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Indians can be world leaders: Tharoor

Former under secretary general to UNO Shashi Tharoor stressed on the need to go beyond literacy to make children ready to face the global competition.

Speaking at the Parikrma Centre for Learning in the city on Sunday, he said although reading and writing was a must for children, the world has shrunk, linking opportunities in other countries half a world away.

India's success in the information age requires Indians capable of taking advantage of what the era of globalisation offers us. There is little doubt that our children must have the abilities to hold their own in a global environment. We have shown that Indians can be world leaders. There is no reason why even the poorest Indian child cannot be a world leader of tomorrow” he said. The event saw the release of the Deep Impact Research of the Parikrma model which uses the method to help the poor living in slums become contributing members of society. It aims at creating a level playing field for children to compete equally for high jobs.

Chief Executive Officer of Parikrma Shukla Bose said: “We are looking at what education has to deliver rather than improving the delivery of irrelevant education. It is obvious that to be a truly developed nation, all our children must have the ability to compete globally.