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**CAPTURING INSIGHTS FROM  
VISIONARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

# AN INTERVIEW WITH MS. RUPA KARUNAKAR, PRINCIPAL OF GLOBAL ACADEMY FOR LEARNING (GAFL), BENGALURU

**Good day, readers!** Today, we delve into the inspiring journey of Ms. Rupa Karunakar, an esteemed **Principal of Global Academy for Learning (GAFL)** in Bengaluru. Ms. Karunakar's story is not just about climbing the ladder of success but also about balancing personal aspirations with familial responsibilities. Join us as we uncover her path to leadership, her insights on education, and the role of innovative solutions like Class Saathi in shaping the future of learning.



**Ms. Rupa Karunakar:** My journey has been a mix of experiences woven with determination and the unwavering support of my family. Hailing from a small town in Tirupati, I embarked on my educational journey with a thirst for knowledge. After completing my MSc from Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalaya Tirupati, and earning a gold medal, I initially aimed to pursue a career in civil services, but found my calling in education. It all started with a part-time lecturer position at St. Joseph's College, which eventually led me to the role of Principal at a very young age.



**Team Class Saathi:** Ms. Karunakar, your journey from a small town to becoming the Principal of one of Bengaluru's prominent educational institutions is truly remarkable. Could you share with our readers a glimpse into your early life and how you ventured into the field of education?

**Team Class Saathi:** Your transition from colleges to schools seems to have been motivated by personal reasons, particularly the well-being of your family. How did this shift shape your perspective on education and leadership?

**Ms. Rupa Karunakar:** Indeed, my decision to move from colleges to schools was driven by the desire to be closer to my family, especially my young son. This shift illuminated the significance of balancing personal and professional commitments. It also underscored the importance of adapting to the needs of students and parents, which ultimately influenced my approach to leadership. Education isn't just about imparting knowledge; it's about fostering holistic development and nurturing future leaders.

**Team Class Saathi:** Your tenure as the Principal of Chaitanya schools in Bangalore marked a period of significant growth and innovation. Could you share some insights into the challenges you faced and the strategies you employed to overcome them?



**Ms. Rupa Karunakar:** Leading Chaitanya schools in Bangalore was a rewarding yet challenging experience. One of the main challenges was aligning the curriculum with the expectations of Bangalore parents while maintaining academic standards.

I spearheaded various initiatives to revamp the curriculum and enhance teaching methodologies, ensuring that the educational experience was tailored to meet the needs of students. Additionally, I focused on empowering teachers through training programs and workshops, recognizing that they are the cornerstone or pillars of academic excellence.

**Team Class Saathi:** Your dedication to education and continuous learning is evident in your journey. How do you envision the future of education, particularly with the integration of technology and innovative solutions like Class Saathi?



**Ms. Rupa Karunakar:** The future of education lies in embracing technology and leveraging innovative solutions to enhance learning outcomes. Class Saathi is a prime example of how technology can revolutionize the classroom experience. By providing personalized learning experiences, real-time feedback, and comprehensive analytics, Class Saathi empowers both students and teachers to excel. I believe that integrating such solutions into the educational ecosystem will not only improve academic performance but also foster a culture of lifelong learning and adaptability.

**Team Class Saathi:** How has your journey been so far at Global Academy for Learning, and what are your aspirations for the school and its students? How has Class Saathi helped your school, your students, and teachers?



With tools like Class Saathi in hand, she remains steadfast in her mission to cultivate a dynamic learning environment where students can flourish and evolve. Ms. Karunakaran's commitment to shaping the future of education serves as a beacon of inspiration for educators and learners alike, illuminating the path towards a brighter, more inclusive educational landscape.



**Ms. Rupa Karunakar:** My journey at Global Academy for Learning has been incredibly rewarding, aiming to cultivate a nurturing environment for the holistic growth. We aspire to instill in our students a passion for learning, critical thinking skills, and global leadership. Class Saathi has been pivotal, providing personalized support, fostering collaboration among teachers, and enhancing the overall learning experience, enabling us to nurture lifelong learners and responsible citizens effectively.

**Ms. Rupa Karunakar's** journey exemplifies the fusion of passion, perseverance, and purpose in the realm of education. Her transition from a small-town upbringing to a leadership role at Global Academy for Learning underscores the transformative power of dedication and innovation.



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