

SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL**

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CHALKBOARDS OR CHATBOTS

Over the past few years, there has been a paradigm shift in the approach to teaching and learning. Technology has rapidly emerged as a transformative force in the education sector worldwide, and the Indian education system has adapted exceedingly well to match up to the international standards.

The introduction of technology in schools, from urban to rural settings, has transformed the teaching and learning environment. The adoption of educational technology has accelerated, particularly in response to the challenges that were posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Digital platforms, e-learning tools, and virtual classrooms have become commonplace, bridging gaps and providing access to quality education for millions of students.

But the growth doesn't stop there. Artificial intelligence (AI) is the buzzword today and we need to accept it, learn it and make it a part of the teaching learning process. AI and Education can easily be called the new couple and a promising one,



and rather than getting intimidated by AI, we need to look at ways it can help in assisting the teachers as well as learners. The transformative power of data in the educational landscape should be harnessed to make informed decisions, ultimately enhancing student outcomes.

The incorporation of AI in education has the potential to revolutionise assessment and analytics. AI-enabled exams provide extensive insights about learning patterns and gaps, which may assist address and

bridge them. AI-powered analytics can monitor learning results, allowing teachers to improve their educational techniques. AI can assist close learning gaps by improving students' critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and digital abilities. This prepares students for future employment needs and increases employability.

One may question the role of teachers in the wake of AI revolution but let me assure you that the teacher's role remains integral in the entire process. Interpreting data, un-

derstanding student needs, and delivering content in a way that is engaging and effective cannot be done by AI.

Moreover, it is critical to emphasise that effective education must be driven by pedagogy, with technology acting as a facilitator rather than a driver. Technology can provide valuable insights and resources, but it is the human element – the teacher's ability to connect with students, inspire them, and foster a love of learning – that makes education truly impactful. Pedagogy-driven technology ensures that educational tools and platforms are designed with the primary goal of enhancing learning outcomes. For instance, AI can assist in identifying learning gaps through data analysis, but it is the teacher's pedagogical expertise that will ultimately address the gap.

While technology is undoubtedly a game-changer in education, its integration must be thoughtfully guided by pedagogical principles. The goal should be to use technology as a powerful tool to enhance teaching and learning, ensuring that education remains a human-centric endeavour that promotes intellectual growth and development.

RITIKA ANAND, Principal, St Mark's Sr Sec School, Meerla Bagh

ITL Public Schools hosts 'Mentoring the Mentor Program' 2024

ITL Public School, Dwarka hosted a week long 'Mentoring the Mentor Program' to equip ideating principals & educators of CBSE Sankalp Sahodaya, South West with the requisite skills to empower the academic ecosystem. The programme commenced with workshop on School Health and Wellness by Dr Jitendra Nagpal, senior consultant Psychiatrist, Moolchand Medcity, as the keynote speaker and Shruti Pandey, consultant Psychologist, as the resource person. In sync with the vision of NEP 2020 which promotes a holistic approach to assessment that focuses on core competencies and real-world application, the transformative two-day work-

Startup, focused on exploring action learning as a pedagogical approach to equip educators with the knowledge and tools to implement an effective learning strategy. The session emphasised on the importance of action learning for educators to implement in the classrooms. The penultimate day of the mentoring the Mentor week was marked by an interactive workshop on National Credit Framework that integrated the academic and vocational domains establishing a standardised credit system for recognising and validating learning outcomes & aligning them with competencies. The keynote speaker, Dr Biswajit Saha, director, Department of Skill Education,



shops on Competency Based Assessment in English, Science and Mathematics, aimed to equip the mentors with the tools and strategies necessary to effectively assess students' competencies, provide meaningful feedback & gain insights into crafting assessments aligned with competencies. The workshops were conducted by CBSE master trainers, Ruchi Sengar, Shivani Pratishtha Gupta for Science, Aishwarya Taneja & Debjani Mukherjee for Social Science and Ishita Mukherjee for Mathematics. Day two workshop on Implementing Action Learning in the Classroom was organised in collaboration with Think StartUp. The keynote speaker Sanjeeva Shivesh, cofounder of Think

CBSE and the guest speaker R P Singh, Jt Secretary, Department of Skill Education, CBSE, gave a comprehensive overview on the implementation process of NCFE. The week concluded with a workshop on the holistic progress card, led by Team Parakh from NCERT. The chief guest Prof Indrani Bhaduri, CEO & Head PARAKH (NCERT) and the keynote speakers, Priyanka Singh and Dr Meena Yadav, both from NCERT. The session accentuated upon the main tenets of HPC which established the protocols for 'assessment as learning', a diagnostic approach to assessing the learner on 3 abilities vis a vis Awareness, Sensitivity & Creativity, 3 performance descriptors such as Beginner, Proficient & Advanced & Rubrics for assessment.

RDPS organises CBSE programme for educators



Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura recently organised a pivotal CBSE Capacity Building Programme for educators. The event, titled "Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom," was designed to equip teachers with innovative strategies to integrate AI technologies into their teaching. The keynote speakers included renowned experts in the field of AI and Education Technology. Prof Sushil Kumar from the Dept of Computer Science at Shyam Lal College, Delhi, and Dr Meenakshi Narula, principal of Shemford Futuristic School, delivered thought-provoking presentations on the potential of AI to personalise learning, making education more accessible and effective

followed by a hands-on workshop. The session also featured a Q&A session where educators shared their experiences and explored challenges in implementing AI in schools. The topics ranged from AI-driven assessment tools and adaptive learning platforms to the ethical considerations and prospects of AI in education. Participants were particularly intrigued by the live demonstration of AI chatbots and virtual tutors, which showcased how these technologies can support both teaching and administrative tasks. Educators left the session inspired and equipped with new tools and knowledge to enhance their teaching practices, ensuring that they are at the forefront of educational innovation.

Brain International School observes Doctor's Day

Brain International School, Vikaspuri observed Doctor's Day on July 1 with distinguished guests Dr Hari Shankar Sharma (MBBS, DNB) and Dr Dhiraj Saxena (MBBS), esteemed members of parent community. The day commenced with a morning assembly dedicated to illuminating

the indispensable role of doctors in daily lives. The guest doctors imparted priceless health advice to enhance our students' daily routines and overall well-being. A plethora of activities were conducted across various grades to accentuate the significance of doctors and the maintenance of a salubrious lifestyle.



Rainbow English School conducts special awareness campaign



With the aim of combating the deadly diseases, Dengue and Malaria, Rainbow English School, C-3 Janakpuri organised a special Awareness Campaign in association with MCD. Dimple Ahuja, councillor, Janakpuri and Deepak Ahuja, CM representative, motivated the students to spread awareness among the masses about Dengue. School principal Sourabh Raj Kashyap and headmistress Sonia Kashyap extended a warm welcome to all the dig-

nitaries. Dr Aditi, Epidemiologist and Dr Bijender, Entomologist, acquainted students and teachers with the symptoms, and preventive and remedial measures of Dengue, Malaria, and Chikungunya. The students participated enthusiastically and interacted with the dignitaries. This interactive session fostered a sense of responsibility, helping to safeguard the health and well-being of the community against the threats posed by Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.

Summer Fields holds investiture & scholar badge ceremony

Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony held its investiture and scholar badge ceremony. Chief guest Aman Mittal, IRS addl private secretary to Piyush Goyal (MP) and Dr Deepika Mittal, mentor Rahul Gupta, school principal Shalini Agarwal and vice principal Shweta Oberoi took to the stage to confer positions to the appointees for the academic session 2024-2025. Following the ceremony, the scholar badge ceremony honoured academic excellence and achievement. Held with equal pomp and enthusiasm, this event celebrated the intellectual prowess of students who had distinguished them-



selves through diligent study and scholarly pursuits. Chief guest Aman Mittal, IRS graced the stage and highlighted the importance of education as a pathway to personal growth and societal progress, inspiring students to continue striving for excellence in all their endeavours.

Greater Valley School witnesses spirit of dance

Greater Valley School, Greater Noida organised a dance festival. The lecture cum demonstration featured the renowned Kathak exponent, Nriyashri Alaknanda. The school welcomed noted Odissi dance maestro Vinod Kevin Bachan and Prisha Talwar, an exceptional dancer and disciple of esteemed Nriyashri Alaknanda. The festivities commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolising the illumination of creativity and tradition. Following this, school principal Anamika Sood delivered an inspiring address, emphasising the profound significance of dance in cultural heritage. She welcomed the guests and expressed



her profound delight at their presence in school. The event reached its zenith with Nriyashri Alaknanda sharing her expertise through a captivating lecture cum demonstration. She enlightened the audience with her insights into the spirit of dance. A mesmerising Odissi dance presentation by Vinod Kevin Bachan left the audience spellbound. It was followed by an enchanting Kathak performance by Prisha Talwar.

Mount Olympus School commences new session

Mount Olympus School, sector 47, Gurugram commenced the new academic session 2024-25 with the orientation ceremony. School principal Vandana Mahajan welcomed the new parents in the gracious presence of vice chairman Jasbir Saini and CEO Monieka Khanna who together lit the lamp of knowledge and wisdom. The welcome song by students attuned the occasion to divinity followed by their splendid performances - 'Natraj Stuti' and 'Ganesh Van-

dana' mesmerised the parents. School principal Ms Mahajan expressed her gratitude towards the parents for joining the orientation in good numbers and urged parents for their support and participation all pursuits of the school to further strengthen parent-school connect.



Ryanites focus on value of cooperation

Students of class IX at Ryan International School, Sec-31, Gurugram organised an enriching school assembly focusing on the value of cooperation. The central theme of the assembly was the power of collaboration in achieving shared goals. The thought of the day resonated with the theme: "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships. During the assembly, students shared inspiring quotes on cooperation and teamwork, explaining their significance. Through this, they conveyed the timeless message of how collective effort can lead



to success despite challenges and obstacles. The assembly emphasised the importance of unity and mutual support. School head Monika Mehta commended the students for their dedication and commitment to promoting cooperation.

Student's Corner



SAMIKSHA AJIT KADAM, Class VII-C, Sadhu Vaswani International School for Girls, Shanti Niketan



VIPASHA, Class XII-C, GD Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar



TAVISHA GOEL, Class IX, Rukmini Devi Public School, Pitampura