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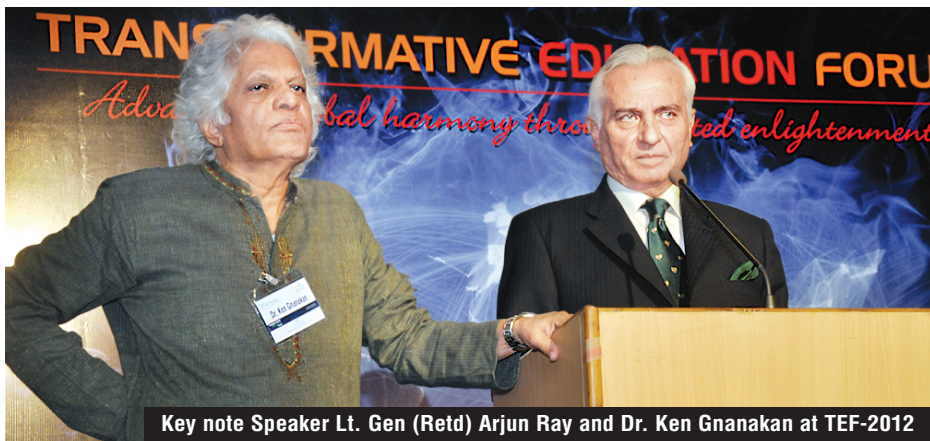
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## TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION FORUM (TEF) 2012

### IMPACTS THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF EDUCATION WORLD



Key note Speaker Lt. Gen (Retd) Arjun Ray and Dr. Ken Gnanakan at TEF-2012

**BRAJ KISHOR GUPTA**

**Bangalore:** The Transformative Education Forum (TEF) deserves kudos for spear heading an International Conference (GCF-TEF, 2012) at the Alliance de Francaise, Bangalore. The Conference was hosted in India from 13-15 Sep by Dr. Ken Gnanakan, Co Chair of the TEF and organized by the GCF Foundation of Geneva, Switzerland, a unique Organization of think tanks, research centers and academic institutions with the goal of contributing to the much-needed resolution of existing and future global challenges. The Event was well coordinated by Dr. Moses Satralkar, a dynamic Coordinator- GCF in close association with Santosh Gnanakan, CEO, ACTS Group of Institutions.

In view of the overall thrust of the Global Challenges Forum (GCF), one of the objectives of TEF was to integrate the global concern for sustainability through educational initiatives. The TEF 2012 theme was: "Transformative Education for Sustainable Development." The platform witnessed an intense debates, discussions and deliberations on various issues relating to sustainability such as community education, environment, poverty, health, spirituality, family with an emphasis on women/children and other related issues in the wider

context of education. In particular, educators currently dealing with education at both local and global levels through the implementation of innovative and effective education programs were featured as speakers, panelists or facilitators in the TEF program.

The Conference was well attended by over 120 delegates including leaders, Heads of institutions, Educators and a cross-spectrum of stakeholders representing Education, Research, Business, Media and IT industry from across the country. The conference was also attended by some educational leaders from the United States, United Kingdom, Geneva, South Africa, Jordan, Ghana and India. The presentations and discussions were interactive and stimulating. There were healthy discussions throughout, with a strong consensus voiced by the international audience on the need for such a global forum addressing educational challenges. TEF in India was successful in sharing best practices, effective case studies, discussing the current scenario and outlining recommendations with a view to voicing public concern, promoting the culture of collaboration and influencing institutional/public policies and future of the educational leadership in India. There was a mutual consensus that highlighted the growing significance for such a forum for nation building. There were constructive group discussions on the meaning and

applications of TEF Principles and themes necessary for sustainable development.

The main speakers for this year's Conference included Hon. Mumtaz Ali Khan (Member of Legislative Council and Former Cabinet Minister of Karnataka); Lt. Gen (Retd) Arjun Ray, (Chief Executive, Indus Trust); Dr Ken Gnanakan (Founder President, ACTS and Co-Chair TEF), Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez (Provost, MAC University USA and Dean, Geneva Institute of Leadership and Public Policy), Dr. Daniel Warner (Director, Centre for International Governance, Geneva) Hon. Hal. Jones (Founder President, Global Hope Network International, Geneva); Kevin Mattinson (Pro Vice Chancellor, Community and Partnerships and Head of Teacher Education, Keele University, UK); Shaheen Mistry and Maureen Ferry (Founder CEO and Director Training, Teach for India), Dr. Rajendra Joshi (Head Mission 10 X Research Centre, Wipro Technologies), Dr. Prasad Reddy (Acting Vice Chancellor, Andhra University) and Dr. A. K. Agarwal (Prof. School of Health Sciences, IGNOU).

The Conference commenced with a powerful keynote address by Lt. Gen (Retd) Arjun Ray who spoke on leadership for sustainable development. His efforts for transformative education in the past and compelling lead-

ership ideas appealed to all the delegates. Gen Ray outlined the various challenges facing India's education scenario, the statistics were disturbing. He mentioned that good governance was one of the key factors by which India could promote community based education, overcome socio-economic challenges including poverty and illiteracy, and integrate alienated communities into the nation's mainstream. He also voiced his concern that the Right to Education Act was being opposed by many educators themselves! He was quite emphatic about the fact that the Nation must learn to invest only on Education. The Hon.

Mumtaz Ali Khan stressed in particular on the urgency for providing education for minorities. He gave various examples of how education could bring about transformation in different communities in society. The views only reinforced the crying need for able leadership, Government reforms and transformative policies for sustainable development, all this being the need of the hour in India.

Dr. Ken Gnanakan, the visionary TEF Co Chair, called the integrated approach essential for overcoming real life situations, challenges and problems. His philosophy of integrated learning has sustained reforms in education practices in both schools and colleges. Dedicated efforts and many projects undertaken by the ACTS group of institutions, over three decades are evident of how education can ensure social welfare for the underprivileged, across the country. Dr. Daniel Warner explicated

the twelve TEF principles elucidated by TEF to help define a novel system of education for the 21st century. These are significant as a reference for educational practices in India. Dr. Kathaleen Reid-Martinez presented her case-study on cross-cultural education, highlighting that education can bridge barriers between cultures, communities and nations in today's global village; She also discussed the emerging need for Peace education for conflict resolution and the prime focus of education to develop, nurture spiritual awareness and values in children as well as adult learners. The Hon. Hal Jones explained the process of sustainable development and provided guidelines for this process in India. His heart cried for the poor of the world. Kevin Mattinson stressed on the need for fostering international partnerships, student-faculty exchange

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**FBS presents India's first National Award on Scientific Temperament**

## The Budding Scientist Award -2012

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