1 million of Earth's 8 million species face extinction*

80% of the progress towards SDGs will be undermined by current negative trends in biodiversity and ecosystem services*

25% OF CHILDREN BETWEEN 13 AND 15 IN INDIA HAVE SOME FORM OF MENTAL ILLNESS

*IPBES 2019
Anxiety, depression & suicides among young people rising globally

Intolerance & violent extremism growing

Global wicked problems such as climate change & migration increasing

Cost of Education increasing exponentially & now a private good & no longer a social good
If we know what’s wrong, why do we still do it, humans?
We are confronted with competing choices. Rationality says what we must do. But yet, we don't do it.
Conditions of stress

Continuous fight within oneself

Perpetual downward spiral continues
How do we break it?
Is Education the solution?

Competitive predatory behaviour

Zero sum game assessments
EDUCATION SYSTEMS:
REGIMENTED & INSTRUMENTALIST BY NATURE

- ROTE MEMORIZATION
- ONE SIZE FITS ALL
- LISTEN DON’T QUESTION
- TEACHERS KNOW IT ALL
- COMPETITIVE PITCHING AGAINST EACH OTHER
- MATERIAL WEALTH & PROSPERITY A KEY GOAL
- STATIC
A newer form of education is required. One that includes Emotional Intelligence.
The rational brain

The emotional brain
WE NEED A NEW APPROACH: ONE BASED ON SCIENCE AND EVIDENCE

WHOLE BRAIN APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Critical Inquiry

Sociomotor Learning (Empathy, Compassion, Mindfulness)
A WHOLE BRAIN APPROACH Process
We need to train the brain to tease out those empathy neurons to motivate behavioural change.

Social & Emotional Learning (Empathy, Compassion, Mindfulness – EMC)

At MGIEP, we call it “Firing the Gandhi Neurons”
Takeaways

Trade-offs and cognitive dissonance is the grounded reality

Emotional Intelligence is critical to navigate the dissonance

Our education systems have to be transformed to develop emotional intelligence using a whole brain approach.
Call to action

Mainstreaming SEL education

Consolidate ESD, GCED, PE, HRE, STEAM etc. into an education for human flourishing.
Our end goal is human flourishing which leads to sustainable and peaceful societies.
Education: Predators To Nurturers

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