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Workshop at school unlocks the potential of parents

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Making parents understand their role in shaping the lives of their wards was the purpose of the workshop on 'Parent to Super Parent' organised by RVS International School in association with Mumbai-based Accentia Education Services here on Sunday.

Mumbai-based Vijaya Suvarna, Professor and National Award winner for excellence in education; and Sidney Rose of Sweden, an internationally acclaimed educationist sensitised over 120 parents from Tiruchi, Manapparai and Viralmalai to the fact that they need to understand the capabilities of their children to take career decisions rather than forcing decisions with a preconceived notion that they know more.

Education, parents were told, was not all about securing good marks and becoming engineers, doctors, IAS officers or management professionals. "Allow children to explore their strengths and weaknesses and choose their paths ahead," Prof. Vijaya said citing the instance of personalities like Tendulkar who were encouraged by their parents to succeed in their lives and become what they are today.

Globalising being the key to success, there was a need for social responsibility and cultural sensitivity to become successful, Mr. Sidney Rose said, observing that transformation from parent to super parent requires sustained effort, follow up and feedback on a daily basis. He advised parents to become role models with a friendly approach, assuring them that their children were bound to come up in life the moment they experience the comfort of best parenting.

"The event instilled in the minds of the parents a desire to learn," said Ganapathy, one of the participants. Since parents and teachers are most important in every child's life, the workshop was conceptualised to provide insights into the development of children in all dimensions, said the School Principal Anita.

As part of the workshop, the parents called up their parents to thank them for what they were today. The interactive nature of the programme created the desired impact, Rohit Ahuja, Assistant Manager, Accentia Education Services, Mumbai, who organised the event, said.