

# Trying to Connect? Try Disconnecting: A Paradoxical Solution for Our Times

We live in an age of wonders and anxiety. The wonder lies in the sheer magnificence of the tools, techniques, and ideas we have access to across space and time. And yet, we are deeply anxious about the choices we make and even more anxious about those we cannot make because we run out of time. After all, how many flavors of jam do we need to taste before we finally decide to buy one jar?

In teaching, we are submerged in a tsunami of choices. The sheer energy and effort it takes to understand the implications of any one of them make it impossible for us to try them all in a school year of just 179 days (if we're lucky!)

And the new digital materials have made our task even more difficult!

In this webinar, Abbas Husain will explore some paradoxical solutions to this dilemma that we face every day in our teaching, and even more so in our learning as teachers.



**Abbas Husain** is the Managing Director of Teachers' Development Centre (Pvt) Ltd, Karachi. His education and training span prestigious institutions, including the Universities of Karachi, Manchester, Toronto, Pittsburgh, Louisville, and Chicago. As one of the founding members of SPELT, he has actively participated in all national and international conferences since 1987. His extensive reading and travel throughout Pakistan have given him a unique insight into the paradoxes, anomalies, and contradictions within the country's education system.

On February 22, 2020, Abbas Husain was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the ROOTS MILLENNIUM SCHOOLS' 12th Teachers' Development Conference, presented by Mohsin-e-Pakistan, Dr. A. Q. Khan. On March 12, 2022, he received the EDUCATION ICON Award from Mohammad Azfar Ahsan, Minister

of State, GoP. Most recently, on January 13, 2024, he was awarded the EDUCATION LEGEND AWARD by the Federation of Private Schools Pakistan, presented by the Caretaker Minister of Education and Literacy of Sindh, Mrs. Rana Hussain.

Having reached over 88,000 teachers nationwide through specialized training programs for school leaders, Abbas Husain has gained significant clarity on the challenges they face, if not always the solutions. He brings a unique perspective on the dynamics of change and resistance to change within Pakistan's education system. His exposure to a wide range of educationists,

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