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# NEW WAY OF THINKING

**THE ACHIEVER IN YOUR CHILD** 'My Thinking Program' is a unique concept that assists students in developing higher-order thinking skills and processes by using various 'tools' for tackling complex real-life challenges

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**KOLKATA:** Right thinking is perhaps the only way to tackle a disobedient child, help him perform better in studies and ensure that the child develops an aim in life and, above all, becomes an achiever. Soon the city-based schools would offer a course to the students, which would help them shape their thinking process.

'My Thinking Program' is a unique concept that helps students develop higher-order thinking skills and processes by using various 'thinking tools' to impart thinking skills and thinking processes, relevant for various practical real life situations and challenges.

"The programme works on developing various cognitive processes at the subconscious level of the child's mind. It further links the cognitive processes to emotional and social processes to bring changes in the children's approach, attitude and behaviour," Ashutosh Khurana, CEO of Mind Edutainment Pvt. Ltd., (ME-PL) which is offering the programme in India, told *Hindustan Times*.

The programme, aimed at developing the thinking skills and processes amongst students of pre-primary to Class 8, is offered in schools directly by the company. "The programme is in its fourth year of delivery and has



<p><b>SOCIAL SKILLS DEVELOPING PROCESSES</b></p> <p>Co-operation and coordination, teamwork and team handling, relating to one's actions, dealing with competitive environment, coping with socially charged situations. The workshop will also ensure effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills are brushed up</p>	<p><b>EMOTIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPING PROCESSES</b></p> <p>Perseverance and resilience, channelisation of extreme emotions like anxiety, frustration, anger etc, owning self-actions to learn from self-mistakes and self-experiences, dealing with success and failures gracefully, self-discipline and being patient and deferring gratification</p>	<p><b>HOW IT COULD HELP COGNITIVE SKILLS DEVELOPING PROCESSES</b></p> <p>Sequencing, Organising and verbalising thoughts, visualising and visual mapping, problem solving and decision-making, input-output management and creative thinking, forward and backward planning, logical deduction and inference</p>	<p><b>WHAT'S IN IT?</b></p> <p>One-hour lesson per week to be conducted by MEPL facilitators with the help of Thinking Development Tools. Seventeen thinking will be used for overall emotional and social development. Emphasis will be laid on transference worksheets done with each child and shared with parents after assessment. There will be 4 workshops</p>
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been adopted by many schools across New Delhi, Bangalore, Chandigarh and Jaipur. We have also launched the programme in Dehradun, Pune, Hyderabad,

Chennai and Cochin this year and are currently in the process of launching it in Kolkata too," Khurana said. All the schools have to do is

allot one of the periods in the routine to the 'My Thinking Programme' every week. "All we need is a one-hour class every week. The students are

imparted lessons through group activity and mind games. The instructors are specially trained and they deal with the students and friends and not teachers,"

Khurana said.

This unique programme has been structured as a complete subject on 'Thinking', which is based on the fundamentals of human development, child development, psychology and the educational frameworks of Bloom's, Anderson and Krathwohl's taxonomy.

The delivery design is based on four levels of scientific learning—unconscious incompetence, conscious incompetence, conscious competence and sub-conscious competence.

Apart from students, the parents too have to attend four specially-designed 'my thinking' workshops to help their child cope with the programme.

"To make the thinking development a life-long process, the programme links all the critical 200-plus thinking skills to various thinking concepts to bring an overall change in the thinking abilities of children in a fun-filled way by using many thinking tools," Khurana said.

"Despite using several expensive mind games imported from more than 15 countries and having our own dedicated teaching force, who conduct the programmes in the allotted period in every school, we have tried to keep the programme fee very modest. The fees per student would range between R60 and R80 per month," he added.

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