

The 'Life Teacher' Learning Series

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DO you want to go **beyond mere subject teaching** and have **fun** as a teacher?

Are you a teacher looking to **supplementing your subject knowledge** with other skills and a broader understanding?

Are you an **empathetic** parent who seeks life and happiness with your child(ren)?

DO you think of yourself as a **learner** too?

DO you want to **bring Life back** into your classroom?

Is every situation and person a learning opportunity for you?

Presenting the 'Life Teacher' Learning Series for current and aspiring teachers as well as parents

These series bring to you various themes of learning that would help you to connect your child or students' education to the real world and life, as well as become a friend and facilitator in this process. Popular, practicing Life Teachers will interact with you on various themes including environmental awareness and education, understanding the child and adult-child interactions, using yoga, dance and movement for teaching, health and well-being and learning from your neighbourhood.

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'Life Teacher' Learning Series I "For Earth's Sake"

The Life Teacher

Prof. Sultan Ahmed Ismail heads the Biotechnology Department in New College, Chennai. He also runs his own nonprofit organisation, Ecoscience Research Foundation. A soil biologist and ecologist, he is well-known across the world for his pioneering work in Vermitechnology or, earthworm science.

Now for the real description, Prof. Ismail, who epitomizes 'life teacher', is a learner and teacher of life in and through everything else. He is even better known and loved for his warmth, humour, keen perception and insight and most importantly his ability to talk the language of the student, or the 'other'. No wonder that today, he is raising dust in online networking sites like Facebook and Plaxo and spreading his unique life teaching even on the internet!

The Learning

One day for earth's and Your sake, to understand the connections between the earth, ecology and You, and bringing those connections into play in education and your life by taking action on all the following days in your own ways. At the end of the day you will understand, be able to explore further and start interacting about:

- the **panchabhoothas**
 - o earth, water, fire, air and ether (their movements, roles, **interaction with human** action and life)
- food chains and **ecosystems**
- Your connection, interaction and mutually impacting **relationship with Nature**
- Simple actions that you will be able to take for the Earth and yourself (starting with the **waste that we produce**)
- **Soft skills** needed for application and classroom integration

Workshop Duration: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Working Lunch and light refreshments shall be provided.

Fee: Rs. 550/- per person

Date: 29th August 2009

Venue: Ma Foi Towers, 4th Floor, 244, Anna Salai, Chennai - 6 (Directions: The left at the TVS Office Signal when coming from the direction of Nungambakkam, just before British council library off Mount Road)

Registration: Contact Priya Nagesh (priya.nagesh@gmail.com; 9444405466). Prior registration is a must. Last Date 10th August 2009

