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Dr. Sujata Sriram has been in the field of higher education for over three decades. She is currently the Dean at School of Human Ecology at TISS and has also taught at Delhi University. In TISS, she was part of the team that set up iCALL, the psychosocial helpline that offers counselling services over telephone and email. She enjoys teaching and research. She was awarded the Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Fellowship, 2010-11, at the Department of Anthropology at the University of California San Diego.

She is eternally curious and enjoys trying to find out what makes people tick. Her areas of research interest are many. In 2017, she completed a study on stress among students in coaching centers in Kota,

Rajasthan, commissioned by the District Administration, Kota. The study was titled Stress among students in Kota, Rajasthan: A systemic analysis. with the Family Courts Mumbai on Marital dissolution through family court: Data trends and individual experiences. She along with a colleague have just completed a project titled Narratives Landscapes of Covid-19 - Storied Experiences of Older Adults in India.

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Dr Amit Sen is a co-founder of Children First and has been practicing child psychiatry for over 25 years. He proudly believes that he has ADHD. As a child, Dr. Sen started by wanting to become a bus driver, changed to a doctor at an epiphanous moment, was driven to become a footballer through adolescent years, dreamt of being a rock star during medical college days till he realized that he had no talent for it, and finally reconciled to become a doctor after all. After finishing medicine from AFMC Pune, he went to NIMHANS Bangalore for an MD in Psychiatry and had a blast for the next 3 years. A longish stint in Newcastle UK made him serious about life and proud of his country. Besides growing his family, he managed to get another 2 qualifications, one of them

being in child and adolescent psychiatry. Working with children, the football and rock music, dreams and aspirations, have all come together for him. Through the myriads of magical and fulfilling experiences, Dr Sen feels that he has developed empathy over the years and can connect to children and their families. In doing so, he hopes to make a difference, however little, in their lives.

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Ms. Revathi Srinivasan is a passionate educationist with over 30 years of experience in school education leads one of the premier schools in the country Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhanian School, Thane. With specializations in Economics, History and Management and leadership, she is also a trained Early Childhood educator. Her penchant for creative pedagogies, designing a thinking curriculum has led to many innovations in her schools and also recognition from IIM - A and the University of Aalborg, Denmark. Her emphasis is on laying the foundation that brings joy in learning for every child.

Her work in Primary and Early childhood has been primarily to create a culture of joy in learning in a caring and conducive environment. Her approach has helped her school develop its own curriculum that is not only creative but also child-centric, activity based and skill and competencies based.

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Dr. Saigeetha Jambunathan's research interest is in the areas of developmentally appropriate practices, teacher beliefs about the use of developmentally appropriate practices, cross-cultural comparisons of parenting attitudes and children's perception of self-competence. She has presented papers in many international and national conferences in this area and has also published in many refereed journals. She has carved a niche for herself in the area of developmentally appropriate practices and teacher beliefs about DAP. More recently, she has started researching in the areas of financial literacy, ethical decision making

among early childhood teachers, leadership skills among children and development of culturally relevant assessments for the identification of gifted and talented children in India. She has conducted many workshops for teachers in India and the US.

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