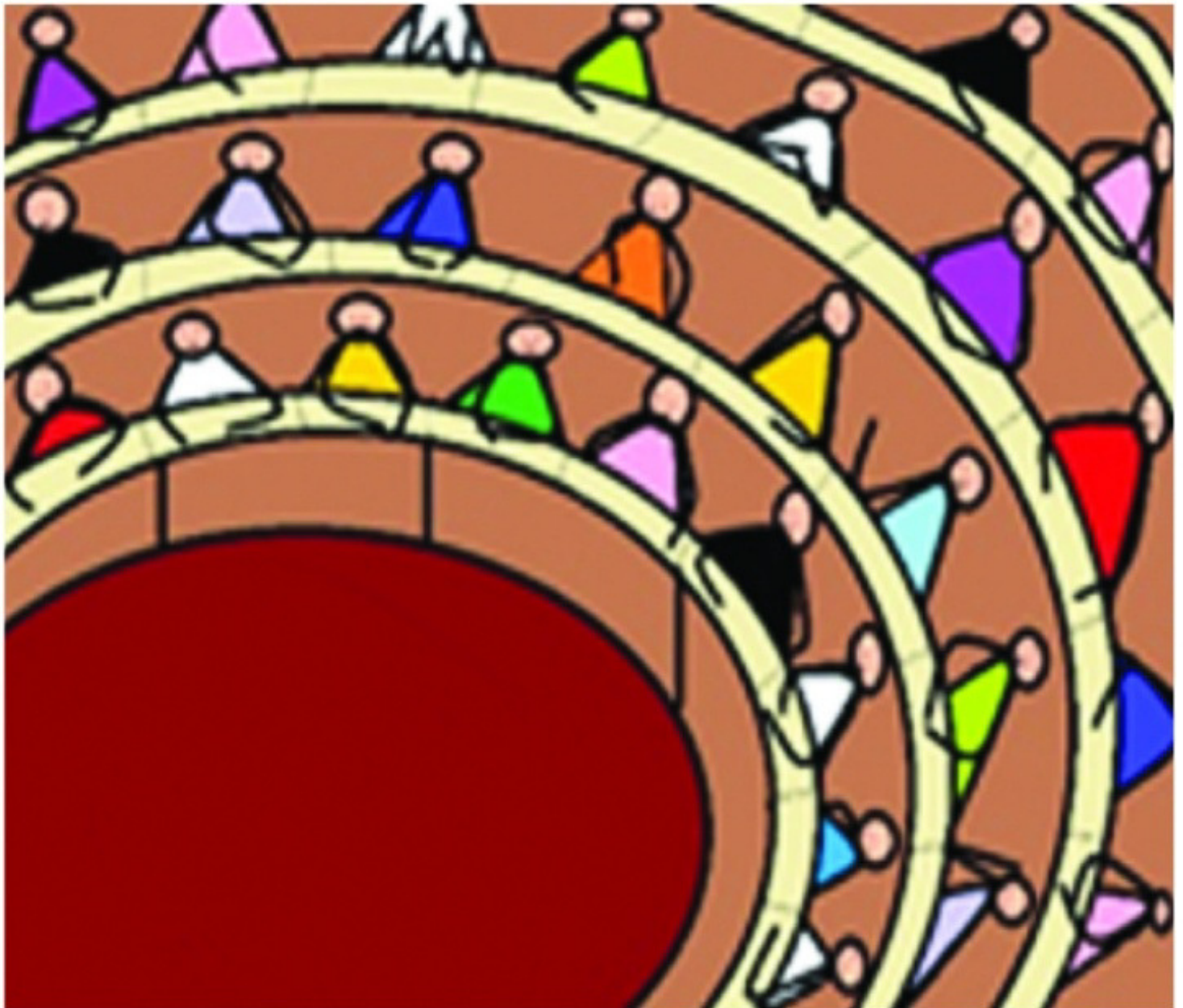
SINTHANAI SANGAMAM

Symposium on Education

FEB 20-21, 2018

CONVENTION HALL,

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY



ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

Azim Premji Foundation is a not-for-profit organization working towards a vision of a just, equitable, humane and sustainable society. We are working with the government education system to support the cause of universal quality education through teacher professional development, education leadership and management, research and advocacy. We are happy to bring to you Sinthanai Sangamam – the third annual symposium on education in Puducherry.

Important Dates

Stages	Date
Sending your nominations	Jan 26, 2018
Submitting papers / posters / scripts	Feb 5, 2018
Intimation to selected entries	Feb 10, 2018
Sending presentations, stage requirements, final videos	Feb 15, 2018

Participation

- Entries can be submitted by individual participants or teams of up to four members.
- The Symposium will be a great opportunity for students and educators to meet like minded people in their field.
- Teams selected for presentation at the symposium will receive a certificate of participation.
- The papers presented at the symposium will be published in the Symposium booklet.
- Educators selected for the final presentations can also attend the teacher workshops on Feb 22 (Illustrative topics - Storytelling, Math games, Classroom management, School improvement).

Selection of entries

Entries will be selected based on relevance, clarity, depth, originality and creative expression. Selection of entries from students, faculty and practitioners will be conducted separately.

Travel and stay

Accommodation will be arranged for presenters from institutions outside Puducherry. Bus / train travel fares will be reimbursed.

THEMES FOR UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

A. Educational Thinkers

Analyze the ideas of educational thinkers on any of the following sub-themes.

1. Nature vs nurture - How they impact learning and what it means for educators.
2. Equity in education - Impact of social disadvantage on learning and its remedies.
3. Construction of knowledge - What science is telling us about how children learn and why education needs to change.
4. The autonomy of the learner vs extrinsic rewards and punishments - The philosophical and pedagogical basis.
5. Arts in education - How the head, heart and hand go together in education.

B. Stories of scientific discoveries

Understanding science as a process of thinking rather than accumulation of scientific facts.

C. Folk Literature

Rediscovering folk / regional stories and songs for children.

D. Connecting Math to life

Connecting school Math to real life situations and problems.

E. Multiple perspectives in History

Looking at the multiple perspectives in school history.

Formats of presentation

- Paper presentations (upto 5000 words)
- Posters (upto 400 words),
- Short films or plays (upto 15 mins)

Posters, films and plays need to be accompanied by a writeup not exceeding 3000 words. The writeups should include examples and illustrations wherever possible. Entries can be submitted in Tamil or English.

THEMES FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATORS

Approach papers, lesson plans, classroom resources or reflections from practice on any of the following themes:

A. Schools as learning communities

1. Schools with a vision
2. Nurturing a learning community
3. Teacher professional development and collaboration
4. Community - school partnerships

B. Language, Arts and Social Sciences

1. Developing interest in reading
2. Acquiring competence in English
3. Arts for holistic development
4. Developing historical thinking

C. Science and Math

1. Connecting Math to life
2. Inquiry-based methods in Science teaching

D. Supporting learners

1. Classroom culture
2. Supporting struggling learners
3. Social-emotional learning

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- Paper presentations (upto 5000 words)
- Posters (upto 400 words)
- Videos (upto 15 mins)

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Contact us :

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