

# Perspective from other side

In order to prepare for challenges of tomorrow we must begin today, therefore the New Education Policy was eagerly awaited not only by educationists but also by all stakeholders of future of this country. Although it was a step in the right direction however some questions have been left unanswered and in many other cases the clarity of direction of implementation is yet to be determined. For an emerging Economic tycoon like India NEP should provide the fillip and propelling force. The NEP should have focussed of building a skill force to reckon with and should have ensured that benefits of education reach the last person in the country in the shortest possible time span however it appears to be a distant dream with ambiguity looming large over its mode of implementation.

For example the school curriculum and pedagogy have been reconstructed for the foundational years—preschool, nursery, kindergarten, class one and two. Learning will take place through activities and the play-way method. Although it is a pedagogically sound idea but its implementation



has been envisaged through Anganwadis and stand alone preparatory school through six months of training sessions which seems impractical considering the fact that Anganwadi workers are primarily concerned with health and nutrition and not with pedagogy which is best left to trained teachers.

NEP 2020 recommends that the mother-tongue or the regional language would be the "preferred" mode of instruction till Class 5, possibly Class 8. It also states that, "wherever possible" these languages will be used in public and private schools. Given the ground realities of multilingual Metros and even tier 2 cities, is it possible to provide everyone education in mother tongue. Although Hindi has emerged as unifying language and the three lan-

guage formula was quite successful, the value of English is opening doors of higher education across borders cannot be negated. A more forward thinking was desired in this respect to lift the status of vernacular languages but not at the cost of adaptability of students coming from 29 States of this country

Thirdly the NEP 2020 is ambiguous about the status of RTE 2009. Ideally it should have been taken to the next level but there is no significant mention of it. As a result the provisions of NEP 2020 are to be implemented till 2030 with special emphasis on education for poor and marginalised but it does not ensure it as their fundamental right which would not have given States a decade to while away in policy implementation decisions.

Lastly with increased flexibility across streams, the choices for students have increased manifold. However changes at this level will have to be commensurate with policies and admission processes at the university level, else the changes proposed in NEP will be redundant and irrelevant.

SANDHYA KAKKAR, Vice Principal, Bal Bharati Public School Dwarka

## GLORY AND TRIUMPH

Toyika Debnath of Ryan International School, Sohna Road, Gurugram brought laurels to school by securing third rank in Regional Toppers- KET Exam in the Cambridge English Main Suite Exam For 2019-2020.



School Principal Peeya Sharma congratulated Toyika for her commendable achievement.

CELAC Cambridge English Language Assessment helps millions of children learn English and prove their skills to the world. Ryan International Group of Schools is the largest chain school group to offer the Cambridge English Exams.

The school follows a well-defined time table to train students for all competitive examinations. Toyika is an exceptionally bright student who participates in all the scholastic, co-scholastic and extra-curricular activities with great interest. It is a matter of great joy and pride for teachers, parents and school that Toyika, a student of grade VI (presently) proved her mettle in this highly prestigious exam that builds a firm foundation for young learners' future studies.

School Principal Peeya Sharma congratulated Toyika for her commendable achievement. She quoted that such programs help students get ready for the world, equipping them with the skills they need to build confidence. More and more students must participate in such exams to have a clear path for educational success to lead seamlessly from primary to secondary years.

## IDEOLOGUE 2020



**S**t. Mark's Sr. Sec. Public School, Janakpuri organized its 4th Annual Inter School Online English Debate Competition- 'IDEOLOGUE'. The competition received participation from 32 venerated schools across Delhi wherein the fervent participants put forth their views on the trending topic 'The New Education Policy 2020 will herald progressive changes in India', and competed for the Rolling Trophy. The entire event was hosted online using the platform- 'Microsoft Teams'. The participants were judged by Dr. Kusum Lata, Principal, Sri Aurobindo College (Evening), Delhi University, Dr. Sachin Nirmala Narayanan, Associate Professor, Dyal Singh College, Delhi University, and Dr. Rajya Laxmi, Associate Professor, Janki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University. The occasion was graced with the benign virtual presence of the school's Chairman, Mr. T. P. Aggarwal, Director, Ms.

Anjali Aggarwal and Manager Mr. Rahul Aggarwal. A warm and congenial welcome was extended to all by the school's Principal, Ms. Alka Kher, Vice Principal, Ms.

Inderpreet Kaur Ahluwalia concluded the event by proposing a vote of thanks.

► The Rolling trophy was won by Bluebells School, International

► In the motion, PRATYUSH RUDRA (BLUEBELLS SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL, ANOUSHKA PAL (ST. THOMAS' SCHOOL, DWARKA), TARANNUM SEHDEVA (SRI VENKATESWAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, DWARKA) won first, second and third position respectively.

► In against the motion, RITI VERMA (INDRAPRASHTHA WORLD SCHOOL, PASCHIM VIHAR), DIYAA RAO JAINI BLUEBELLS SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL, MAHEK GUPTA (BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, ROHINI) won first, second and third position respectively.



## St. John's School, Greater Noida West: Annual Day

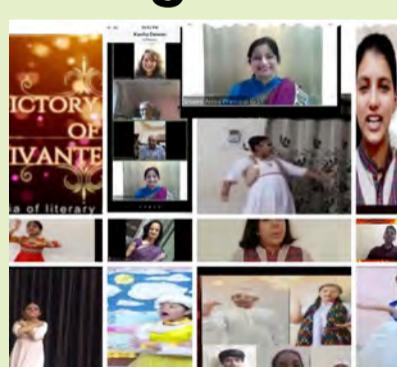
**S**t. John's School Greater Noida West celebrated their Annual Day 'NUHARO' with great zeal and enthusiasm. Everyone became a part of this extravagant event wholeheartedly and worked towards its success. The triumph was made possible by the relentless efforts of the Chairman Rev. Fr. Dr. Shaji George, Principal Mr. Santhosh Sebastian, teaching and non-teaching staff and the students. They were blessed on the occasion by the benign presence of His Grace Dr. Youhanon Mar Demetrios, the Metropolitan of the Diocese of Delhi and priests from various parishes. The Chief Guest Shri Tejpal Singh Nagar MLA, a great educationist emphasized

on the importance of education in our lives and its reformulation to reach all parts of the society. The theme of the Annual Day was 'TASVEER'. The students impressed everyone by their impeccable performance telling the audience the emotions that every one of us goes through at some point in time. The scholars for the year 2018-19 were felicitated by the dignitaries. The event closed with a grand finale celebration merging all the emotions. It was indeed a spectacular display of talent and fervor.

## Broadening creative horizons

**V**eda Vyasa DAV Public School organized an Inter School Competition - Vivante '2020 - A cornucopia of literary and cultural events. These events were conducted online and were designed to hone the intrinsic and latent abilities of our students.

More than 55 prominent schools participated in 11 different events to showcase the talent of the students. The participants, jury members and teachers witnessed a fusion of talent, imagination, creativity and alertness, which was displayed in various activities like Story Narration, Poetry Recitation, Digital Art, Mathematical Tribal Jewellery Designing, Movie Making, Sanskrit Shaloka Chanting, Dance, Melodious Solo Song and Debate. The activities helped to bring out the uniqueness of each individual. The Principal of

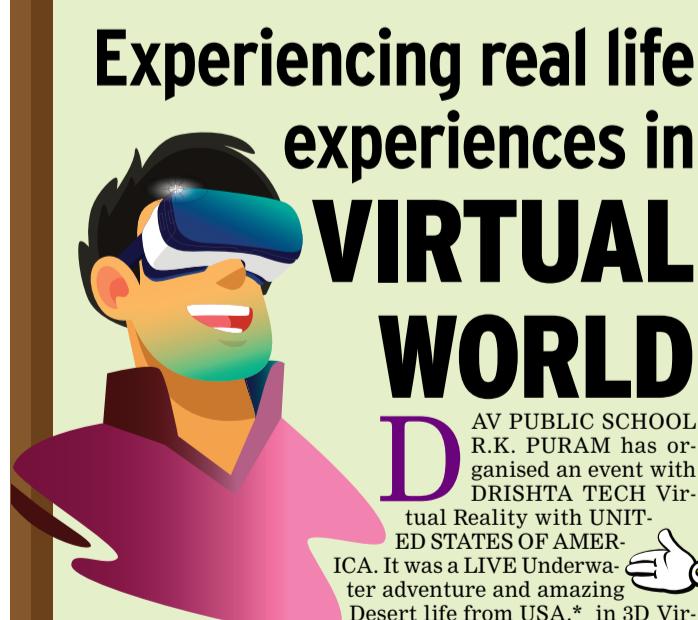


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the School, Shalini Arora, applauded the relentless efforts of the students, teachers and parents in this pandemic time to make this event a success. Valendictory Function of the event was broadcasted live on School's Official Facebook Page. Dr. N.K.Uberoi, Vice President D.A.V CMC and chairman of the school was the chief guest of the function. Shri S.D.K.Jain, Manager of the school, also graced the occasion as guest of honour. The school students enthralled the live audience with a spectacular show comprising group song, dance and poetry. Online magazine "E-Pallavita" was also unveiled and received much appreciation from all.

The chairman of the school lauded the undeterred efforts of the Principal, staff and the students for presenting a spectacular show amidst the Covid-19. The programme culminated with DAV Gaan.

## Experiencing real life experiences in VIRTUAL WORLD



**D**AV PUBLIC SCHOOL R.K. PURAM has organised an event with DRISHTA TECH Virtual Reality with UNIT-ED STATES OF AMERICA. It was a LIVE Underwater adventure and amazing Desert life from USA.\* in 3D Virtual reality.

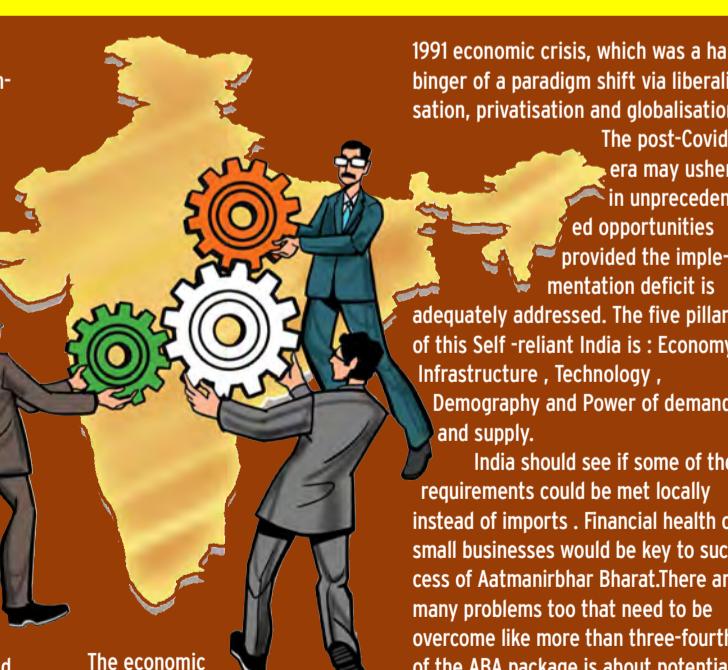
A great opportunity for the students to experience the life in bio diverse ecosystems and how life dating back to 10 million years. Students also experienced the diving close to Sharks and talk to the ocean experts on Shark research.

It was an amazing experience for the kids to be part of this insightful and informative LIVE interactive event. It helped the students to know about the precious things under the ocean. We are really happy to be part of this event and give a platform to our children to enhance their knowledge and experience.

## INDIA AT 75 : A NATION MARCHING TOWARDS AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

**R**ecently, the government announced an economic stimulus package of Rs 20 lakh crore and big-bang systemic reforms under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan (self-reliant India). Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to make Indian firms adopt efficiency and quality and prepare India for competition in the global supply chain. The industrial protection his government introduced in the past six years has done precisely the opposite. But not a word from Modi about dismantling it. The poor have suffered a lot, we will increase their strength! But their sufferings peaked with the lockdown, which his government imposed. Could he have thought about them before acting so decisively?

The economic crisis triggered by Covid-19 pandemic is much like the



1991 economic crisis, which was a harbinger of a paradigm shift via liberalisation, privatisation and globalisation.

The post-Covid-19 era may usher in unprecedented opportunities provided the implementation deficit is adequately addressed. The five pillars of this Self-reliant India is : Economy, Infrastructure, Technology, Demography and Power of demand and supply.

India should see if some of their requirements could be met locally instead of imports. Financial health of small businesses would be key to success of Atmanirbhar Bharat. There are many problems too that need to be overcome like more than three-fourth of the ABA package is about potential liquidity infusion and expected increase in the credit offtake at aggregate level.

The clarion call given by the PM to use these trying times to become Atmanirbhar (self-reliant) has been very well received to enable the resurgence of the Indian economy. Unlock 1 have been issued to enable resumption of economic activities while maintaining abundant caution thus allowing graded easing of restrictions.

The exemplary role played by India in the global fight against COVID-19 has been recognized and appreciated widely. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, has been elected as Chair of the Executive Board of World Health Organization for the year 2020-21. This took place during the 147th session of the Executive Board, in a meeting that was held virtually. He takes over from Dr. Hiroki Nakatani of Japan.

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