

The Big Five Talk Show: 16th October 2021

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Difference between IGCSE and O Level

	IGCSE	O level
Grades	'A' to 'G' where 'A' is highest and 'G' is lowest	'A*' to 'E' where 'A*' is highest and 'E' is lowest
Subjects	more subject options	fewer subject options
Exam	lot of work often difficult	less work with easier patterns
Recognition	wider	limited

Subjects Offered - I to VIII

Special features

- National level board of Education for Public and Private schools in India
- Managed by the Union Government of India
- Follow the NCERT Curriculum
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India

What makes the IB special?

Ice Learning
International Mindness

Have you ever heard of stars shining in the morning sky? Well, this spectacular celestial phenomenon was witnessed by the faculty and students of S.T.I.E. on 16th October 2021 at an Intellectual fiesta starring a few local and global schools. The Annual Big Five Talk Show conceptualized and organised by Dr. Giselle D'souza, Associate Professor, St. Teresa's Institute of Education, went GLOCAL yet once more expanding its horizons. Hosted along with her Power Puff team of students' the event was nothing short of a 'Knowledge Bonanza'. S.T.I.E was honored to have on its galaxy, 5 shooting stars-all its very own alumni adorning its virtual skies.

The dignitaries were Mrs. Letticia Fernandes (Assistant Headmistress, Canossa Convent High school, Mahim), Ms. Jennifer Fernandes (Humanities Coordinator Grades 1-7, Bai Avabai Framji Petit Girl's High School, Bandra), Mrs. Tracy Waller (IBDP Co-ordinator, Edubridge International School, Mumbai), Mrs. Myrtle D'silva Rodrigues (Primary Teacher, United Indian School, Kuwait) and Mrs. Orsolina Gomez (Teacher, Bunda Mulia School Jakarta, Indonesia) representing the S.S.C, I.C.S.E., I.B., C.B.S.E. AND I.G.C.S.E respectively.

The event commenced with a prayer seeking the blessings of the Almighty. The key highlight of the Big Five Talk Show this year was the feeling created by simulating a near Newsroom experience. This online International symposium lasted for an engaging 3½ hours. The panelists ranged from varied school types affiliated to the different Boards of Education and shared highlights of their schools. The presentations were enlightening and beautifully portrayed the fine line of distinction between the curricula and evaluation patterns followed by different school types.

Among the several concepts covered were the importance of a strong value based system of teaching so as to instill ethical values and ideals in students, 'Lateral Connectivity' in the teaching of different subjects across the curriculum, highlights of the Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation followed in schools, Inquiry Based Learning and transdisciplinary learning, differences between curricula across sections of schools and the wide range of subject options offered by schools affiliated to different boards.

The underlying take-home message conveyed by the Symposium was that though all the boards have very distinct features they all revolve around one important or rather primary goal, which is catering to child-centered education. Further, all the board types strive to provide an impactful learning experience through creative learning strategies.

The climax of the event was the 'Question Hour' which comprised of an illuminating rapid fire round of questions throwing light on several contemporary issues in the educational arena, thereby laying many fears and misconceptions in the student-teachers' minds to rest, knowing that promising job opportunities awaited them if they have the will and skill to give of their best as teachers.

Among the several matters addressed were the curriculum structure, the remuneration offered, prospects of working abroad and qualifying exams pertinent to each board type.

The Big Five Talk Show 2021- 2022 came to a memorable close as Principal Dr. Sr. Tanuja Waghmare extended her heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Alumni for sharing their resourcefulness with their Alma Mater in its ongoing journey of 'Excellence in Education'.