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Education with a difference

■ Providing a platform to teachers to interact and exchange ideas, Times of India and Education for Peace, a Global Group Initiative in association with Dr Pillai Global Academy conducted the 'Times NIE Teachers' Meet'

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With teaching going beyond regular boundaries and learning becoming a creative and holistic process, it is important for teachers - the backbone of education - to bring about a change in the system and re-define age old teaching methods.

The 'Times NIE Teachers Meet' presented by Times of India and Education for Peace, a Global Group initiative, in as-



(L to R) Prof Shanthale Kasarkod, Peace Educationist and English professor Somaya College, Manoj Menon, Trustee Global Foundation, Dr. Lata Krishnan, IB coordinator and asst director, Dr. Pillai Global Academy

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Krishnan, ibdp coordinator and associate director, Dr Pillai Global Academy.

Apart from the exchange of ideas, the teachers were also entertained by various games and song performances. Renowned singer, Sugandha Mishra and Khurram Iqbal from Zee's reality show *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* entertained the guest with their musical beats. "We are glad to be a part of this education initiative by NIE. The entire gathering of teacher reminded us of our school days," beamed both the stars.



Zee Sa Re Ga Ma finalist Sugandha and Pakistani contestant Khurram entertaining the teachers with Retro numbers



Teachers enjoying in the Times NIE Teachers' Meet

sociation with Dr Pillai Global Academy, was an apt platform for teachers to come together, exchange teaching methods and have fun in the process. An interactive platform to learn, question and exchange ideas, the teacher meet was hosted at Kohinoor hotel, Dadar.

"We are standing on the threshold of a global change in our education system. While encouraging analytical thinking and creative solutions, we must also look at inculcating basic val-

ues in the child," said Shanthale Kasarkod, teacher and peace educator. Kasarkod is part of the 'Education for Peace' programme which has been introduced by NCERT as is being taken ahead by Global Group.

"We feel that inculcating peace values at the grassroots level helps the child to grow up to be a responsible citizen who can aptly compete in a global scenario. Time NIE is the per-

fect medium to get the message across to the youth of our country," said Manoj Menon, trustee, Global Group. "The concept of new age academics where we inculcate holistic education in our students is the need of the hour. Today, learning has undergone various changes and we as teachers need to inculcate those changes in ourselves and enable our students to become global citizens of the world," added Dr Latha

The theme for the day was retro and all teachers wholehearted participated in the theme dressing. "The education for peace programme is a dire need for today's society and Shanthale Kasarkod's talks on the subject certainly helped us learn about various teaching methods. I feel that this 'Teachers meet' is a great medium for teachers to come together and interact with each other," asserted Kavita Darji, operation manager at Kangaroo Kids.

