

SAI Thought Leadership

Our Thought Leader...

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PREAMBLE

The raison d'être of education goes beyond the mere utility of knowledge and focuses primarily on developing the next generation of leaders. Qualitative and progressive education forms the very crux on which the development of a nation rests upon. It is a powerful agent of change as it possesses the ability to transform lives and equip the gen X with tools to become better human beings. With the ever evolving and fleeting time, the knowledge base that served us well in the bygone era brought about a diffidence that refrained us from venturing beyond the little black conventional boxes that we have carved for ourselves. The need of the hour is to bring about a paradigm shift of thoughts to hone the 21st century skills, combined with digital competency that enables individuals to flourish in a world that evolves with breakneck speed.

THE WHY & HOW OF SAI THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

The wave of adversities and uncertainties brought by the pandemic made it imperative to reflect upon the status quo of education. Thus, the call of the day to embark on a journey towards creating a robust education system which empowers and gives the wings to fly, intrepidly into a new tomorrow was obligatory. One of the strongest pillars that determines the growth of a nation is quality education as it is solely responsible to erect conscientious thought leaders to be the agents of change who possess the passion to transform, aid and develop the nation. The genesis of SAI Thought Leadership took shape with the vision to inspire leaders who have withstood the test of time, armed with a heightened sense of equanimity.

SAI International, as one of the leading schools of India, our prime focus is to bring about a radical change in the education dimension by fostering a community of educators, parents, students and institutions, in a bid to make education more relevant in these changing times. Subsequently, the need to grapple with the unexpected and disruptive changes brought about in the line of education demands our unswerving attention. Therefore, in accordance with the National Education Policy, the conception of the "SAI Thought Leadership" proved to be an empirical stance, as our pursuit is to enrich leaders that can hold the reins of an ever changing tomorrow rather than create inert repositories of knowledge.

The SAI Thought Leadership is a vital learning platform where luminaries, each a leader of prominence and trend setter in their own field, engage in deliberation on a plethora of relevant issues and subjects with a focus on the development of the nation. The erudite speakers, via their deeply enriching talks will not just develop civic competence, regulate thought processes but act as pathfinders and problem solvers. Each session will be followed by a stimulating face to face conversation between the esteemed speaker and Dr. Bijaya Kumar Sahoo, the Founder of the SAI International Education Group. The SAI Thought Leadership is an excellent occasion where the keynote speakers show a sense of solidarity, to give something back to society, by playing an integral part that leads to enrichment of the audience.

Shri Subroto Bagchi

Shri Subroto Bagchi is currently the Chairman of Odisha Skill Development Authority, a full-time role he has accepted in 2016, at the invitation of the Chief Minister of Odisha, in the rank and status of a Cabinet Minister, at an annual salary of Rupees 1.

His present assignment involves creating employable skills for 1.5 million youth by 2024, mostly school dropouts, harmonising the various skill initiatives of the Government.

He has led the creation of a brand called Skilled-in-Odisha. Under his overall stewardship, Odisha's ITI institutions today are ranked among the best in India. The State has earned India's first gold medal at World Skills Competition. Odisha had the second highest medal tally in India Skills 2019 and is the best performing State for the DDU-GKY programme of Government of India for three years in a row. Odisha will soon be home to World Skill Centre, an iconic institution, in technical collaboration with ITEES, Singapore.

In March 2020, Shri Bagchi was appointed as the Chief Spokesperson for the Government of Odisha on the COVID-19 pandemic and soon became a household name across all corners of the state.

Prior to his work with the Government of Odisha, Shri Bagchi spent four decades with the Indian IT industry where he is best known as a co-founder of Mindtree, with one of the coolest job titles in the whole of IT industry - Gardener. His role was to nurture the top-100 leaders of Mindtree, expanding the leadership capacity beyond the founding team. He stepped down from Mindtree as its Executive Chairman in 2016 to work for the Government of Odisha. Today, Mindtree employs more than 22000 people globally and has a market cap in excess of US \$ 3 Billion.

Shri Bagchi has been a prolific writer with best-sellers like The High-Performance Entrepreneur, Go Kiss the World, The Professional, MBA at 16, The Elephant Catchers and SELL to his name. Each one of his books spell out rules for success, drawing on the lessons from the lives of professionals and entrepreneurs. Through a combination of engaging anecdotes from his experiences that are witty, entertaining, and insightful, his notes of observations hit home with everyone.

His latest book SELL received the CK Prahalad Award for the Best Business Book of 2018. The fact that his books have been translated in all major Indian languages as well as Chinese and Korean, speaks of the quality of his works.

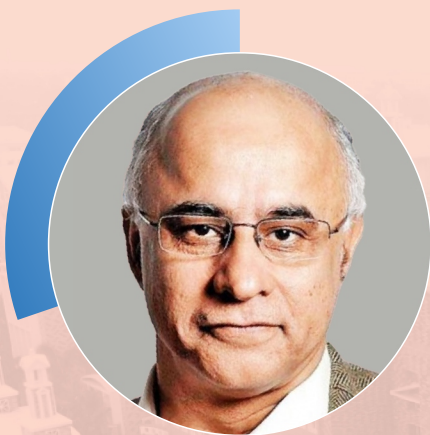
Shri Subroto Bagchi has been inducted into the Order of Engineers by the University of Florida and honoured for his contributions in Management and Information Technology by the Utkal University with an Honorary Doctorate in Literature and by the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology with an Honorary Doctorate in Science.

Shri Bagchi has served on the boards of IIM Bengaluru, Indian Oil, IIIT Bhubaneswar and is currently serving on the Board of Governors of the Software Technology Parks of India.

Shri Bagchi and his writer wife Susmita support the cause for prevention of blindness, mental health, geriatric care and school education towards which they have pledged their personal resources and time.

Moving the Mountains: Managing Crisis

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In Conversation



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