

# On Values for Global Citizenship: At the VEDA School Principal Summit 2025

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On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025, Dr. Bindu Saini, Principal of S.B. Patil Public School, participated as an esteemed speaker at the VEDA School Principal Summit 2025, organised by EduDrone and DejaVeda Edu Training Foundation in Pune. The exclusive meet brought together visionary school leaders to deliberate on the theme of Value Education — the moral compass of modern learning.

Dr. Saini's session, EDUTALK: Pearls of Wisdom, focused on Values for Global Citizenship – Respect, Tolerance, and Universal Ethics. In her address, she emphasised that value education lies at the heart of India's educational transformation, stating that “education without values is like a body without a soul.” Quoting from the guiding principles of NEP 2020, she reiterated that education must develop not just cognitive but also social, ethical, and emotional capacities — placing character building above mere academic performance.



She shared how the vision of NEP 2020 to make India a global knowledge superpower can only be realised through nurturing ethical global citizens — individuals who possess empathy, respect for diversity, and a sense of shared responsibility. “Global citizenship,” she said, “is not about losing one's roots, but understanding the world with compassion. Humanity is our first identity.”

Dr. Saini highlighted how S.B. Patil Public School embodies this vision by weaving respect, tolerance, and ethics into every layer of its curriculum. The school's motto, Values are not taught but caught, comes alive through daily meaningful assemblies, inclusive learning experiences, and community-driven projects. She elaborated on the school's RICHEST value framework and its Open Door Policy that ensures transparency and collaboration among all stakeholders.



From initiatives such as Bagless Days, Roots & Shoots Eco-Programme, Nav Saksharata Abhiyan, and Swachh evam Harit Vidyalaya to cultural and linguistic celebrations like Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, Hindi Diwas, Marathi Bhasha Week, and Sanskrit Week, the school fosters responsibility, empathy, and cultural appreciation. Dr. Saini also spoke of the school's efforts towards environmental consciousness through campaigns like Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, waste segregation, and e-waste drives — and the Institution of Happiness initiative that nurtures emotional well-being.

She further mentioned the school's collaboration with the Rotary Club through its Interact Club, promoting community service and respect for diversity. Teachers, she said, play a crucial role as value mentors. At S.B. Patil Public School, they are trained through SEL and inclusive education workshops, quality circles, and action research under KHOJ: A Journey towards Knowledge through Hypothesis and Observation.

Concluding her address, Dr. Saini remarked, "It's easier to grow strong children than to repair broken adults. Schools must work towards sustainable practices that create global citizens who live in peace — with themselves, their community, and the world." Her message resonated deeply with the audience, reaffirming that peace, empathy, and shared humanity are the true measures of education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.