

CEO's Message March 2023

The **Indus Training and Research Institute** (ITARI) was setup in 2009. The overall aim of the Institute remains unchanged – to train pre-service teachers in international education to meet the demands of the innovation economy. Every year about 75-100 students graduate with a Post Graduate Diploma (PGDIE) in International Education. This postgraduate diploma is accredited by the Birmingham City University. In addition, ITARI also conducts a Master Degree in Education from the Birmingham City University. Of these, the best are selected for Indus schools. To give you an idea of the scale, nearly 50 % teachers in Indus Bangalore are ITARI graduates.

With the addition of Indus Altum International School in Belagavi, and 10 X International School, four key initiatives have been launched recently.

First, the **capacity of the PGDIE** course is being increased to 150-175.

Second, five **research scholars** have been selected to conduct research in various topical areas of future education.

Three, three **Centres of Excellence** have been set up in ITARI – Accelerated Learning, Learning Design, and Future Education Research.

Four; a **Metaverse Lab** for Extended Reality and Game-based Learning is being set up in ITARI. The Lab will do action-research in how metaverse technologies can benefit K12 education.