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Panchayati Raj and Rural Development in India

It is Panchayati Raj Day on April 24 and what best to learn more about the day than election time? Panchayati Raj has proven its value in strengthening the largest democracy in the world. Karan Behl, PGT Political Science at Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan, sheds more light on the importance of the Panchayati Raj system...

Panchayati Raj institutions are the grassroots units of self-government and have been proclaimed as the vehicles of socio-economic transformation in rural India. Panchayats have been very powerful and unique institutions working independently at grassroot level since ancient times. Mahatma Gandhi said, "The soul of India lives in its villages. When Panchayat Raj is established, public opinion will do what violence can never do". A clear-cut

role for the Panchayat Institutions in rural development has been envisaged subsequent to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. The Government of India and state government have been increasingly seeking the assistance of Panchayati Raj institutions in the implementation of various schemes as well as poverty alleviation programmes like Sampoorna Grammeena Rozgar Yojana, 2001 etc.



Women are changing governance in India. They are being elected to local councils in unprecedented numbers as a result of amendments to the Constitution that mandate the reservation of seats for women in Panchayati Raj institutions. Women brought into politics by PRI are governing, be it in one village or more. Panchayati Raj institutions have helped to bring rapid sustainable development and socio-economic transformation in rural India with an integrated approach towards improving the quality of life of rural poor and ensuring effective people's participation. The Panchayati Raj can be recognised as a catalyst for participative planning and implementation of various development programmes and schemes for preserving the natural resources.

PRI is also playing a vital role in development of primary education. It is responsible for planning, execution and monitoring of various educational programmes at different levels. In a nutshell, Panchayat has been the oldest and most efficient way to transform India at the grass-root level.



Mamta Modern hosts workshop for teachers



Mamta Modern Sr Sec School, Vikaspuri hosted an enlightening workshop aimed at equipping teachers with a deeper understanding of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) School Education. Facilitated by resource person, Vandana Banga, the workshop delved into the fundamental principles, objectives, and implications embedded within the education system. The resource person meticulously clarified the objectives of the

NCF, highlighting its emphasis on promoting critical thinking, creativity, and a spirit of inquiry among learners. The teachers were engaged in meaningful discussions exploring how the framework advocates for a flexible and inclusive approach to education, catering to the diverse needs and interests of all learners. The workshop concluded on a positive note, with teachers feeling empowered and inspired to incorporate NCF principles into their teaching practices.

Maharaja Agarsain excels at Constitution and Social Sciences Olympiad

Students of Maharaja Agarsain Public School, Ashok Vihar performed brilliantly at the Constitution and Social Sciences Olympiad. Uday Mudgal emerged as the champion, demonstrating an exceptional grasp of constitutional principles and earning a prize of one lakh one thousand rupees. In addition to Uday's remarkable feat, Abhay Mudgal, Ruhani Bajaj, and Pulkit Gupta showcased their exemplary abilities, earning recognition and rewards for



their commendable performances. They received cash prizes of INR 2100, 1100 and 500 respectively.

GD Goenka holds orientation day



GD Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar held the orientation day for the parents. The school's management delivered an insightful address. Parents participated in an interactive workshop. A TEDx speaker Kamaljeet Singh delivered a thought-provoking talk on topics relevant to parenting and education, inspiring parents to adopt a proactive approach to nurturing their child's intellectual, emotional, and social development.

Naitik Dhaka of SD Public School shines at state level

Naitik Dhaka of class IX of SD Public School, East Punjabi Bagh was adjudged as an outstanding student securing 37th rank at the state level in the Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha 2023. School principal Manisha Joshi feels proud and congratulated the child and the parents for their endeavours.



LBS stands for child abuse & child labour



Lal Bahadur Shastri School, R K Puram orchestrated an awareness campaign and poster-making competition in collaboration with an NGO supported by the Delhi State Legal Services Authority to address the critical issues of child abuse and child labour. Chief guest Jatan Singh vice-president, Delhi High Court Bar Association was welcomed by manager Indu Shekar, HOS Sumita Dogra and Rakesh Gaur. Advocate Lovdeep Gaur enlightened the students on the POCSO Act and related laws. ACP Veerendra Prasad, Delhi Police emphasised the importance of legal studies. The pinnacle of the event was a gripping natak presented by the students of class VIII & IX. Students showcased creativity in poster-making competition,

Maxfort School conducts orientation programme

Maxfort School, Pitampura conducted an engaging orientation programme for the new set of parents to familiarise them, 'as partners in progress' with the curriculum, rules, and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies, and the co-scholastic activities. Welcoming parents to the new academic session, school principal Mona Lakhanpal spoke about the benefits of effective communication between parents and facilitators and laid emphasis on learning rather than chasing grades. She highlighted the school's commitment to providing a



nurturing environment where students can explore their interests and talents, enabling them to become lifelong learners. The parents participated enthusiastically in various hands-on learning activities like thinking out of the box, clapping and enhance vocabulary etc. to acquaint them with the curriculum.

Jaspal Kaur Public School hosts graduation day

Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh hosted the graduation ceremony for the pre-primary. The event commenced with a soul-stirring invocation, seeking the blessings of the Almighty through the recitation of the serene Mool Mantra, followed by the symbolic illumination of divine light, signifying the enlightenment and guidance sought for the journey ahead. School principal Asha Saran Srivastava greeted the special guest Ashish Khanna, an alumnus, along with Meena Sharma and Sadhna Taneja, the retired teachers of the school. The students delighted the audience with a vibrant dance performance to the cheerful tune of "Give Me a Bell." Following that, they shared their "Learning Ladder," demonstrating their progress and accomplishments in activities like art, dance, and Zumba. Ashish Khanna imparted invaluable insights to all, enriching



the gathering with his wisdom. Special guests Meena Sharma and Sadhna Taneja also shared their profound wisdom and experiences with the parents, further enhancing the occasion. School headmistress Shikha Dhameja addressed the venerable gathering, acknowledging students, parents, and teachers' tireless efforts.

ASN Sr Sec School celebrates the richness of heritage

ASN Sr Sec School, Mayur Vihar-I recently conducted a special assembly to commemorate World Heritage Day, also known as the International day for the acknowledgment of historical artifacts, practices, and sites. The special assembly welcomed guests Anuranjan Roy, World Heritage Assistant from the Wildlife Institute of India, and Naaz Rizvi, Director of the National Museum of Natural History (NMNH). The celebration commenced with the soulful rendition of Saraswati Vandana, symbolising the reverence for knowledge and wisdom, setting a spiritual tone for the day's proceedings. This was followed by a visually captivating presentation showcasing the glorification of India's past, highlighting its beauty, achievements, and rich cultural heritage. The presentation included moments, attractions, and pilgrimage sites that embody the essence of India's heritage. Students showcased their creativity through a self-composed poem and reflections, expressing their deep appreciation for heritage and emphasizing the crucial role of its preservation. A beautifully portrayed skit depicted India's rich

heritage, capturing the essence of traditions, customs, and historical narratives that define our cultural identity. The event reached its crescendo with a scintillating dance performance showcasing the diversity of Indian festivals such as Onam, Pongal, Bihu, and more. It was a vibrant celebration of culture and traditions through captivating dance expressions. Anuranjan Roy, in his address, encouraged the children to actively participate in conserving flora and fauna,



emphasising their role in preserving our natural heritage. Naaz Rizvi commended the students for their outstanding performances and highlighted the importance of preserving cultural heritage for future generations. School principal Swarnima Luthra expressed her appreciation for the students' remarkable performances and emphasised the school's commitment to heritage conservation.

Student's Corner

No slavery is more disgraceful than the one which is self-imposed

Every morning when we wake up, there is a voice that coaxes us, "Sleep, go back to sleep. Just 5 more minutes" despite knowing it isn't right for us, we succumb to it. This voice inside our heads never tells us the truth. Every time we allow the voice to speak, it deceives us and every time we listen to it, we are compelled to abide by it. It brings us suffering, pain and disgrace. The idea of slavery has traditionally been associated with physical bondage and forced labor, but it can also be interpreted to allude to the ways in which individuals can become fettered to their desires, fears, their own inner voice and mind. Are we slaves of our mind? When we need to work harder, it tells us we've done enough and need a rest. When someone pays us a compliment, it

says it is because they want something from us. Pay attention to what goes on in your head at all times and you'll recognise this voice right away. It regurgitates meaningless affirmations. It is incapable of original thought. Self assurance and trust... confidence in oneself with a steadfast belief in our abilities is the toolbox to counter the voice inside our heads. Believe in yourself, believe in your capabilities. We are bigger than our insecurities and downfalls. If you lose faith in everything you have ever known, just don't ever give up. We are self-imposed slaves of our mind and only we have the power to break free from it and lead a graceful life. Be the master of your mind, not slaves. Kirti Madan, XI-A, Bluebells School International, Kailash



Friendship

Friendship, a bond so strong and true, A connection that forever shines through. A shoulder to lean on, a hand to hold, Of trust and love that will never grow old. Through trials and achievements, they stand by our side. With them, life's journey becomes a joyful ride. Friends are the stars that light our darkest nights, Guiding us through the difficult paths of life. A friend, a mirror to our soul,



In their eyes, we find the strength to control. Friendship is like a flower. That blooms in the sun and showers.

It starts with a smile, a simple hello. And before we know it, it begins to grow. From strangers to friends, in the blink of an eye. Showing laughter and tears, without ever a lie.

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