

# Programme

## Multilingualism in education: evidence in practice and policy

12 February 2020

### Welcome

This dissemination event marks the completion of the Multilingualism and Multiliteracy (MultiLila) research project. MultiLila is led by the University of Cambridge in collaboration with the University of Reading, the English and Foreign Languages University, the British Council, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and NIMHANS Bangalore. It is an ESRC-DFID funded four-year project running from May 2016 to April 2020, aiming to explore the development of multilingual children's school skills and cognitive abilities in English medium instruction (EMI) versus regional medium of instruction schools across three research sites – Delhi, Hyderabad and Patna. Find out more about the project here: <https://www.mam.mml.cam.ac.uk/>

### Objectives

Through today's event we aim to:

- orientate participants about the project and its overall objectives
- disseminate the findings about growth in multilingual children's linguistic, mathematics and cognitive abilities and the factors that appear to have influence
- engage with key government officials and policymakers to explore providing greater support to teachers and learners and improve learning outcomes
- continue the dialogue around the need for multilingual education strategies and policy in India.

## Workshop for practitioners

### Schedule of events

Time	Activity
9.00 – 09.45	Registration
09.45 – 10.15	Welcome and inauguration
10.15 – 11.00	Overview of the project and findings
11.00 – 11.30	Views from teachers – sharing perspectives from practitioner workshops
11.30 – 12.00	Tea break
12.00 – 13.00	What can be done? Recommendations from the project consultants
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.15	Panel discussion featuring key government stakeholders
15.15 – 15.45	Tea break
15.45 – 16.30	Deliberations and discussion
16.30 – 17.00	Wrap up

### Speakers and facilitators



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