



## Central Square Foundation's High Potential Nurturance Conclave

The High Potential Nurturance Conclave, organized by Central Square Foundation in New Delhi, convened over 70 stakeholders—including policymakers, educators, donors, and students—to explore how to effectively nurture high-potential students through equitable and rigorous systems.

**Dr. Anagha Lavalekar (Director- JPIP) participated as a panellist in discussion, titled 'Designing Advanced Pathways for High Potential Students.'** It was moderated by Dr. Jayshree Oza (CSF), other panellists were: Dr. Anupama Ambika Anilkumar (Lodha Genius Programme - Ashoka University), Sapna Shah (Project RISE, Akanksha Foundation) and Vishnuteerth Agnihotri (GenWise).

The conclave marked the launch of two books, '*The Long Bet*' and '*The Constant & The Variable*'. The first book documents practices from organisations across India that have built sustained pathways for high-potential students, **Jnana Prabodhini and Jnana Prabodhini's Institute of Psychology are included in it as being the pioneering organizations in this workspace.** The latter book draws on journeys from the mathematical Olympiad ecosystem to illustrate how the right conditions enable talent to flourish across contexts.

In his keynote, Gurcharan Das, author and public intellectual, underscored that nurturing exceptional talent must be rooted in equity, transparency, and meritocracy to benefit society broadly, especially the most disadvantaged.

Case studies from CSF's STEM Accelerator showcased practical models for embedding high-rigor learning within public school systems through after-school programs, demonstrating both strong student engagement and implementation challenges.

Other panels covered following topics:

- Building Ecosystems of Support for High Potential Students - moderated by Rohini Kaul (Kantar India Foundation) and featured Anoop Maurya (Bharat Navodaya Abhiyan; National Law Scholars Program), Arati Nagaraj (Abhyudaya, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research), Atreyi Saha (Avasara Academy), Kiran Modi (Udayan Care; Udayan Shalini Fellowship) and Panchali Dutta (Avanti Fellows)

- The Way Forward - moderated by Saurabh Chopra (CSF) with Sh. K. S. Upadhyay (Government of NCT of Delhi), Lakshmi Kumar (Avasara Academy) and Vandana Goyal (Avanti Fellows).

The conclave concluded with a call for stronger public-private partnerships, positioning public education systems as key platforms for scaling the nurturance of high-potential students.

