



Meet an educationalist who believes her role is to go far beyond teaching children the basics. She sees herself as the catalyst who will transform generations of young Indians, getting them to aim high and live up to their true potential. She believes that a true teacher empowers her students to discover the universe and the opportunities that it has in store for them.

## **DR. MANJULA POOJA SHROFF UPLIFTING EDUCATION TO GLOBAL STANDARDS**

**T**he CEO of Kalorex group, Dr. Manjula Pooja Shroff is an Edupreneur, Vlogger, Achiever and Podcaster. She is the brain behind the premier Kalorex schools. Through SHROFFism she provides 360 degrees understanding for leading a centered life by balancing the Mental, Physical & Spiritual dimensions.

In this fast changing VUCA World, there is a need to tweak our education system to produce youngsters who are dexterous enough to adapt and succeed in any situation. Under Dr. Shroff's inspirational leadership, the Gujarat based Kalorex Group has been proving its mettle in exactly this quest, as it keeps nurturing youngsters who are eager and confident to occupy their place in the global order.

As per the process oriented Dr. Shroff transformation is not a single stage process. She has crafted an ecosystem that develops the overall persona of the student – developing their heart and body, mind and soul. At Kalorex, they start training the children at the Pre-School stage itself with a research based curriculum that develops skills in children, partnering with their parents to aid in holistic development. Their Early Childhood Foundation Stage - ECFS, is a healthy blend of the British

Curriculum and the Finnish Education Methodology. Customized to suit Indian Students, it gets them to easily amalgamate into any global education system. Dr. Shroff proudly says, "We have successfully infused innovations in the curriculum to bring in 21 Century skills, offering a balanced blend of Global & Local learning, making our system truly 'Glocal'.

Dr. Shroff encourages young children to open their minds to the world. She says, "Children are naturally inquisitive and ask a lot of questions. As they seek answers, it leads to them getting engaged with the topic at hand. This in turn leads them to explore and seek more information. The need to explore leads them to experiment and try their hands in the activity. This exploration and simultaneous experimentation leads to experience. Experience remains etched in their minds. This is the best form of teaching and learning".

The Kalorex group consists of the Delhi Public Schools, Kalorex Olive International School at Ahmedabad and Kalorex Future Schools across Western India. She has built an extensive network of 55+ world class institutions of educational excellence that extend from Pre-Schools to K-12 schools, e-Learning, Edutainment

and Special Focus Institutions. Kalorex has made its mark as a quality-conscious group that is at the forefront of Innovation and the use of Technology in Learning.

Dr. Shroff's passion for education goes far beyond the regular kids. In 2001, Kalorex opened a Parentage Home called Visamo Kids Foundation. The foundation selects the brightest children from underprivileged backgrounds and supports them with the best housing and boarding facility and education in the best schools until they graduate high school. Prerna, a school for dyslexics, is another project that is close to her heart. It deploys cutting edge teaching practices in an understanding, nurturing environment that has enabled and empowered the special needs students to claim their rightful place in society.

Dr. Shroff's relentless efforts to nourish and reinforce the young minds for the challenges of the futuristic world has been acknowledged and appreciated by the highest of the land. She is a recipient of several awards, including the prestigious Secular India Award from the then President of India, Shri Shankar Dayal Sharma & Woman of the year by American Bibliography Society, North Carolina.