



Talk: Exceptional Performance of Finnish school System

Speaker:

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Abstract:

The Finnish school system has been attracting a lot of attention in recent years as a result of the exceptional performance of Finnish students on international standardised tests. The reasons for such performance are not obvious at first glance. The Finnish model seems to turn conventional wisdom on high-performing school systems on its head. Finland spends less on their education as a percentage of GDP than any other country in Scandinavia. Their class days are not long, they do not monitor teachers or schools, they do not have rigid teacher accountability, there are no standard tests and yet their children and schools perform the best. Why? This presentation is an attempt to answer these questions through my observations and experiences during my visit to Finland.

A Note on the Speaker:

Anurag Behar is the Vice Chancellor of Azim Premji University and CEO of Azim Premji Foundation. He has been closely involved with efforts to improve education in India for the past ten years. He has earlier played leadership roles in business as the CEO of Wipro Infrastructure Engineering and has also led Wipro's investments in two strategic diversifications in to environment related areas – in the Clean Energy and Water sectors. Anurag has served on the Board of Wipro GE Healthcare Ltd. He is a member of the Board of the TERI University. He serves on various government & industry councils, such as with the Planning Commission's higher education group, with the CII's National Climate Change Council. He is a member of the Corporate Executive Council of Wipro Limited and continues to provide leadership to the social and ecological initiatives of Wipro Ltd.