

iDiscoveri XSEED presents
HOWARD GARDNER
 India Tour 2012

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Father of Multiple Intelligence Theory to Come Calling on Wednesday

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Chennai: The current education system in India, especially the K-12 segment (Kindergarten to Plus Two), does not cater to the unique intelligence of a child nor does it provide a platform for understanding the subject. To explain how it could be made child-friendly, Howard Gardner, professor of cognitive psychology at Harvard Graduate School of Education, USA, and the father of the multiple intelligence theory is visiting India.

There are eight different kinds of intelligence in the human brain. Gardner's theory explains how they can be used



to teach children. Each child's intelligence is on a different level, so there ought to be different methods of teaching. Multiple intelligences theory helps children understand the subject instead of learning it by rote.

Gardner, who has authored over 25 books, has worked extensively in the

fields of education, leadership, ethics and creativity – you would get a sample of his research during the lecture series. Last year, he was bestowed with the 2011 Prince of Asturias Award in Social Sciences. His research and writing made significant contributions in improving the system of education. His research focused on the various aspects of curriculum, the faculty and the teaching methodology.

A MacArthur Fellow, his first address in India will be at IIT-Madras on January 25 from 3.30 pm to 7 pm. He will then visit Bangalore, Mumbai, Hyderabad and wind up at New Delhi on

February 7.

The tour is being organised by iDiscoveri Education, whose co-founder, Ashish Rajpal, is an alumni of Harvard University. iDiscoveri Education was started in 2002 to improve the learning ability of 4-12 year olds through a student-friendly teaching method. Its flagship programme, XSEED, has spread to over 700 schools in India and abroad and touched the lives of about three lakh students.

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8 Intelligences

TOUR PLAN

- 27/01/12: IM Bangalore Bangalore
- 31/01/12: American School of Bombay Mumbai
- 03/02/12: ISB Hyderabad Hyderabad

Visual-Spatial: Thinking in images, drawing skills

Interpersonal (Social): Communicate with and respond to others

Intrapersonal: Knowing one's self - strengths, motivations, feelings

Linguistic: Communication through the written or spoken word

Musical: Perceptive to elements of music rhythm, melody, pitch

Naturalistic: Identifying elements that make up our environment

Bodily-Kinesthetic: Skillful use of body like dancers

Logical-Mathematical: Logical thinking, problem solving