

# Showcase of young talents

## ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Asian International School recently organised a global fest, Regalia 2020, in association with The Telegraph

Young Metro, on a digital platform. There were various competitions for different age categories such as English and Hindi recitation for the age group of three to six years, Mom/Dad and Me for seven to 10 years and painting competition for 11 to 14-year-olds. Students and their parents together made an awareness video on coronavirus in the Mom/Dad and Me event. Thousands of participants

from around 100 schools all across the world took part in the fest. Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood was the chief guest.

"It's been truly amazing to watch young minds displaying their creativity and unfolding the hidden talents through the global fest. The enormous participation from all over the globe amid the pandemic reassures our faith in humanity. I congratulate all the participants, especially the winners of the various categories. I also congratulate Asian International School for infusing positivity and optimism among the students through this well-organised virtual inter-

school fest," the actor said.

The winners in the English and Hindi recitation competition were Prisha Pandit of Bhavan's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Vidyaniketan, Haldia, and Shaily Omar of Delhi Public School, Kanpur, respectively.

Anjali Kumar of Sunbeam School, Mughal-sarai won the painting competition, while Harnoor Kaur of Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Calcutta, clinched the first position in Mom/Dad and Me.

"With Regalia 2020 and its manifestation through global fest for children, it is established that when a team joins hands together, the dark

hues of pandemic can be transformed into the brightness of happydemic. The brightness of the children has connected as many as 2,000 families with a soaring support of almost 100 schools from across the globe, coming together to set in the sense of normality. We have been conducting various engaging and enriching activities

for the students through virtual seminars and commemoration in the past 10 months. The outcomes of these efforts have been displayed through huge participation by children at the inter-school fests, even at the national level," said principal Vijay Lakshmi Kumar.



## YOUNG METRO

## THE AKSHAR SCHOOL

Junior section of The Akshar School — classes III to VI — recently organised an online fest Avsar 2020. It focused on India and encouraged students to travel



virtually and discover their country afresh. The organising committee got three weeks to put together the fest that had events focusing on the country's heritage and rich culture. Students of classes III and IV staged folk dances while classes V and VI competed in a classical dance competition. Other events included storytelling, cookery and talking about heritage sites. Ten schools took part in the event. "Even a pandemic could not slow down the positive energy of Team Akshar," said principal Kavneet Khullar.



# रेगलिया 2020 का आयोजन



हर साल दिसंबर का महीना विद्यालयों को उत्सव की भावना से बिखेर देता है। यह महीना छोटे बच्चों के लिये अत्यंत प्रिय है, और क्यों न हो? यह महीना आते - आते अपने साथ उत्साह, सामाजिक समारोह, ढेरों पकवान और जश्न के अलावा बहुत कुछ ले आता है। एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, हावड़ा ने इसी बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस आपातकालीन स्थिति में भी घर पर बैठे युवा प्रतिभाओं के लिए 27 दिसम्बर को "खुशियों का त्योहार, REGALIA 2020 का आयोजन किया, जिसमें भारत के साथ-साथ कई अन्य देश भी शामिल थे। भारतीय अभिनेता, फिल्म निर्माता, लोकोपकारक, प्रवासियों के मसीहा, श्रीमान सोनू सूद ने मुख्य अतिथि बनकर उत्सव की शोभा बढ़ाई और उपस्थित दर्शकों को अपनी उपस्थिति और वाणी के द्वारा प्रोत्साहित किया। 104 स्कूल के लगभग 2000 बच्चों ने इस खुशियों के त्योहार में भाग लिया था, जिसमें से हर वर्ग के लिए 30 बच्चों को शॉर्ट लिस्ट किया गया और आगे चलकर इन्हीं में से प्रथम तीन विजेताओं को चुना गया। REGALIA की अनुभवी विचारक मंडली बच्चों की फलती-फूलती प्रतिभाओं को देखकर दंग सी रह गयी। एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल की इस खुशियों के त्योहार के द्वारा देश-विदेश की प्रतिभाओं को एक मंच पर आने का मौका मिला। इस उत्सव की समाप्ति के साथ उपस्थित हर किसी को नए जोश के साथ आने वाले नए साल को शुरू करने की बधाइयाँ दी गई।



# HAPPENINGS

## AMU Faculty has received Best Paper Award at an International conference.

Professor Imtiaz Ashraf (Department of Electrical Engineering, Zakir Husain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University), along with his researchers' team got the Best Paper Award at the International Conference on "Smart Technologies for Energy, Environment & Sustainable Development [ICSTEESD 2020]", organized by G H Raisoni College of Engineering, Nagpur. The team presented a research paper on double stage voltage lift switched capacitor converter for high voltage applications in DC microgrids which received the best paper award. This novel DC-DC converter topology can be used for high voltage applications having the characteristics of low switch count, low voltage stress across semiconductor devices, giving the highest gain factor.

## Grand Inauguration of M Baazar at Asansol.

M Baazar, the fashion store has opened its new store near Hutton Road Bus stand Traffic Signal beside Atwal Building with splash. Asansol has got its new fashion destination. Customers were offered assured gifts on every purchase. There are many more buy 1 get 1 offer inhouse. Store manager said that M Baazar deals in exclusive collections for menswear, Ladieswear, kids wear with all this M Baazar offers a wide collection and range of accessories. Store Manager said M Baazar with 85 stores across 7 states is popular because of the availability of fashionable clothes of good quality and at affordable price range. M Baazar keeps offering interesting offers throughout the year.

## Hyundai Smart Care Clinic had conducted service camp across the country

Hyundai India had announced a 10-day service camp, called 'Smart Care Clinic', held across the country at 1288 Hyundai service points. The nationwide service camp was held between the 14th to 23rd of December 2020 and offered customers comprehensive vehicle service and check up options and other complimentary offers as well. These included a free top wash, 10 per cent discount on mechanical parts, a 20 per cent discount on mechanical labour and on all value-added services and a complimentary 50-point vehicle check up.

**IndianOil has pioneered India's hydrogen economy efforts to procure 15 PEM fuel cell buses**  
To give a fillip to India's push to usher in hydrogen-based mobility solutions ecosystem, IndianOil, the country's largest refiner and fuel retailer is

inviting bids to procure 15 Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM) fuel cell buses. This project is the first-ever attempt in the country to address all the aspects of hydrogen-based mobility as the ultimate green option. Mr S M Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil said, "IndianOil has been pioneering the hydrogen efforts in the country and this exercise is a part of a bigger project which aims at addressing all aspects of the hydrogen value chain." Mr Vaidya also informed that this venture is being supported partially by the hydrogen corpus fund of the Union Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas.

## North Central Railway has pioneered efforts towards water conservation

In a virtual inauguration function held on 26.12.2020 through video conferencing, General Manager Shri Rajiv Chaudhry



inaugurated Automatic Coach washing Plant installed at coach maintenance depot Agra Cant. and Plug and Play type packaged Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) installed near Jhansi station. Automatic coach washing plant installed at washing line Agra Cantt. is equipped with 12 stages automatic exterior coach washing units for superior and uniform cleaning. Combination of cylindrical brushes, cleaning chemical application and multiple cleaning stages ensures superior coach washing without any manual effort.

## PM had inaugurated the New Bhaupur- New Khurja section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'New Bhaupur-New Khurja section' of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) on 29th December, 2020 at 11 AM via video conferencing. During the event, Prime Minister also inaugurated EDFC's Operation Control Centre (OCC) at Prayagraj. Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shrimati Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal were also present on the occasion. The 351 km New Bhaupur- New Khurja section of EDFC is situated in Uttar Pradesh and is built at a cost of Rs 5,750 crores.

**Asian International School had received four prestigious awards at National School Awards 2020.**  
What defines AIS as number one exceptional school and best in

Howrah is its focus on best academics curriculums, infrastructure management, innovation in scholastic and co-scholastic engagement and also inculcation of good morals in students by imparting holistic education. Asian International School has recently been graced with four prestigious awards at the virtual ceremony of National School Awards (NSA) 2020- Best Day Boarding School, Award for School with Best E-Learning Methodology, Educational Excellence Award and Best School Promoting Cultural Activities

## ISRO Chairman has urged students to focus on innovation at SRM's 16th Annual Convocation.

"Always keep in mind the challenges our country is facing. Each of these challenges



offers an opportunity for innovation," said Dr. K Sivan, Chairman of ISRO, Bangalore and Secretary, Department of Space, Government of India. Addressing students virtually at the 16th Annual Convocation of SRM Institute of Science & Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, Dr. Sivan said, "About 17,204 students belonging to the Faculties of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Science and Humanities, Medicine & Health Sciences and Management studies including 129 Ph.D. scholars received their degrees.

## Sonalika Tractor has launched Tiger Electric' India's first field ready electric tractor.

Unleashing a new era of agri innovation, Sonalika, India's fastest growing tractor brand and No. 1 export brand across Europe, Americas, Africa and over 130 countries, has raised curtains



from India's first field ready electric tractor 'Tiger Electric'. The latest technology marvel from the farmer centric brand has been designed in Europe and developed in-house with proven aggregates to deliver seamless power as well as emission free, noiseless farming in India and across the globe. With a vision of 'Leading Agri Evolution', Sonalika Tractors has been driving farm mechanisation worldwide with its customised & technology footprint, which is true reflection of 'Make-in-India' and made for the world.





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# Virtual learning at its best

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The importance of independent learning, life skills and picking up a career that's best suited for one's skills were highlighted at a national webinar on Reinventing Career Choices in the Neo-Normal Era, organised by Asian International School recently to commemorate its foundation day.

The webinar witnessed several eminent personalities sharing their opinions on the topic. Debasree Chaudhuri, the minister of state for women and child welfare, was the chief guest of the event and the speakers were R.P. Singh, joint secretary of skill education, CBSE; Ujjwal K Chowdhury, pro vice-chancellor of Adamas University; scientist Arvind C

Ranade; IIHM chairman Suborno Bose and RJ Jimmy Tangree. While Singh feels skills will play a key role in neo-normal era, Ranade stressed upon the need to respect time. Bose thinks students need to be encouraged to think beyond IITs.



"Students have to develop life skills and they have to be mature and independent thinker. They have to choose the discipline they like," said Bose. Chowdhury touched upon a few valuable points such as mentor-learner model, application of knowledge and the benefits of collaboration. "It is very important now to deal with such areas as the entire world has gone into a metamorphosis. With the new way of life there has to be a venture into skill-based education and employability," said principal Vijay Lakshmi Kumar.



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A stand taken against drug abuse and its trafficking in 2020 won Asian International School an award from the Central Board of Secondary Education and the Narcotics Control Bureau, Bhubaneswar, this year. The students had taken part in an anti-drugs campaign on June 26 last year, spreading awareness through online drawing, music videos and slogan-writing competitions. The students used slogans and poster art to show the effects of drug abuse. The award has encouraged them to continue with the campaign and bring about a change in the society. "To create awareness through young minds is the strongest step a society can take. Our students took part in the anti-drug awareness campaign with the aim to strengthen the values right from the grassroots level of society," said principal Vijay Lakshmi Kumar.







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# 'Entrance tests may turn vital for Class-XI admission to new school'

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**Kolkata:** As CBSE is yet to decide how Class-X scores would be drawn up in the absence of a board exam, school principals assume the pre-boards marks and assessments throughout the online academic year will be considered. It might not be an immediate worry for students who have already got admission to Class-XI in their schools, but those planning to change institutes for Plus-II level are apprehensive about the marks that will be calculated and whether Class-IX results will also be taken into account or not.

Students planning to switch schools feel they might have to depend on the results of admission tests that will possibly be held by the said institutes as board results will not be there to refer to. "Most students who change school at this stage come from either the state board or CISCE. They wish to study the Plus-II CBSE course to prepare for competitive exams. In the absence of the board results, admission tests at this level will assume



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—Vijaylakshmi Kumar |  
PRINCIPAL, ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

a greater significance," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.

Students also fear lack of uniformity as some schools had held offline pre-board exams, while many were forced to shift to online. "Naturally, marks of those who took the pre-boards in the online mode were better. Our school has been very strict and conducted only physical pre-board exams. So, how will this inequality be factored in?" said a Heritage School student. Some other schools that held offline pre-boards were Birla High School, Lakshmipat Singhania Academy and Asian International School.

Some institutes have decided to add one-on-one interactions with students seeking new admissions. "Of-



Often many seeking new admissions do so within the same board as they have been denied a stream in their own school. Besides a test, a face-to-face interaction makes it clear whether the child is ready for that stream

—Seema Sapru | PRINCIPAL, HERITAGE SCHOOL

ten many seeking new admissions are doing so within the same board because they have been denied a particular stream in their own school. So apart from an admission test, a face-to-face interaction makes it clear whether the child is ready for that stream or not," said Seema Sapru, principal of The Heritage School.

Most students feared those who had hoped to score high might suffer. "Admission tests and interviews are alright, but admissions are provisional and board marks are factored in. The law of averages always helps the average student, isn't it?" said Tirthankar Sarkar, a parent. But schools are happy they completed pre-boards and projects and uploaded internal assessment marks on CBSE portal.





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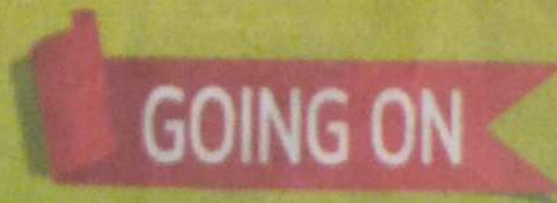


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Asian International School recently organised an awareness programme to celebrate Earth Day virtually. The programme aimed to create consciousness in the young minds on ways to protect the environment. It started with a self-composed verse by Class V student Arnesh Dhara. It speaks about issues such as pollution, global warming, extinction of flora and fauna, deforestation and so on. The poem invited kids to save the planet. Then the teachers presented a dance performance



and a skit. The skit took the students to the future when the Earth would be finally healing. The programme ended with a pledge taken by

the students to plant more trees and minimise usage of non-biodegradable materials. "This year, the commemoration revolved around creating awareness and emphasising on five important points — recycle, reduce, reuse, reinforce and restore. The best part was the skit prepared by the teachers where they marched forward to 2080 and spoke about the current scenario. This was again to reiterate the importance of conservation of essential resources," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.





TIME TAPPERS: (Clockwise from above) Shaivi Kumar, Devansh Surana, Debdiptta D. Mazumder, Arkadyuti Maiti and Sangramjit Bhattacharyya; (below) Debdiptta's models of eco-friendly cars

# Small Things, Huge Respite

This is how a lot of schoolchildren have coped with a life altered beyond recognition by the pandemic. **Chandreyee Ghose reports**

**I**f 2020 got children restless, many have been left frustrated and despairing by 2021. While their classrooms could shift to the virtual space by April 2020, what could not was the warmth of real-time interaction. However, infection and personal losses are also seeing them build their own coping mechanism.

"I am still scared. I don't know when I'll go back to school or what the future holds," says Shaivi Kumar, a Class VIII student of Sri Sri Academy. Shaivi misses the film club in school. That's where she had learnt film editing. As news of deaths and Covid-related distress poured in steadily, Shaivi turned to her old love for solace. She says, "Every time the phone rang, I would get stressed. That's when I decided to learn more about film editing and started making documentaries. I did my own research and made two short films, one on The Indian Coffee House and the other on woman power. I am now working on my third film, which is on motherhood." Shaivi has uploaded her films on social media for viewing and feedback.

When the pandemic struck, Devansh Surana, who is a Class XI student of Birla High School, was ready for a gruelling high school year. Instead, he ended up with more time at home. He says, "I used to play the piano earlier, but since the lockdown I learnt to play the guitar as well. Now I have started making my own music on virtual apps. I have been posting my songs (English and Hindi) on social media. I have followers with whom I interact."

Devansh, who is currently recovering from a bout of Covid-19 and has also lost his grandmother to the virus, says, "I am seriously considering a career in the music industry given so many virtual platforms and opportunities. Had there been no pandemic I would not have got the time to work on my own music."

Debdiptta D. Mazumder has also been hammering away at a creation of his own since the pandemic outbreak. The Class XII student of Birla High School, who wants to study engineering at



one of the IITs, has used his spare time to make a working model of an eco-friendly car. He says, "I used to miss school and worry about the current situation. My aunt was ailing. I hated missing out on the final years of my school life. To tackle my frustration better, I started researching and designing my own car. I would try out different configurations till I managed to build a working car model that can run on solar cells and air. The Arduino-based prototype can run at a maximum speed of 330 kilometres an hour." According to Debdiptta, he is now trying to improve the model and hopes to have his own patents and run an automobile company one day.

Swara Ghosh's experience of the lockdown and pandemic is different from Shaivi, Devansh and Debdiptta's. Swara is three years old, has never seen the inside of a school campus although she is a student of La Martiniere's Upper Nursery class. She has missed out on playdates and fun activities that kindergarten schooling is about. Says her mother, Devleena G., "She has boundless energy. What kept her going since the

pandemic was playtime on the terrace, feeding pigeons." But even that had to stop when her father got infected this year and her movement was restricted. Swara was left confused, lonely and irritated initially. Gradually, she started taking interest in artwork. "Art started calming her," says Devleena, who is also a clinical psychologist.

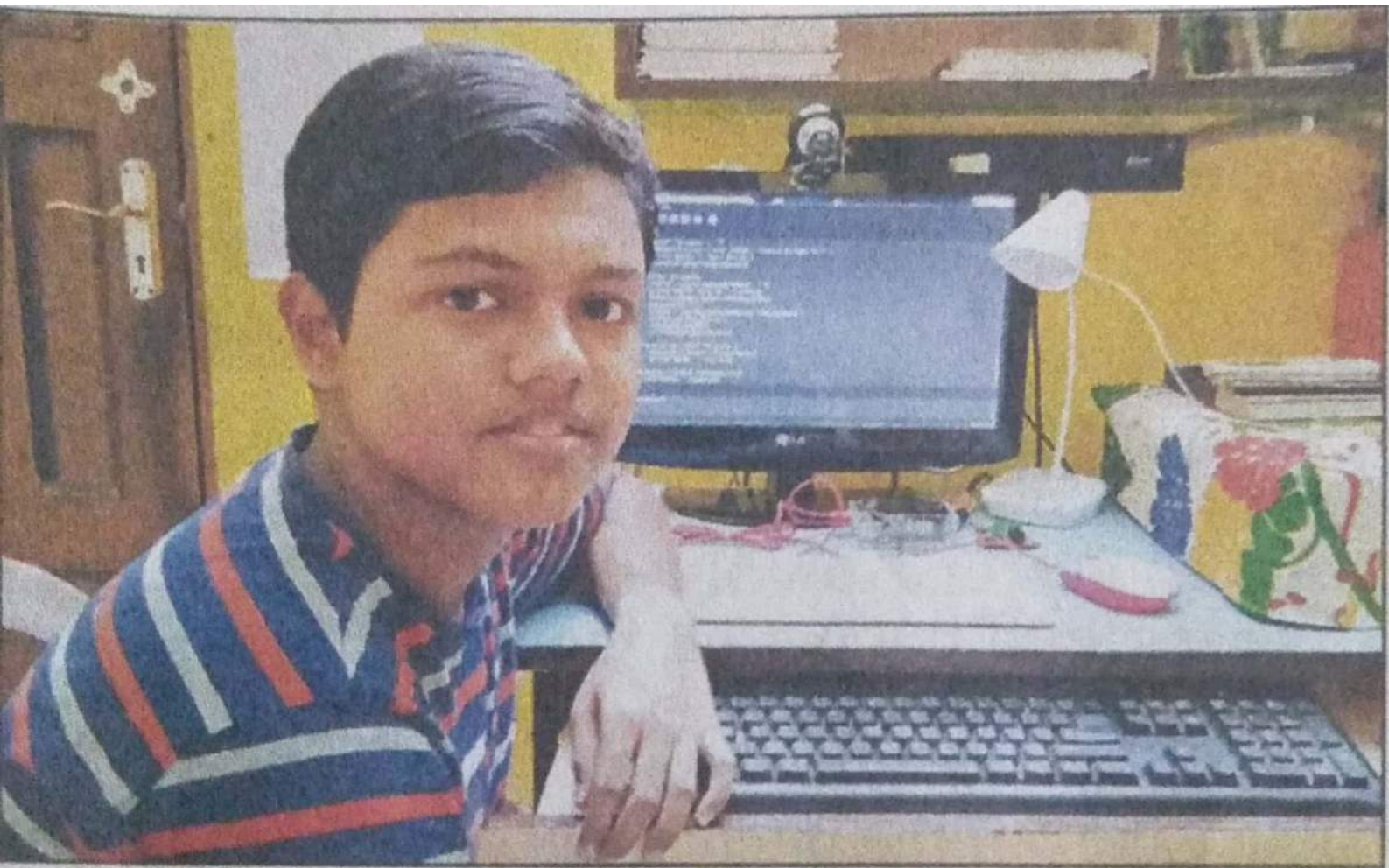
There are many like Swara for whom a new world has opened up through art. Says Sangramjit Bhattacharyya, who is in Class XII of DPS Megacity, "Art would have been the last thing on my mind had I been attending normal school now. But I am glad I rediscovered it."

Class VIII student of Asian International School, Arkadyuti Maiti, built his own resilience through artificial intelligence. He says, "I was lucky to recover from Covid-19 with no complications. I would de-stress by learning more about artificial intelligence. I have managed to build my own chat bot using AI. I plan to learn, tinker and design much more in future."

Children need a lot of hand-holding during a crisis such as this one. Says Vijaylaxmi Kumar, the principal of Asian International School in Howrah, "Most of them are missing the emotional interactions that schools offer. We realise that children do not often express their emotional needs and, as educators, we are trying to open up various communication channels. I reach out to my children regularly after tracking their attendance for online classes. There are some who have required regular counselling."

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# Rabindra Jayanti goes online, but events toned down

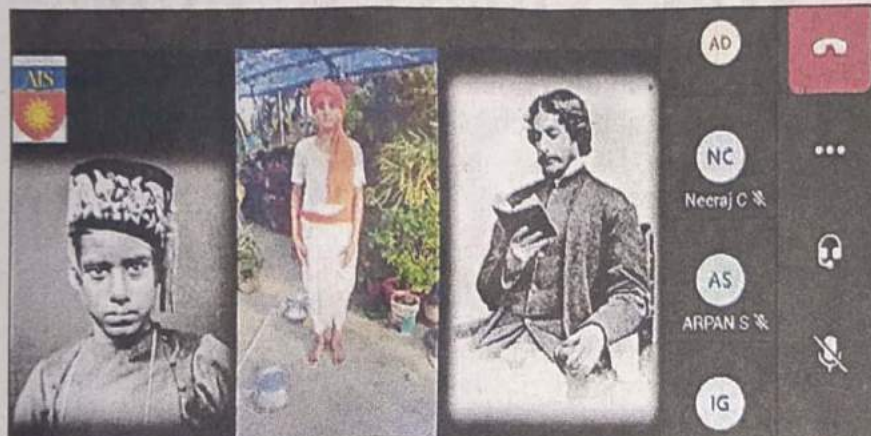
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**Kolkata:** Though many people came onto virtual platforms to celebrate Rabindra Jayanti — the 160th birth anniversary of Tagore — the decibel seemed to be low this time.

School children did their best to cheer everyone up with their performances and by introducing time relevant topics,

grammes that were based on Tagore's works, but most schools chose to deliberate upon those that spoke about difficult times and how one can rise above the crisis to help others.

So students of DPS Ruby Park chose to recite Duhsamay (bad times). Children sang 'Prano Bhoraye Trisha Horiye', 'Eso Shyamala Sundoro'. "These were definitely prayers from innocent hearts for better times,"



One of the online programmes presented by students of a school

but many housing complexes decided to keep it to just garlanding the Tagore bust. Local clubs called off their planned song-and-dance programmes. Many Tagore enthusiasts, however, used social media to perform, which were widely appreciated.

In many schools, the online celebrations started on Saturday, several others had their programmes on Sunday, while some will have them on Monday. There was a common thread that ran through these pro-

said vice-principal Indrani Chattopadhyay. Children of Asian International School quoted from Tagore about how self discipline is the most important ethos to tide

over current situations, said principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar. The theme of the pandemic and the Bard will again be reflected in the programme designed by La Martiniere for Boys. Though the programme at IEST was virtual, the statue of Tagore at the campus was garlanded.

**State celebrations: P5**



# A school where 100% success is the mantra

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The state-of-the-art infrastructure spread over 10 acres has been used to create unique proportion of vision, mission, determination, empathy and responsibility. Supplemented by dedicated faculty resource pool and students, the school has maintained its top ranking for the past six years in the district, both at the regional as well as the national levels.

AIS's journey has not been merely about accolades earned by students in national competitions like CSIR Innovation Award, Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan organised by Government of India, but also about faculty members, most of whom are CBSE-appointed examiners. And this shows in the way education is imparted and received in the school. Besides, the use of virtual labs, co-scholas-



A file picture of students on the school campus (also below)



tic activities, academic and extra-curricular excellence and sports define the way students are prepared for the future. The school also boasts of good all India ranking in JEE, NEET, NIT and other universities/institutions and high scores in AISSE (97.2%) and AISCE (95.4%)

Honing 21st century skills of the students is a prime focus of the school. This is well reflected in the subject combinations (science, commerce, humanities) offered at the senior secondary level, allowing the students to prioritise their choice out of a list of as many as 20 subjects. As an 'extra-mile support', career counselling sessions are organised for the students to help them opt for the best and strike a balance between passion and profession.

A plethora of activities also keep the students busy. These include the English week and Earth Day celebrations, among others. The school also earned the International Dimension in School (IDS) emblem. Moreover, counselling provides the much needed window for self expression.

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## RANK TOP 20: SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

1	St Xavier's Collegiate School
2	Don Bosco, Park Circus
3	La Martiniere For Girls
4	DPS Ruby Park
5	La Martiniere For Boys
6	St Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore
7	Vivekananda Mission School, Joka
8	Akshar School
9	Asian International School
10	Calcutta Boys School
11	Bhavan's Gangabux Kanoria Vidya Mandir
12	Auxilium Convent School, Dumdum
13	DPS Megacity
14	St Agnes' Convent School, Howrah
15	Krishnagar Public School, Krishna Nagar
16	DPS Durgapur
17	Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education
18	Gyan Bharati Vidyapith, Jorabagan
19	St Augustine's Day School, Shyamnagar
20	DPS Howrah

## RANK KOLKATA (EAST)

1	Bhavan's Gangabux Kanoria Vidya Mandir
2	DPS Megacity
3	Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education
4	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Salt Lake
5	Our Lady Queen of the Missions School

## RANK KOLKATA (SOUTH)

1	DPS Ruby Park
2	Vivekananda Mission School, Joka
3	Akshar School
4	The BSS School
5	DPS Joka

## RANK KOLKATA (CENTRAL)

1	St Xavier's Collegiate School
2	Don Bosco School, Park Circus
3	La Martiniere For Girls
4	La Martiniere For Boys
5	Calcutta Boys School

## RANK KOLKATA (NORTH)

1	Auxilium Convent School, Dumdum
2	Gyan Bharati Vidyapith, Jorabagan
3	WWA Cossipore English School
4	St Stephen's School, Dumdum
5	National English School

## RANK HOWRAH

1	Asian International School
2	St Agnes' Convent School
3	Agrasain Boys' School
4	DPS Howrah

## RANK 24 PGNS (NORTH)

1	St Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore
2	St Augustine's Day School, Shyamnagar
3	Gd Goenka Public School, Dakhineswar
4	Adamas International School
5	Adamas World School

## RANK NADIA

1	Krishnagar Public School
2	St Mary's English School, Ranaghat
3	Krishnanagar Academy School

## RANK BURDWAN

1	DPS Durgapur
2	St Xavier's School, Burdwan
3	Burdwan Model School

## RANK HOOGHLY

1	Shri Aurobindo Vidyamandir, Chandannagar
2	Hindmotor High School
3	Holy Home, Serampore





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# Class XI e-lessons start as boards prepare mark sheets

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**Kolkata:** For the first time ever, children of Class XI in CBSE and CISCE schools have joined classes without sitting for their board examinations. While some schools started classes earlier this week, several began on Thursday. Schools are also preparing the students' board results simultaneously — CISCE schools will send in the marks by May 15 and CBSE schools have formed their committees and started tabulations after submitting the internal marks of 20% to the board.

Getting provisional admission to Class XI in the different streams, before the board results are declared, has been a norm in city schools for long. Schools have always depended on marks scored throughout classes IX and X to decide on the stream selection and admission. The board scores were never a criteria for getting admission to Class XI, but were always taken as formality for changing the provisional admission to a final one. The refrain that one heard in schools was that this tradition has come in handy for the boards this time since the results are being prepared for keeping the students' school performances in mind, something that is done by educational institutions abroad.

On Tuesday evening, an instruction from CBSE said there should be no watertight com-

The circular from CBSE about no demarcation over streams is bound to generate excitement among students. We have completed our admission process and classes started on Thursday

**Loveleen Saigal** | PRINCIPAL,  
BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

I would have looked forward to writing the board test which would have been checked by external examiners. However, I have been given admission into the science stream and am happy that classes started

**Anushka Koner** | STUDENT OF  
CLASS XI, LA MARTINIÈRE FOR GIRLS

## Early vacation

South Point School has decided on an early summer vacation — from May 10 instead of May 22. Online classes will resume on May 24. School authorities said the decision was taken after pleas from parents as many families are Covid-affected and it is difficult for students to concentrate on studies. TNN

partment of streams during Plus-II admissions. Most city schools said admissions were over and since the board has always been flexible over choosing of the fifth and sixth subjects, even humanities students have been allowed to take science and mathematics papers. "We started lessons for Class XI in the online mode from Monday. In our school, we offer a large number of subjects and have allowed students to choose after checking their perform-

ances in classes IX and X," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmi-pat Singhania Academy.

Lessons for Class XI started on Thursday at Birla High School, DPS Ruby Park and Asian International School, while schools like La Martinière, Rammohan Mission and Heritage started earlier this week. "CBSE has reiterated what we were doing," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.

At Rammohan Mission, where Class XI lessons have started, no outside admissions were possible for the science stream but 30% students have taken admission from other schools in humanities, said principal Sujoy Biswas.

"It would have been great to see my child write her first board exam. But we are happy that her new classes have started," said Snehendu Koner, whose daughter Anushka started her Class XI lessons at La Martinière for Girls.







# CBSE schools keep XII students in exam mode

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**Kolkata:** Though the summer break is on, children who are due to appear for their CBSE XII this year, have not been allowed to let their guard down.

At a time where there is uncertainty over whether the exams will be held or not, schools are tense that students would start taking it easy and lose touch with their preparations. So special routines have been set and teachers are not only connecting with the students through these classes but are also catching up with everyone beyond class hours.

## SPECIAL TESTS DURING BREAK

Most of the classes that are being scheduled now are problem-solving sessions where children are being made to solve test papers in given time frames. Teachers say that while children are often ready with the answers and they know their work, they are faltering while putting it down in the pen and paper mode. Hence, they are being made to submit written assignments.

Birla High School has even scheduled an exam for the class XII children in online mode, which is almost a repeat of the mock exams that they have already written. The exams star-

## HANDHOLDING EXAMINEES



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**Loveleen Saigal** | PRINCIPAL OF BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL



We just cannot let these young minds wander away till the time the court, the Centre and the Board take a final call on this. So we are having continuous classes

**Meena Kak** | DIRECTOR OF LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA ACADEMY

ted on May 24 and have been following a strict exam room pattern with in-camera invigilation. "We were scared that children would get lax, if we lose touch with them over a summer break. So we decided to keep them in the study mode through the exams which are on now. Teachers are being able to pay full attention to the children because they do not have to teach other classes during the break," said Loveleen Saigal, principal of Birla High School. The school has otherwise given a summer break from May 17 to June 14 for the other classes.

There is no summer break for the CBSE XII students of Lakshmipat Singhania Academy, though for the other classes a vacation has been announced from May 13 to June 9. "We have noticed that a large number of children have already lost in-

terest in the exam process due to the pandemic situation and also because there is so much talk about cancellation of the exams. We just cannot let these young minds wander away till the time the court, the Centre and the Board take a final call on this," said Meena Kak, director of the school.

Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School said that for all the teachers the break is non-existent as far as the outgoing class XII children are concerned. "Children are posting their doubts and teachers are clearing them even beyond scheduled hours. We have to create this exam feel for the children to be on their toes. We might also hold another round of exams after a final call is taken about whether the boards will finally happen," Kumar said.



# Covid awareness

Students of classes VI to XII of Asian International School recently organised a campaign to spread awareness on Covid-19 and the dos and don'ts during the pandemic. They used the 5R — refuse, reduce, reuse, repurpose, recycle — principle to create posters, slogans and messages that had been put up in classrooms and corridors. The campaign was also posted on the school's official Facebook page. "The morning assembly is the time when we orient and reinforce Covid appropriate behaviour in our students. The lessons have been very effective," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.



# Inoculation starts at city schools, colleges for teachers, support staff

Jhimli Mukherjee Pandey &  
Somdatta Basu | TNN

**Kolkata:** Schools, colleges and universities have started off-site vaccination drives for teachers and non-teaching staff with some offering the jabs for free to the support staff.

Birla High School and Sushila Birla Girls School are paying for vaccination of all teachers and staff as part of the managements' CSR activity, principal Loveleen Saigal said.

Shri Shikshayatan Foundation spokesperson Bratati Bhattacharya said it was also offering free vaccination to all teachers, staff and support staff members.

Lakshmipat Singhania Academy's management, too, has offered to pay for the vaccination of all staff members, director Meena Kak confirmed.

DPS Newtown has announced that all their 100 support staff, including gardeners, security personnel, drivers, pe-



Teachers and staff members get inoculated at Garden High School (L) and Shri Shikshayatan School

ons, electricians and housekeeping members, will be vaccinated free-of-cost on campus this week. Teachers though have to pay for the shots.

Garden High School is also inoculating the support staff for free but teachers have to pay, said spokesperson T K Gopalan.

La Martiniere School has offered to vaccinate all its 340 teachers, non-teaching staff and other support staff free of cost.

South Point School will vaccinate 500 teachers, staff and their families on June 5. "We have already submitted the deta-

ils of a plan to the health department," said school spokesperson Krishna Damani.

Asian International School is also scheduled to vaccinate teachers and support staff members free of cost on Wednesday.

The Jadavpur University Teachers' Association organized a paid vaccination camp at the main campus. "We are requesting the state government to consider our request for a free vaccination camp at the university soon," added JUTA general secretary Partha Pratim Ray.

Institute of Engineering

and Management and the University of Engineering and Management are vaccinating more than 500 members of the institute and their families including corporate partners at the IEM campus in Salt Lake Sector V. "Vaccination is essential to reopen classes physically," said UEM Group president Satyajit Chakrabarti.

The JIS Group managing director Taranjit Singh said it had organized a free vaccination drive for employees and students at Guru Nanak Institute of Dental Sciences & Research in February.



# Most CBSE, ISC schools vote to count XI, XII marks

## Some Decide To Hold One Last Exam

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**Kolkata:** Principals and teachers of city schools affiliated to the Council for Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) expressed relief at the cancellation of the ISC and CBSE Class

## Times View

The all-important decision has been taken. But students and parents would be equally worried about the nitty-gritty; after all, class-XII marks determine which college one goes to. These decisions must be thought out properly so that students of all boards get a level playing field.

XII examinations but were unsure of the formula that would be adopted by the two boards for finalising the marksheets. They are, however, sure that the marks that the students have scored in school would play a de-

## PRINCIPALS' TAKE



The Council will not only look at online scores but also offline scores of the previous year and so the assessment will be fair

**Rupkatha Sarkar** | LA MARTINIERE FOR GIRLS PRINCIPAL



The external marks in practicals and projects will also be a key indicator to the child's understanding of the subject

**Seema Sapru** | HERITAGE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



The board is taking a look at the child's overall progress through not just online exam scores but offline marks of the previous year

**Meena Kak** | LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA DIRECTOR



Pressure has been taken off students. The Board has given an option to appear for an onsite exam if students are dissatisfied with their marks

**Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharya** | SOUTH POINT PRINCIPAL

cisive role in Class XII results.

Schools had managed to finish all laboratory-based practical exams and projects and these marks have already been submitted to the respective boards, making up for the very critical 20%-30% externally assessed marks.

However, there were concerns over whether the pre-board marks scored in offline exams would be evaluated differently from those that had been conducted online. Those who appeared in the latter have sco-

red higher.

"There are two probable methods of evaluating ISC candidates. First, the Council may consider the score card of students from the ICSE in 2019 and give considerable weightage and weave it together with the internal assessment score cards of both Classes XI and XII. The second could be, taking into account only the online or offline assessment marks of Class XI and XII along with the practical examination scores," said a school principal.

CISCE has already asked schools to send scores of each child through class XI and XII. The CBSE is yet to seek such marks but from what has been done with the class X board year assessment, schools say, it is clear that the scores of both class XI and XII will be sought.

Some CBSE schools have decided to hold one last exam and these marks will also be sent to the board. In Birla High School, this exam is already on. "It started on May 24 because we wanted the kids to be in touch with their books. Let this be the last exam of their school lives" said principal Loveleen Saigal. Asian International School will start the exam when the school reopens after June 7, said principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar.

South Point principal Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee said, "All Class XII candidates have been externally evaluated either on 30 marks or 20 marks. The evaluation was conducted by holding practical tests, assessing project work or viva-voce."

"The Council is looking at marks that not only reflect online but also the offline scores of Class XI," said Rupkatha Sarkar, principal of La Martinier for Girls. Seema Sapru, principal of Heritage School said this is the best that the Council could have done.





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GOING ON



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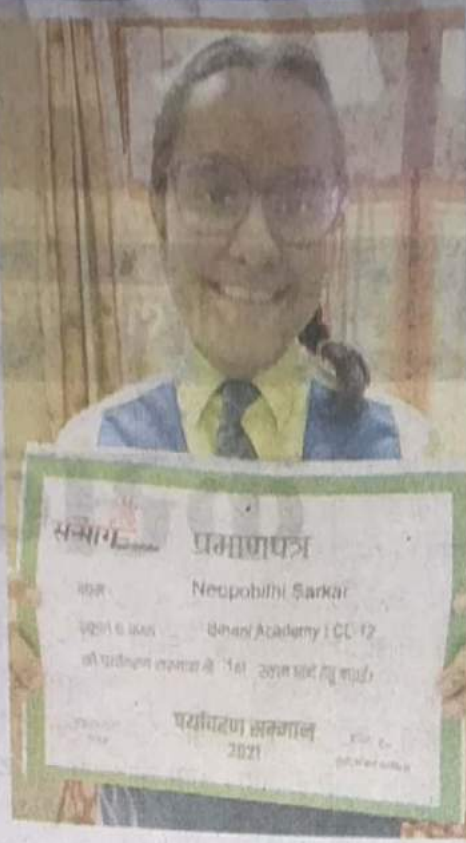


Students of Asian International School celebrated Rabindra Jayanti in four phases, virtually. The school staged musical performances and skits, recited poetry and even organised an *adda* session. The focus was on the bard's vision and self-discipline that the students could relate to in their current situation. Students of classes V to VIII staged *Amal O Doiwala*, an excerpt from Tagore's

## YOUNG METRO

play *Dakghar*. The choir sang several songs, while there was also Hindi recitation of the poet's translated works. An icing on the cake was a *boithaki* or interactive session on "Tagore's rhythms". The school's primary section took part in the celebrations, dancing to his songs such as *Fule fule dhole dhole*. "Students presented songs and skits that highlighted on self-discipline, patience and love for nature. They are now relating to the bard's ethos. You need to be self-disciplined and independent to carry on with online study," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.





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# X marks okay but XI a problem: Teachers

## City Schools Relieved With CBSE Formula

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**Kolkata:** CBSE schools were relieved to get the board notification on the formula to be followed by schools to compute the final scores for their Class XII candidate. Going by suggestions from schools, the candidates' Class X board marks have been taken into consideration and 30% weightage has been given to it.

However, the board has also kept a 30% weightage on Class XI marks, which has given rise to concerns among school heads as they feel students' scores usually dip in Class XI before again picking up in Class XII.

But the principals, whom CBSE had consulted before drafting the formula, said this was

### SCORE BOARD

Class	Marks	%
Class XII	Of unit tests/pre-boards	40
Class XI	Of theory papers in final exam	30
Class X	Average of best 3 subjects	30

the best that could be done for objectivity. While the average student would gain, the ones in the 95%-plus bracket might suffer due to gain or loss of 3%-5% in the law of averages, they said. Most schools were happy the board had taken the Class X marks into consideration.

Some schools also felt there were many subjects in Plus-II that had no co-relation with those of Class X and so, clarification needed to be sought on those. "It is a mammoth task now. We might need to seek clarification on subjects, like psychology,

commerce, accountancy, mass media and fashion technology, which were not taught in Class X," said Lakshmipat Singhania Academy director Meena Kak. But Birla High School principal Loveleen Saigal argued even if there were co-relational issues, a child's basic knowledge could be assessed from Class X performance. Language, aptitude for science and maths can be gauged from Class X boards, she said.

North Point Senior Secondary Boarding School director Rita Chatterjee, who has been in the CBSE system for 40 years, said about 20% students changed schools or boards in Plus-II. These children missed the social-emotional pool in the first year (XI) and their scores dipped, she said, adding including Class XI marks could be challenging for them. Asian International School Vijaylakshmi Kumar echoed her: "Some manage average to low marks in Class XI but there is a sharp rise in Class XII because of the hard work they put in later."



# 'Start early in new assessment regime'

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**Kolkata:** Teachers have started advising students on the importance of being regular in classes—online or physical—completing all classwork and submitting of homework, especially after national boards are considering school-level marks for marking Class X and XII candidates.

Students are being told every child would be continually assessed as these observations might be of supreme importance in the changed circumstances, when only board exams marks would no longer be the sole criterion for appraisal. Schools said learning curves would be prepared from the middle school so that a child's natural aptitude for subjects and other proficiencies could be plotted. "This system is followed abroad. The old pattern of assessing a child on just board marks is being replaced with a holistic assessment where, a child's engagement with every subject and process will be plotted from his/her formative midd-

le school days. If a child takes interest in class, gives interesting answers and solutions, he/she should be awarded a score," said Rupkatha Sarkar, principal of La Martiniere for Girls.

"The current challenges have taught us assessments are bound to change and we are moving towards a system followed abroad where a child's all-round learning curve is plotted. Every assignment a child writes has to be recorded," said Heritage School principal Seema Sapru. Asian Int-

## 'EXAMS NOT SOLE CRITERION'

ernational School had started a multiple mode of assessment, where exam scores were as important as class response, said principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar. At an online meet of Class XI students at Birla High School on Thursday, principal Loveleen Saigal said each child's progress in the past five years might be compared with exam scores. "It is important to be diligent throughout," she said.





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# CBSE schools form panels for XII final scores with board formula

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## CLASS XII MARKING STRATEGY

Class	Component	Weightage
Class XII	Marks of unit tests/pre-boards	40%
Class XI	Marks of theory papers in annual exam	30%
Class X	Average theory papers of best 3 subjects	30%

When the results are prepared, subject teachers will be consulted as they know every child's proficiency level in those topics

**Meena Kak** | DIRECTOR,  
LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA  
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(best three subjects) and Class XI final exams scores and 40% on Class XII online exams at schools, that might include everything from unit tests, term tests to pre-boards.

"We have asked our Class XII teachers to read the notification. We have formed our results committee that includes

two teachers from other schools. When the results are prepared, subject teachers will be consulted as they know every child's proficiency level," said Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy director Meena Kak. The school has submitted its CBSE X marks to the board.

Schools felt the computa-

tion of CBSE X marks was a dress rehearsal for this more complex marking Class XII formula, where a lot of scores under several heads were being considered. A list of FAQs has been prepared by all schools to be discussed with the city coordinator, with whom the first meeting has been slated for Saturday. "The notification is clear but we will give our questions to the co-ordinator who will then take it to the board for further clarification," said North Point Senior Secondary Boarding School director Rita Chatterjee. CBSE schools will be divided into clusters that will hold subsequent meetings with the coordinator.

South Point principal Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee felt the inclusion of Class X boards marks, which the Class XII candidates had scored in pre-par-

ademic days, would help. The inclusion of Class XI final marks, which were also held on campuses as pandemic was yet to strike with a vengeance in March 2019, would be an objective analysis, she said. "We were lucky we could conduct our pre-boards on the campus and our practicals, too," she added.

Schools felt the inclusion of the average performance of schools for the past three years while computing the Class XII final marks would bring a system of check and balance so that children were not affected from too much leniency or too much strictness in school assessments. "We have all the data with us and we are getting down to arranging them in order. Our exam committee is in place, too," said Asian International School principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar.



# Skills to brush up kids' personality

## ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Students of classes V to XII of Asian International School recently celebrated the English Language Day and observed the birth and death anniversary of William Shakespeare with creative presentations. The focus was not only on the bard, but also on several poets and authors, who had written in English. Students took part in script enactments, poster-making contests, recitation and orations throughout the week to celebrate various nuances of the language. "We had celebrated the English Language Day for a week by paying homage to Shakespeare and creating an interest in activities such as anagram, elocution and role play, which certainly enhanced the knowledge and personality of children," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.





# City CBSE schools submit XI, XII scores

**Kolkata:** All CBSE schools in the city submitted their classes XI and XII marks to the board by Monday.

The schools sent the marks according to the format and the board will calculate the weightage. "We will then calibrate each student's marks," said director of Lakshmipat Singhanian Academy Meena Kak. "After we get the calculations, along with the mean performances, back, we will start calibrating with our exam panels," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School. TNN




# CBSE teachers advise 'split studies' for split board exams


**'Further Slash In CISCE Syllabi Likely'**

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## NEW SYSTEM IN CHANGED TIMES

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—Rita Chatterjee | DIRECTOR, NORTH POINT BOARDING SCHOOL

 If you have been unable to take the first half, you can still be assessed on the basis of the next half. That will be a fairer assessment of a child than just falling back on school exam scores

—Mukta Nain | DIRECTOR, BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL

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### CBSE to hold boards in 2 parts from current session

Multiple Choice in 1st, Subjective For Second Term

**EXAMS IN NOV-DEC '21 AND MAR-APR '22**

NEW DELHI: The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to hold the board examinations for the current session in two parts. The first part will be held from November to December 2021, and the second part will be held from March to April 2022. The board has decided to hold the first part of the exams in multiple-choice format, and the second part in subjective format. This decision was taken to ensure that students are assessed on their understanding of the subject matter, rather than just their ability to memorize facts. The board has also decided to reduce the syllabus for the exams, to ensure that students are able to complete the syllabus within the given time frame.

High School, felt the 50% weightage on each half of the exam had probably been done, keeping the pandemic in mind. "If you have been unable to take the first half, you can still be assessed on the basis of the next half. That will be a fairer assessment of a child than just falling back on school exam scores though those have also assumed a greater role with the board asking us how many exams to conduct and what pattern of assessment to follow for classes IX and XI," she said.

CISCE schools are preparing to teach reduced syllabus of English and Indian languages (second language), following indications from the council to stick to a certain serial. "That way, every school will be broadly teaching the same topics at any given point, facilitating further reduction if necessary," a CISCE circular to school principals read. "We can't take the liberty of teaching a poem from the end of the list and then come back to the one on top. There is no choice," said a school principal, adding reduction of syllabus of other subjects was expected.

**Kolkata:** CBSE schools in the city had a discussion on how the teaching-learning-assessment process should change after the board on Monday announced the two-part exam system for classes X and XII. Though syllabus rationalisation was awaited, principals spoke to teachers about how they should prepare students on the new semester-like pattern of board exams from 2022.

The teachers advised the students to focus on the first half of the syllabus for the first exam and tackle the rest later.

According to the new rule, the first term objective exams are likely to be held in November-December, and the second term, which will be subjective, in March-April. The board, however mentioned the pande-

mic situation of the exam months would play a big role in taking a final call.

Schools are relieved there will be no overlap of syllabus between the two exams and pressure on students will reduce. "If the exam happens in November-December, we have just three months to prepare. Of course, we will have the CBSE to guide us," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy. Schools said much of the syllabus had been covered. Once the syllabus reduction was announced, students would find it easy to attend the November-December

exams, they said. "CBSE knows the syllabus flow and where exactly we have reached. We need to know where to stop before the November exam," said Vijayalakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.

Examinees seemed happy. "At least, we do not have to go through our board year without taking an exam," said Aditi Banerjee, a CBSE (science) student. "I am excited and scared at the same time. I will have to write a board exam in just three months, when we were expecting to appear for it in eight months. But this should be easy as it's going to be 50% of the syl-

labus," said Tanvi Agarwal, a CBSE X candidate.

For the first time, CBSE board exams will be held at "home centres" with external invigilators. Schools are happy though the venues will be respective schools, the exams will be conducted by the board and that there will be a parity. "We will have to teach our students the new concept of an OMR sheet. The dependence on multiple-choice questions was bound to be, given the situation now," said Rita Chatterjee, director of North Point Boarding School.

Some academics, such as Mukta Nain, director of Birla



# ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



lowed a safe and secure platform to the alumni, the parents of our school and the dependent members, in combatting the pandemic," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.

**Reporting by Chandreyee Ghose and Neha Singh**

Asian International School recently conducted two vaccination drives – one in association with RN Tagore Hospital and the other in collaboration with Woodlands Hospital - for its staff members and their near ones. The school ferried around 120 staff members to RN Tagore Hospital for the shots during the first drive, while they organised the second one on their own premises for more than 150 participants including students above the age of 18, ex-students, parents, employees and their close dependents.

“Asian International School is ensuring the safety circle of ‘Me, us and nation’ by organising the vaccination drives. In today’s times when vaccination centres are not readily available, our effort has al-

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# CBSE schools gear up to handle MCQ format

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**Kolkata:** Teachers at CBSE schools have started training their classes X and XII students in such a way that they are skilled to answer multiple-choice questions from the chapters that will go to test in the first term of their board exams later in November-December.

The next term of the boards, which will cover the other half of the syllabus, is slated for March-April, 2022.

Earlier, one-fifth of the questions were in the MCQ format. For the rest, students had to write short answer and lengthy ones for some. Now, the entire theory part of the first exam session will be in MCQ format. Schools said CBSE had for two years been insisting on the shift to MCQ. Now that the change was happening, it would take some effort on the part of both teachers and students to adjust to the new format, teachers said.

"One has to know how to divide a chapter into MCQ format. First, one has to look at each concept or information in a chapter and then look for related answers. A lot of case studies are to be included..." said Lakshmi Pat Singhania, Academy director Meena Kak.

Some schools have called meetings of subject heads on Friday to plan how to introduce students to the new format. "The announcement has come at a time when we were preparing for a standard board exam. MCQs are application based and the teaching format will change. It looks more daunting because online classes are being

 We are rushing to get our teachers start preparing our students for the complete MCQ mode

**Vijaya Chowdhury** |  
PRINCIPAL, BDM INTERNATIONAL

 We were preparing for the old boards format and now we have to shift to the new mode. We are less than four months away

**Shatabdi Bhattacharya** |  
PRINCIPAL, NEWTOWN SCHOOL

held now," said The Newtown School principal Shatabdi Bhattacharya. "We have asked our teachers to make the shift immediately and prepare the kids to handle MCQ for each subject," said BDM International School principal Vijaya Chowdhury.

Some principals felt the next three-and-a-half months would need rigorous practice by students. "To have an entire exam in this mode will need a lot more effort and the below-average students will need more hand-holding. We are planning out intense practice sessions," said Vijayalakshmi Kumar of Asian International School.

Students feel the two-part exam is much better than no exam. "The MCQ is not suited to subjects where answers are marked for steps. But it is better than what happened to 2021 board," said Jahnvi Bagaria of Class XII at The Newtown School.



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पहुंच की कमी के कारण अभी भी बहुत से लोग बिना टीकाकरण के रह गए हैं। एआईएस की इस पहल से कई लोगों ने राहत की सांस ली। 26 जून 2021 को, हमने अपने स्कूल परिसर में सभी के लिए अपना दूसरा टीकाकरण अभियान चलाया।

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# CBSE may pay 'surprise' visit to schools over marks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Kolkata:** City CBSE schools are expecting "visitors" from the board who might ask to check whether the uploaded marks of classes X and XII students tally with those actually scored by the kids in their class IX-X and XI-XII exams respectively.

The board is working its formula on the marks that the schools have sent to finalize the boards scores, but it has decided to carry out surprise visits to schools from Monday to check their honesty.

The exam scripts for classes IX and XI are hard copies and for X and XII, it is scanned pdfs that the students sent after their on-line exams. Many schools took pre-board exams on campus and for them, too, the answer scripts are hard copies.

"Everything is preserved for every child. We welcome the random checks," said Lakshmipat Singhania Academy director Meena Kak. Some school heads felt the "visitors" would also see the question paper standard. "The question paper standard is important as kids from different schools are being judged on the same anvil. It will help the board draw up the school average," said Rita Chatterjee, director of North Point Boarding School. "Surprise checks are needed to ensure there is no foul play," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, Asian International School principal.



# CBSE sends high-mark poser to schools

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**Kolkata:** Many CBSE schools have awarded high scores to Class X board examinees while drawing up marks based on unit tests, half-yearly exams and pre-boards. Scores of 96% and above have come under scrutiny of the board that feels marks have been deliberately inflated by schools.

## Times View

Every board needs to be responsible. All steps must be taken to avoid discrimination between students based on their board. A repeat of what happened last year would be a tragedy. The culpability would be even more this year; it would mean that board officials did not learn any lesson from last year's catastrophe.

The board on Tuesday sent a circular to schools asking them to review marks of each candidate with 96% or above and re-evaluate them strictly following the past performance average of the school over three years. The revised marks need



We have an improvement every year over our past year's result. Our students have scored well and we are proud of that. We have documents to prove everything

**A school principal**



Getting marks beyond 95% is no longer unusual. The board must realise that

**A school principal**

to be uploaded by July 17.

"The number of candidates scoring 96% and above per subject should not be more than the number of students having scored such marks in the past three years," the circular said. A large number of city CBSE schools feel that in the absence of a board examination, when even unit tests are being taken into consideration, the marks are bound to be high.

"The board says the number of high scorers this year should be compared to our historic pattern, but what if we had an excellent batch this year?" said principal of a city school.

The circular, signed by CBSE controller of examinations Sanyam Bhardwaj, said awarding such high marks to so many is "unfair to the few deser-

ving candidates whose performance will fall in this range". The circular added that if schools do not revise marks, the board will do so, include the changes in the final results and penalise the schools.

There are 32,000 students in 7,800 schools whose board marks have not arrived, which is causing a delay in preparing CBSE XII results since the Class X board marks are a part of the formula. For such students the schools have been asked to send the Class X board marks from their admission records. These marks have to be uploaded by end of day on Wednesday. "We have five such students and have asked their parents to send the original mark sheets," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.



# City schools line up mock tests to prepare students for CBSE boards

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**Kolkata:** City CBSE schools have decided to help their students get back to the habit of writing with pens, instead of using the computer keyboard, especially their Class X and XII board candidates who are preparing for the first instalment of the board exam slated to happen in November-December. With less than four months at hand to tackle the problem, schools have come up with a series of mock board exams to get children used to sitting in one place for long to write answers.

Online classes have wreaked a havoc on the writing practice of students since the earlier system of submitting written assignments on a regular basis has not happened over the past 16 months. Even exams have been of short durations and children have lost the habit of sitting through long two to three-hour exams.

Schools had not expected that the board exams would be

## LONG WRITING SESSIONS



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**Vijaylakshmi Kumar** | PRINCIPAL OF ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

divided into two slots and the first slot would be so near. They were all preparing children for the old single format exam scheduled in March 2022. Now, fresh long format exam routines, long duration writing assignments are being planned by schools that will ask students to sit on-camera and complete their work. This will help them sit in one place and continuously write without getting distracted.

"We have to train them to concentrate while sitting in one

place and we will do this through long writing sessions of 90 minutes during class hours. This is over and above the 90-minute to 120-minute exams that we will put the board kids through multiple times before November," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmipat Singhan

There is a sharp difference in approach to exams this time because children will have to appear for 50% of the syllabus in a 90-minute first instalment test

in the MCQ pattern on an OMR sheet. "So many re-adjustments have to be done in less than four months. Along with syllabus completion, writing exams continuously is the only alternative," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.

The tests will prepare children for critical thinking because the questions will be far trickier in the MCQ format since there would be distractors and options that would tend to mislead and students should be prepared to eliminate them. "We have already prepared MCQ worksheets as per topics that we are about to give students for compulsory writing practice. In August, we will have a mock test and one more in September," said Shatabdi Bhattacharya, principal of Newtown School. Vijaya Chowdhury, principal of BDM International School, said that the set format has changed now and each board examinee will have to be prepared for rigorous exam practice that will start immediately.



# Kids take a detour to the world of fiction

CHANDREYEE GHOSE

A WhatsApp link takes you to a shelf of books. Titles like *The Cherry Tree*, *The Wind on the Haunted Hill* and *The Blue Umbrella* pop out. Clicking on the book covers takes one to the story inside.

Welcome to an e-library project initiated by the Asian International School (AIS) for classes V to XII to mark the birth anniversary of Ruskin Bond in May. Thus, most books of the growing library are dedicated to the author.

The Birla High School junior section has also come up with a same initiative in June to keep boredom at bay for their students. Built on similar lines, the school will be adding around 10 books for each class every month. The selection includes a range of classics and popular authors, Ruskin Bond and Roald Dahl being universal favourites.

"The e-library project aims to encourage the children to read. Many students have shared with their teachers how much they are missing their school library. That's when I decided to start an e-library. We plan to dedicate a month to each author and stock up on his books," said AIS principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.

As of now, the AIS library is stocked with Ruskin Bond books, the Harry Potter series



e-library at Asian International School



e-library at Birla High School

and worksheets for students. The link is being sent to their WhatsApp groups as well as on the school portal.

Class VI student Anubhav Pal loves *The Blue Umbrella* and *Harry Potter*. "I can re-

read them again. But what I am really looking forward to are some new authors. I hope to read up on

some classics during this period," said the bookworm.

The principals and teachers at the AIS are working hard at stocking up their e-library with textbooks as well as fiction. "It will be very useful if more study material is available online, through the e-library. We plan to add more

magazines and non-fiction. That way the senior students will not have to search too far for their reference material, now that the school library is off limits for them," added senior science teacher Anita Shaw, who also co-ordinated the project.

The Bengali and Hindi teachers are also coming up with their list of popular books and must-reads. The plan is to add an author every month in English as well as regional languages. "Next month the focus will be on Sudha Murty. Both the audio and online versions will be added to our e-shelves," said the principal.

Somraj Roy of Class IV, Birla High is looking forward to reading *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum from his school's new e-library that came as a surprise.

"I love to read after completing my school assignments. My entire family, including my three-year-old sister, reads together for an hour before dinner," said Somraj.

"We are getting used to holding lessons, activity classes and even inter-school events virtually. Our reading classes are enjoyed by all but students still miss the school library a lot. To satiate this hunger and fuel the passion for reading we set up the e-library for our children from classes I to V. Each month the collection will be updated by our librarian and language teachers, so that students have a wide variety of reading material to choose from," said Birla High headmistress Farida Singh.

**YOUNG METRO**



## ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Junior section of Asian International School celebrated the International Yoga Day by organising a special assembly on the topic Fit India. It began with a welcome speech by Class IV student Sujaan Ghosh, who highlighted the importance of yoga in our life. Yoga teacher Tripti Kana Bhowmik conducted a live yoga session, where she performed *asanas*

# YOU MET



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*ma.*

Dance teacher Chaiti Das conducted a musical aerobic session. "The occasion delivers a message that alignment of energy body,

physical body and mind is the key to a healthy being. It has been there with us as our ancient culture and yet it holds a profounding relevance in the modern world. As a school it is our prime responsibility to make children aware about the integration of yoga in our day to day lives," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.







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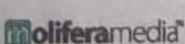
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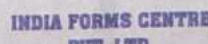
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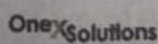
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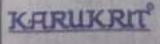
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# एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल में अलंकरण समारोह का किया गया आयोजन



**कोलकाता.** एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, हावड़ा में अलंकरण समारोह का आयोजन किया गया. राज्याभिषेक सप्ताह के तहत कुछ महत्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रम शामिल किये गये. स्टूडेंट्स काउंसिल का चुनाव करवाया गया, जिसमें योग्य सदस्यों को चुना गया. स्कूल परिसर में अलंकरण समारोह विद्यार्थियों ने अपनी पोशाक के साथ मनाया. नवनिर्वाचित छात्र परिषद के सदस्यों ने उपस्थित जजों के साथ-साथ दर्शकों को अपने संवाद कौशल से प्रभावित किया. वक्ता के रूप में उपस्थित विद्यार्थियों को नैतिक मूल्य, उनकी लीडरशिप क्वालिटी के आधार पर चुना गया. स्कूल परिसर में कोविड प्रोटोकॉल के साथ कार्यक्रम का

आयोजन हुआ. स्कूल की प्रिंसिपल विजयलक्ष्मी कुमार ने विद्यार्थियों को इस बात के लिए प्रेरित किया कि वे किसी भी स्थिति में हार से न घबरायें, बल्कि अपनी कोशिशें जारी रखें. जीत-हार बड़ी बात नहीं है, आत्मविश्वास के साथ किसी भी कार्यक्रम में भागीदारी ज्यादा अहम है. चुने गये स्टूडेंट्स काउंसिल के सदस्यों को शुभकामनाएं देते हुए प्रिंसिपल ने कहा कि स्वयं को हमेशा प्रोत्साहित करना और खुद पर भरोसा रखना ही सफलता की कुंजी है.

वहीं, स्कूल की हेडमिस्ट्रेस सिमरन संघेरा ने भी युवा प्रतिभाओं को मोटिवेट करते हुए कहा कि देश व समाज के प्रति छात्रों की भी जिम्मेदारी है. उन्हें राष्ट्र के प्रति सच्ची देशभक्ति

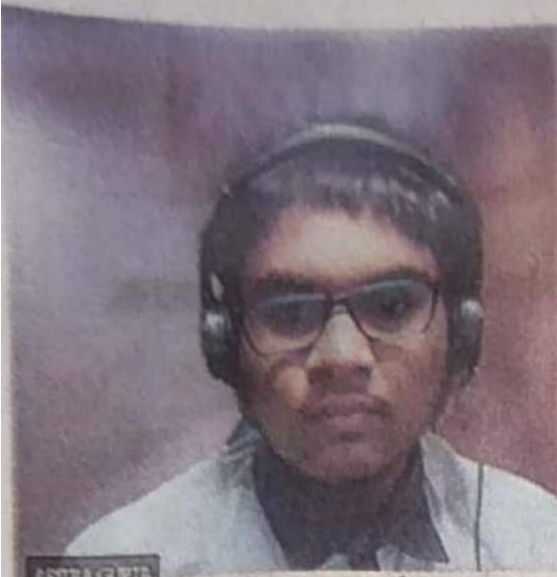
बनाये रखते हुए समाज के लिए भी कुछ करने का जज्बा रखना होगा. नयी कमेटी के सदस्यों में मयूख दास को हेड बॉय और उपासना अधिकारी को हेड गर्ल घोषित किया गया. आगनिक घोषाल को डिप्टी हेड बॉय घोषित किया गया. वहीं, तितिर विश्वास को डिप्टी हेड गर्ल के रूप में चुना गया. कल्चरल कमिटी व एडिटोरियल कमिटी के सदस्यों ने नयी छात्र काउंसिल के सदस्यों को बधाई देकर उनका उत्साह बढ़ाया. हाउस कैप्टन और वाइस कैप्टन ने नये सदस्यों को बैज लगाकर उनका स्वागत किया. यहां रोहित एवन और जीशा चक्रवर्ती परिसर में उत्सव के साथ वर्चुअल शो का संचालन करते रहे.



**एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल में फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट**  
कोलकाता. एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल (हावड़ा) में एक वर्चुअल फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट का आयोजन हुआ. इंटर हाउस फुटबॉल स्किल्स वर्चुअल कॉम्पिटिशन के जरिये ऑनलाइन मोड में छात्रों ने अपना खेल हुनर दिखाया. मौके पर स्कूल की प्रिंसिपल विजय लक्ष्मी कुमार ने कहा कि पढ़ाई के साथ खेलकूद का भी विद्यार्थियों के लिए बहुत महत्व है. ऐसी प्रतियोगिताओं से खेल प्रतिभाएं उभरकर सामने आती हैं और छात्रों का आत्मविश्वास बढ़ता है. वर्चुअल मंच पर ही सही, फुटबॉल टूर्नामेंट से विद्यार्थी काफी उत्साहित दिखे. लड़कियों ने देवांजन कप के लिए प्रतियोगिता में सहभागिता की. कुछ प्रतिभागी सुब्रत कप के लिए चुने गये. फुटबॉल प्रतियोगिता में पहली श्रेणी में फुटबॉल कौशल में पांचवीं कक्षा से आठवीं कक्षा तक के छात्र शामिल थे. दूसरी श्रेणी में नौवीं से 12वीं कक्षा के छात्र शामिल रहे. 10वीं कक्षा के कोल्लोल कुंडू प्रेजेंटर के रूप में और 12वीं कक्षा के आर बसु मॉडरेटर के रूप में जुड़े रहे.



# एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल में हुई मैथेमेटिक्स क्विज



एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल ने गत 16 जून, 2021 को मैथेमेटिक्स क्विज - 'द क्वेस्ट फॉर कैलकुलेटिव माइंड्स' का आयोजन किया। यह क्विज एमएस टीम्स प्लेटफॉर्म पर आयोजित की गई थी। भाग लेने वाली कक्षाएं VII, VIII, IX और X थीं। छात्रों ने गणितीय तर्क, मानसिक क्षमता और गणितीय अवधारणाओं पर आधारित प्रश्नों के उत्तर दिए।

छात्रों को ऑनलाइन कक्षाओं के दौरान पढ़ाए गए अध्यायों के आधार पर 15 बहुविकल्पीय प्रश्नों को हल करने के लिए सौंपा गया था। उन्हें प्रश्नोत्तरी हल करने के लिए 45 मिनट का समय आवंटित किया गया था। छात्रों ने प्रश्नों को हल करने में गहरी रुचि ली और उत्तर जमा करने में कोई कठिनाई नहीं हुई। सभी कक्षाओं के छात्रों द्वारा सक्रिय

भागीदारी और जबरदस्त उत्साह दिखाया गया। परिणाम जबरदस्त और बहुत उत्साहजनक थे और कई छात्रों ने 100% अंक भी हासिल किए।

प्रश्नोत्तरी के संचालन से पहले सभी अवधारणाओं को विस्तार से समझाया गया था, जिसमें बहुत सारे काम किए गए उदाहरण थे, उसके बाद वर्कशीट। इससे छात्रों में क्विज को अधिक रुचि के साथ हल करने का विश्वास पैदा हुआ। प्रश्नोत्तरी ने न केवल छात्रों के गणित को देखने के तरीके को बदल दिया, बल्कि उनमें तेजी से रचनात्मक प्रवृत्ति भी पैदा की। इस मैथेमेटिक्स क्विज ने एआईएस के छात्रों के लिए गणित की दुनिया का पता लगाने के द्वार खोल दिए, और इससे उनके दिल और दिमाग से गणित का भय खत्म हो गया। ■



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सन्मार्ग फाउंडेशन ने अनेक छात्रों को ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई के लिए टैब भेंट किए तो कई सज्जनों को परोपकार एवं सहयोग का काम इतना अच्छा लगा कि उन्होंने भी कई टैबलेट मेधावी विद्यार्थियों को देने की घोषणा की। ऐसे सभी सज्जनों एवं हमारे सभी प्रायोजकों एवं सहयोगियों का सन्मार्ग फाउंडेशन की ओर से हार्दिक आभार।



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# हिन्दी की शान बढ़ा रहा राम अवतार गुप्त प्रोत्साहन

विद्यार्थियों को दिए टैबलेट, कम्प्यूटर, 12-12 हजार रुपये की छात्रवृत्ति, हिन्दी की शान को मिला 51 हजार रुपये का प्रोत्साहन



रामअवतार गुप्त प्रोत्साहन समारोह को संबोधित करते सन्मार्ग के निदेशक एवं परिषद के अध्यक्ष दिनेश गुप्त



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दीप प्रज्ज्वलन कर रामअवतार गुप्त प्रोत्साहन समारोह का शुभारंभ करते सन्मार्ग के निदेशक दिनेश गुप्त, लिक पैना के दीपक जालान, एमसीकेवी के केके केजरीवाल, आकाश इन्स्टीट्यूट के सुनील अग्रवाल, एआईएस के अलोक शर्मा तथा गौरांग अग्रवाल।

हमारी मातृभाषा हिन्दी में उत्कृष्ट अंक प्राप्त करने वाले मेधावी विद्यार्थियों को प्रेरित एवं प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए सन्मार्ग फाउंडेशन ने कोलकाता, सिलीगुड़ी और आसनसोन में 'राम अवतार गुप्त प्रोत्साहन 2021' का आयोजन किया। कोरोना महामारी के कारण लागू तमाम पाबंदियों के बीच समारोह में न केवल विद्यार्थियों ने बड़ी संख्या में भाग लिया, बल्कि आयोजन के सहयोगियों का उत्साह भी देखने लायक था। समय की जरूरत को समझते हुए इस बार विद्यार्थियों को ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई में सक्षम बनाने के लिए टैबलेट और कंप्यूटर भी प्रदान किए गए। हिन्दी की शान चुने गए युवराज सोनी को 51 हजार रुपये का प्रोत्साहन दिया गया। अन्य प्रतिभागियों को 12-12 हजार रुपये की छात्रवृत्ति, पदक एवं प्रमाण पत्र दिए गए। प्रोत्साहन पाकर विद्यार्थियों के चेहरे की खुशी देखने लायक थी।

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 <b>संजय अग्रवाल</b> प्रबंध निदेशक सेचुरी प्लाई	 <b>सुरेश झुनझुनवाला</b> सीएमडी जे जी केमिकल्स प्रा. लि.	 <b>मीनू बुधिया</b> फाउंडर एंड डायरेक्टर केवरींग माइंड्स, कैफे आईकैन फ्लाई
 <b>विरेंद्र गुप्ता</b> एसोसिएट डायरेक्टर एमआईटी वर्ल्ड पीस गुनिवर्सिटी	 <b>किशन केजरीवाल</b> चेयरमैन एन सी के वी ग्रुप ऑफ इन्व्हीट्यूशनल्स	 <b>सुनील अग्रवाल</b> निदेशक बालाजी एजुकेशन प्रा. लि.
 <b>घनश्याम सारडा</b> चेयरपर्सन सारडा ग्रुप अग्रपाड़ा ग्रूट मिल्स लि.	 <b>अलका बांगड़</b> डायरेक्टर एल एन बी ग्रुप	 <b>संजय सराफ</b> मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर मेट्रो रिटेल प्रा. लि.
 <b>ब्रातती भट्टाचार्य</b> सेक्रेटरी जनरल शिक्षावतन फाउंडेशन	 <b>शिव दयाल शर्मा</b> चेयरमैन एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल	 <b>हर्ष हाडा</b> ट्रस्टी एचपीएफ फाउंडेशन







# 'किसी भी राष्ट्र की प्रगति का निर्णय विद्यालयों में होता है'

संदर्भ-एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल

"किसी भी राष्ट्र की प्रगति का निर्णय विद्यालय-सभाओं, न्यायालयों और फैक्टोरियों में नहीं, बल्कि विद्यालयों में होता है।" विद्यालय एक ऐसा उपवन है जिसमें एक शिक्षक माली की भूमिका में विद्यार्थी रूप-रंग-ध्वनि पुष्पों को अपनी ज्ञान धारा के अभिसिंचन द्वारा इस प्रकार सुवासित करता है कि वे उपवन की शोभा बढ़ाने के साथ-साथ अपने सम्पूर्ण पर्यावरण को निर्मल, पवित्र एवं जीवन्त बनाने का पुनीत कार्य करते हैं। एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल एक सह-शैक्षिक, अंग्रेजी माध्यम का स्कूल है, जिसे दस एकड़ में एकलाख वर्ग फुट से अधिक सुविधाओं के साथ बनाया गया है। स्कूल को बेहतरीन सुविधाओं और बुनियादी ढांचे के साथ रखा गया है ताकि छात्रों को एक



उत्साहजनक वातावरण प्रदान किया जा सके, जो बदले में उन्हें अपनी प्रतिभा का एहसास करने के लिए प्रचुर अवसर प्रदान करेगा। स्कूल (सीबीएसई) पाठ्यक्रम का अनुसरण करता है जो राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एनसीआरटी) द्वारा स्थापित दिशानिर्देशों पर आधारित है। ए.आई.एस में हमारा मानना है कि हर बच्चा खास होता है और उसमें एक उभरती हुई प्रतिभा होती है जो एक जीवंत वास्तविकता में विकसित होने की प्रतीक्षा कर रही होती है। पहले 10+2 का पैटर्न फॉलो किया जाता था, अब नई शिक्षा नीति के अंतर्गत 5+3+3+4 का पैटर्न फॉलो किया जा रहा है। छात्रों की प्रगति के मूल्यांकन तथा छात्रों को अपने भविष्य से जुड़े निर्णय लेने में सहायता प्रदान करने के लिये 'कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता' (AI) आधारित सॉफ्टवेयर का प्रयोग, कोडिंग क्लास, क्रिटिकल थिंकिंग, थ्रो-डी मशीन, डेटा-विश्लेषण, जैव प्रौद्योगिकी आदि पर ज्यादा ध्यान दिया जा रहा है और टेक्नोलॉजी के माध्यम से जैसे कि टीवी, चैनल, ऑनलाइन बुक एप यानी ई-लर्निंग एवं ई-लाइब्रेरी को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। विद्यालय में कंप्यूटर विज्ञान और

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# A school that strives to provide safe online platform to students

**W**ith the onset of the pandemic, Asian International School merged 'Edulogy and Technocation' to make life easier for students in the new normal, especially in the classrooms that were soon replaced by virtual platforms. Interestingly, it comforted the pupils even in their home confinement.

Since the virtual classes began last year, the school has been providing an encrypted platform to its students and has been creating awareness on cyber safety to provide a protected learning platform. The stakeholders were given orientation and the online slots in the virtual classrooms resonated the offline routine of the school. The academic team of the school has been preparing customised contents to draw students' attention. The exploration and analysis that revolve around the case study found a life through prompt enactment of resourceful possibilities, through the confident leap moulded by belief, hard work and dedication.

Initially the online attempt might

have been for syllabus completion but slowly the exploration ascended the staircase of achievements from online evaluation to webinars and special assemblies and many such activities that were engaging and were designed to meet the desired outcomes of the learners.

Regular parent-teacher meetings have strengthened the collaboration between parents and school, thus defeating the constraints and confinements laid by the pandemic. Every stumbling stone was converted into a possibility and thereby, the practical classes were modified into 'home-based experiments' and for higher classes, the support of O-Labs have been sought.

The execution of the Annual Activity Planner is yet another highlighted achievement wherein no celebration was

missed upon. Evaluation finds a special mention at this juncture, since the school uses multiple modes of assessment (MMA) to corroborate Minimal Level of Learning (MLL) across sections.

Even during a predominant virtual era, the issues are real. Therefore, the school initiated Counselling Cures, through which emotional well-being of the learners are addressed and ensured.

With all these, a sense of normalcy has been encouraged by the school amongst pupils, parents and teachers. Everything added optimism, balance, possibility, strength and hope. "Where there is a will, there is always a way", is the mantra of the school authorities.

The school premises



Kids participate at a school event



Students participate in a chess competition





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Hybrid learning combines the advantages of personalisation with the convenience to offer learning environment best suited to address the changing needs of the students. This increased flexibility translates to increased atten-

dance and participation in class. The customised assessment techniques, a component of hybrid learning, provides instant feedback to students. Students move to a self-directed learning style, which is effective in the long run particularly for higher studies.

— **Manisha Kumar**, principal, Pramila Memorial Institute



Education is a journey towards excellence. It encourages students to widen their knowledge, develop skills and imbibe ethics. I hope that students value education which is a key to bright sunny future.

— **Madhuparna Andrews**, principal, Purushottam Bhagchandka Academic School



Education is that which recognises the uniqueness of each child, identifies their potential and gives them wings of confidence for a flight to the future.

— **Debjani Sengupta**, principal, Delhi World Public School, Kolkata



In the new normal, hybrid learning will be practiced even when offline classes begin. Apart from IQ and EQ, resilience quotient is the need of the hour for students and teachers.

— **Meena Kak**, director, Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy



Since March 2020, we have witnessed our world grappling with challenges never faced before. I am proud to state that St. Augustine's not only took the situation in its stride but became one of the first schools to make a seam-

less transition to online learning. Even during the pandemic co-curricular activities are treated on a par with academics and students are nurtured to achieve all-round excellence. True to our school's vision, we continue to create a safe and technologically sound learning environment that has become a norm in schools worldwide.

— **Rev Rodney Borneo**, principal, St. Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore



Educationists adopted to the online platform with an aim to connect with the students. However, it has now opened a plethora of opportunities for the learners to explore multiple modes of learning tools as per their own

learning style. Ultimately the platform addresses multiple kinds of intelligences. This was not widely available earlier.

— **Vijaylakshmi Kumar**, principal, Asian International School



At St. Augustine we are committed to promote all round excellence among students to build global citizens. Care is taken here to ensure the well-being and happiness of each and every student. We are passionate about creating a learning environment that meets the demands of the present and the future.

— **Jhuma Biswas**, principal, St. Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore



Change is inevitable. However, surviving it is the true art. Our world is not the same anymore, but our BDMI family is together in this and we will sail through.

The teachers and the students are the true warriors who have evolved to become examples for the world. They say, be the change you want to see in others. I am extremely proud of my team who have rightly justified this ideology and I believe that they will be celebrated for their contribution to the education world in the times to come.

— **Vijaya Chaudhuri**, principal, BDM International



The online classes are probably the only way to keep the teaching-learning process going at a time when school campuses are forced to remain closed.

However, the system is no substitute for in-person interaction between teachers and students. The chemistry of a classroom is missing in the online scenario.

— **Amita Prasad**, director, Indus Valley World School



Online education is the future of the organised education system. We have to think of its absolute development in the best interests of the learners.

— **Sujoy Biswas**, principal, Ram Mohan Mission High School



<b>Rank</b>	<b>Howrah</b>	<b>Rank</b>
1	DPS Howrah & Asian International School	1
2	Don Bosco School Liluah	2
3	St Agnes' Convent School	3
4	Agrasain Balika Siksha Sadan	4
5	Gurukul English Medium School	5
6	Sudhir Memorial Institue Liluah	6
7	Agrasain Boys' School	7
8	Howrah High School	8
9	Methodist School	9
10	MC Kejriwal Vidyapeeth	10



## TOP 30 SCHOOLS IN ONLINE EDUCATION, WEST BENGAL

Rank	School
1	Don Bosco, Park Circus
2	St Xavier's Collegiate School, Park street
3	DPS Megacity
4	La Martiniere for Boys
5	The BSS School
6	La Martiniere for Girls
7	Lakshmipat Singhanla Academy
8	Indus Valley World School
9	St Augustine's Day School,
10	Asian International School, Howrah
11	Vivekananda Mission School, Joka
12	Pramila Memorial Institute
13	DPS Barasat
14	BDM International
15	Calcutta Public School, Bara Nagar
16	DPS Ruby Park
17	Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur
18	St Augustine's Day School, Shyamnagar
19	Calcutta Public School, Barasat
20	Morning Bells Academy (High School)
21	Delhi World Public School, Kolkata
22	Purushottam Bhagchandka Academic School
23	National English School
24	Ram Mohan Mission High School
25	Loreto House, Kolkata
26	St James' School
27	The Assembly of God Church School, Park Street
28	DPS Newtown
29	Asok Halls Girls Higher Secondary School, Sarat Bose Road
30	Apeejay School

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## एआईएस में 'वर्चुअल राखी मेकिंग एक्टिविटी' आयोजित



'रक्षा बंधन' या 'राखी' भाइयों और बहनों के बीच प्यार और देखभाल के अच्छे बंधन को मनाने का एक विशेष अवसर है। इस विशेष भावना का जश्न मनाने के लिए, एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के जूनियर विंग ने 16 अगस्त से 18 अगस्त, 2021 तक 'वर्चुअल राखी मेकिंग एक्टिविटी' का आयोजन किया। छात्रों (एलकेजी से कक्षा 4 तक) ने विभिन्न सामग्रियों जैसे-धागा, रिबन, कृत्रिम फूल, रंगीन कागज, ग्लिटर

पेपर, दर्पण, सितारे आदि का उपयोग करके सुंदर राखी और सजे हुए धागे बनाकर मानी कलाई को हृदय से जोड़ दिया। छात्रों द्वारा की गयी कारीगरी काफी आकर्षक थी और सभी छात्रों ने बड़े उत्साह के साथ भाग लिया था। यह एक समन्वित कला-शिक्षा थी, जिसने युवा मन को एक-दूसरे के लिए प्रेम के प्रत्येक क्षण को संजोने की भावना जगा दी। धन्यवाद। एक्टिविटी टीम, जूनियर सेक्शन ■

## एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल में मनाया गया सप्ताह व्यापी स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह



एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के जूनियर विंग (एलकेजी से कक्षा 4) के छात्रों ने 9 अगस्त से 13 अगस्त, 2021 तक एक अभिनव और रचनात्मक तरीके से भारतीय स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के योगदान को याद करने के लिए सप्ताह व्यापी स्वतंत्रता दिवस समारोह में सक्रिय रूप से भाग लिया। इस दौरान छात्रों ने सुपर हीरो के योगदान पर आभासी

प्रस्तुति देखी। दूसरी ओर, छात्रों ने हमारे राष्ट्रीय ध्वज, तिरंगे पक्षी और कलम-स्टैंड आदि को सजाकर सुंदर शिल्प बनाए और अपने कलात्मक कौशल को विभिन्न तरीकों से प्रस्तुत किया। यह एक कला एकीकृत-शिक्षा थी जिसने युवा मन को हमारे स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों के गौरव और साहस के बारे में बताया। धन्यवाद। एक्टिविटी टीम, जूनियर सेक्शन ■



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# Students of 3k CBSE schools in state to appear for learning test

## Exercise Part Of Survey On Behalf Of Edu Ministry

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**Kolkata:** The Covid pandemic and the resultant paradigm shift in the education system have heavily impacted learning among school children, feels the Central Board of Secondary Education. To get an idea of how much the prolonged shut-down of campuses has had an effect on students and their learning process, the board will conduct a National Achievement Survey (NAS) on behalf of the ministry of education in November.

The survey will be in the form of tests to be conducted for children in classes III, V, VIII and X, that will assess their learning gaps and where. The survey will be held in select schools in each state,

### ASSESSMENT IN NOVEMBER

> No. of Bengal schools where tests will be held: 3,165

> No. of schools in India: 1.24L in 733 districts

> Classes to be assessed: Classes III, V, VIII and X

> Classes III and V: Tests on language, maths and EVS

> Class VIII: Tests on language, maths, science and social science

> Class X: An additional test on English

> Mode of test: Oral for



junior classes, written for VIII and X

**Purpose:** The idea is to find out the learning gaps that the online system has caused



### Maths and language worry in Covid year



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including 3,165 CBSE institutes in Bengal. In schools that will be selected for the survey, tests will be conducted on language, mathematics, EVS/science and social sciences. The schools selected in each state will be a mix of government, aided and unaided private institutes. The exercise will cover 1.24 lakh schools across 733 districts in the country. For In classes III and V, the test will be on lang-

uage, maths and EVS, Class VIII children will be assessed on language, maths, science and social science, while students in Class X will be additionally tested in English. The mode of the test will be oral for junior classes and written for classes VIII and X.

A circular from the board has reached city school heads, though they are yet to know the names of the institutes that have been selected

for the assessment. The document that the CBSE has drawn up on NAS says, "It will help in systematic understanding of the consequences that prolonged closure of schools have had on students' learning in terms of their socio-emotional and cognitive development." "We have received the circular and the details but are yet to know whether we have been selected for the survey or not. It is indeed a good move because kids have been silently impacted by Covid and we need to think of new ways of identifying the gaps and addressing them before it is too late," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmipat Singhania Academy.

City schools agreed that such an assessment was required because despite best efforts, through online lessons, teachers had not been able to reach out to every child and that some of them had developed serious lag. Heads of some schools felt online classes had outlived their utility and that classes on the virtual mode were stressing both kids and tea-

chers alike, negatively impacting education.

The board is appointing coordinators who will, in turn, appoint school-wise coordinators for the survey. "School principals and vice-principals of selected schools will be the key persons we will be coordinating with. The exams will be centrally conducted but we will soon get further clarity," said Vijayalakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School, who has been appointed as one of the coordinators by the board for NAS.

Loveleen Saigal, principal of Birla High School, said the board would get a snapshot of what students had learnt and would by the end of their respective academic years. "It needs to be quantified if learning objectives and outcome match because we have all gone through a difficult time. Since the exam will be for the entire class, it will be easy for the board to find out the percentage of a representative classroom has been able to cope with. It will also help devise future learning formula," she said.



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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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## ASIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Students of Asian International School (AIS) recently released a video dedicated to frontline warriors of Covid-19 on the occasion of National Doctors' Day. They observe the birth and death anniversary of Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was a renowned doctor apart from being a former chief minister of Bengal. The students of classes XI and XII also enacted a skit focused on the lives of doctors during these unprecedented times. Jisha Chakraborty, who played a doctor in the play and aspires to become one, felt that her resolve had been strengthened following this event. "Our play was about the sacrifices that doctors make in their personal lives as they work double shifts to save lives. It made me realise the kind of dedication that health workers put in on a daily basis. I feel more strongly about studying medicine in future," said the Class XII student. A special note of gratitude was also sent to all the doctor-parents of AIS students. "Doctors have always been regarded as masters of miracles. Our students ensured that the relentless efforts made by the fraternity was recognised by observing the day in a special way," said principal Vijaylaxmi Kumar.





# एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल ने आयोजित की नॉन प्लेम कुकिंग प्रतियोगिता



खाना बनाना न केवल हमारे दैनिक भोजन की आदतों से संबंधित है बल्कि यह हमें विभिन्न संस्कृतियों, रीति-रिवाजों और स्वादों को समझने में मदद करता है। नॉन प्लेम व्यंजनों के कौशल को विकसित करने के लिए, एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल के जूनियर विंग ने

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प्लेम कुकिंग प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया। यह स्कूलों में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आयाम लाने का ब्रिटिश काउंसिल का दृष्टिकोण था। कक्षा-चार के संबंधित वर्ग समूहों में क्लास टीचर्स ने एक सप्ताह पहले प्रतियोगिता के सभी विवरण साझा किए थे। किचन बच्चों के लिए सीखने की एक प्रयोगशाला है जिसमें खाने की चीजों को काटने, सूंघने, डालने और उछालने के दौरान उनकी सभी इंद्रियां शामिल हो सकती हैं।

युवा शिक्षार्थियों ने स्वादिष्ट और पौष्टिक खाद्य व्यंजन जैसे-स्वस्थ वेजी ट्रेन, क्रीम बिस्कुट के साथ मिक्स चना, ओरियो ब्रेड केक, फलों का सालसा, फलों का सलाद आदि बनाया था। उन्होंने व्यंजन को कलात्मक और सौंदर्यपूर्ण तरीके से परोसा। यह प्रतियोगिता बिना आग के भोजन के पोषण मूल्य के बारे में जागरूकता पैदा करने के

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सभी विद्यार्थियों ने बड़े उत्साह के साथ भाग लिया। प्रतियोगिता के लिए निर्णय मानदंड थे- प्रस्तुति, स्वास्थ्य भागफल, नवाचार और विशिष्टता। इस प्रतियोगिता का उद्देश्य न केवल युवा शिक्षार्थियों को पोषण संबंधी शिक्षा देना था, बल्कि उन्हें अपने और अपने आसपास के लोगों के लिए एक नवीन तरीके से साधारण भोजन तैयार करने के बारे में जागरूक करना भी था। ■



# छात्रों के उज्ज्वल भविष्य की नींव तैयार कर रहा एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल

**कोलकाता.** स्कूलों में शिक्षा ऐसी होनी चाहिये, जिससे चरित्र का निर्माण हो, मन की शक्ति बढ़े और बुद्धि का विकास हो, इसी लक्ष्य के साथ एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, हावड़ा (एआइएस) शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में निरंतर अपनी अलग पहचान बनाये हुये है. नर्सरी से लेकर बारहवीं तक के बच्चों को एक घरेलु परिवेश में एकेडमिक सुविधाओं के साथ अन्य



सभी सुविधाएं दी जाती हैं, जहां प्रत्येक छात्र खुद को अभिव्यक्त कर सके. यह जानकारी एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल की प्रिंसिपल विजयलक्ष्मी कुमार ने दी. उन्होंने बताया कि शिक्षा, एक समय की उपलब्धि नहीं है बल्कि जीवन भर चलने वाली एक लंबी प्रक्रिया है, जिसमें बच्चों के भविष्य की नींव तैयार होती है. मूल्यपरक शिक्षा के साथ एशियन इंटरनेशनल छात्रों के उज्ज्वल भविष्य की नींव तैयार कर रहा है. एकेडमिक गतिविधियों के साथ कोविड में भी ऑनलाइन मंच पर बच्चों को निरंतर रचनात्मक गतिविधियों से जोड़ा गया है. उन्होंने बताया कि हावड़ा के धूलागढ़ क्षेत्र में 10 एकड़ जमीन पर फैले इस को-एड इंगलिश मीडियम स्कूल में छात्रों के समग्र विकास के लिए 'आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलीजेंस' (एआइ) आधारित सॉफ्टवेयर का प्रयोग, कोडिंग क्लास, क्रिटिकल थिंकिंग, थ्री डी मशीन, डेटा-विश्लेषण और जैव प्रौद्योगिकी पर विशेष फोकस किया गया है. स्कूल की हेडमिस्ट्रेस सिमरन संघेरा का कहना है कि स्टूडेंट्स कैसे, अपने सपनों को वास्तविकता में बदलें, इसके लिए उनको नर्चर किया जाता है. उन्हें प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए हमारे शिक्षक भी पूरी तरह समर्पित हैं.



# OMR sheets for CBSE X, XII 1st sem

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**Kolkata:** School heads will get question papers of the term one (first semester) CBSE X and CBSE XII through the “electronic medium” daily on the day of the examination this time. They will not have to visit strong rooms of banks to access the papers. This and several other details were sent in a circular to school heads by the Board late on Sunday. The circular al-

so says that students have to answer on OMR sheets which too will be digitally sent to principals and will have to be printed out for students. Schools will have to set up a CCTV-manned control room where the prints need to be taken according to the number of candidates writing the test and every step will be app-manned.

Schools knew that the ques-

tion paper would be in MCQ mode but they were not sure whether candidates would be given an OMR sheet or there will be usual answer sheets on which candidates will have to tick or circle the answer. “We now know that there will be OMR sheet where the choices would be in a row and kids will have to darken the right answer. There will just be one answer sheet on which all questions with the choices will be represented,” said a principal.

In the control room, computers with high-speed internet and printers will have to be set up with back-up ink cartridges.

“We will follow all instructions,” said Joyoti Chaudhuri, principal of DPS Ruby Park. Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School, said they had the experience of conducting NEET with 920 candidates and also WBJEE.

**DIGITAL MODE FOR  
EXAM-DAY DETAILS**



# Kids from Std III to take NAS test on OMR sheets

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**Kolkata:** All students will have to answer questions for the National Achievement Survey (NAS) on OMR sheets. This is the first time that students as young as that of classes III, V and VIII will be introduced to OMR sheets and the CBSE has instructed observers to first explain and then help out the students, especially of classes III and V, with the procedure if they find it difficult. A series of instructions reached the exam co-ordinators late on Sunday evening and on Monday, based on which, orientation was held for NAS observers.

The NAS, being conducted by CBSE on November 12, will be a nationwide exercise to assess the learning proficiencies of kids in classes III, V, VIII and X. In Bengal, 3,165 institutes have been selected. But uncertainty continues over holding NAS exams on the campus as most city schools will receive parents' consent on Tuesday.

The exam is scheduled to be held from 10.30am to noon for classes III and V and 10.30 to 12.30pm for VIII and X. While all children of selected classes at the chosen schools will have to visit the campus for attendance, not all will take the test. A sample size of 30 kids, selected through drawing of lots, will have to write the test. The question-cum-answering booklet of OMR sheet would be collected by the observer at the

## 10.30AM START

- **Observers have to collect sealed survey sheets, containing OMR answer sheets, from coordinators by 6 am**
- **They will then have to reach the exam venues**
- **Children will have to reach schools by 8am**
- **A draw will be conducted to select 30 students from the class between 8.30am to 9.30am**
- **Exams to start at 10.30am**
- **Observers will have to ensure no student cheats in exams but no kid can be punished**



end, the instructions said.

"Strict instructions have been given about seating arrangements for 30 kids, following Covid norms," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, an NAS co-ordinator and principal of Asian International School. The state education department will provide field investigators, while observers are CBSE school teachers. Sealed trunks with survey sheets have reached the coordinators and will be opened in the presence of CBSE officials. "It feels like a board exam. It is preparing us for a physical start," said a coordinator.



# 50 schools replaced on survey list

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**Kolkata:** Lack of students, high dropout rates and schools folding up or merging with other institutes are some of the reasons that are making the offline National Achievement Survey (NAS) at some institutes a challenge.

In Bengal, more than 50 schools, which were initially chosen, have now been replaced with others and a fresh circular reached the survey coordinators on Tuesday

## CHALLENGES FOR EXAMS

with new names. Four schools in Kolkata and 12 in Howrah are among those that have been replaced by the board for the survey. Among the schools in Kolkata that have been replaced are Maheshwari Balika Vidyalaya, Janakalyan Shiksha Mandir High School and B D Memorial Institute. No replacement was found for Maheshwari Balika Vidyalaya, but Janakalyan Shiksha Mandir High School has been replaced with Jadavpur N K Pal Adarsha Shikshayatan and B D Memorial with National Gems Higher Secon-

dary School. "For all the schools on board, intense training sessions are on with the observers. The final list of schools is ready and we hope to conduct a smooth survey," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, a board appointed co-ordinator.

Schools affiliated to the state board are facing the most trouble. A head master said, "We were told on October 31 to arrange for offline exams and the District Inspector's office directed us to follow instructions. But one instruction after another have made it complex, without a clear guideline on how to prepare students. We have searched out samples to ready the kids." Assistant headmaster of Kataganj Gokulpur Adarsha Sikshayatan High School Prabir Biswas said, "We spent from our school fund for sanitization. It is difficult for a school like ours to bear initial costs as we have limited money. We should have got more time to prepare our students as the format is new for them."

Headmaster of Chetla Boys' School Rajib Kar said, "We have arranged for training for class X students but response is poor. We are not sure whether we can bring at least 30 students or not."



# Examinees get new-look CISCE, CBSE admit cards

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**Kolkata:** Both CISCE and CBSE's first-semester exam admit cards have come for the X and XII board examinees. This is the first time both the boards are organising the exams in two instalments.

City schools are now scheduling distribution of admit cards. In most cases, students are themselves coming and collecting them. ISC starts from November 22 and ICSE from November 29. CBSE minor papers will start from November 17 while the major papers start from November 30.

The CBSE admit cards have more new additions compared to the CISCE ones. Not only do they mention the admit card is meant for "Term-1" or only for the first board exam instalment, but they also say that each candidate has to come with a sanitiser bottle to the exam hall.

"This is the first time that candidates will answer their board exam on OMR sheets so the admit card says that children have to follow instructions mentioned on the question paper and OMR sheet. It also says how the candidate has to get acquainted with the OMR sheet and how to respond on it. These are definitely new additions to the exam system in these Covid times," said Koeli Dey, principal

Sl. No.	Subject	Time	Mark
1	English	3 hours	100
2	Mathematics	3 hours	100
3	Science	3 hours	100
4	Social Science	3 hours	100
5	Physical Education	3 hours	100
6	Art	3 hours	100
7	Music	3 hours	100
8	Practical Science	3 hours	100
9	Practical Mathematics	3 hours	100
10	Practical Social Science	3 hours	100

**Important Instructions to be strictly complied with:-**

1. The candidate must bring the admit card to the examination centre and must not leave it at home.
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The CBSE admit cards have added a few features this time

pal of Sushila Birla Girls' School.

Some principals pointed out that the reading time has also been increased by five minutes. "Earlier candidates had 15 minutes reading time, now the admit card says they would be given 20 minutes," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School.

The CISCE admit cards mention they are meant for "Semester 1 Examination." Under "Safety Instructions", the cards remind kids about the importance of maintaining safe distance, wearing masks properly and washing hands frequently.

"I have distributed the Class XII admit cards and will distribute the Class X ones now," said Sujoy Biswas, principal of Ram Mohan Mission School. "I will distribute both on Monday," said Father Rodney Borneo, principal of St Augustine's Day School, Shyamnagar.



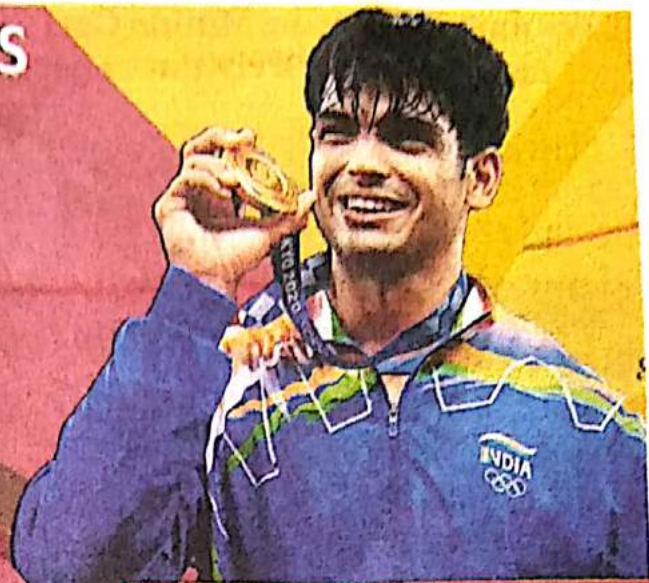
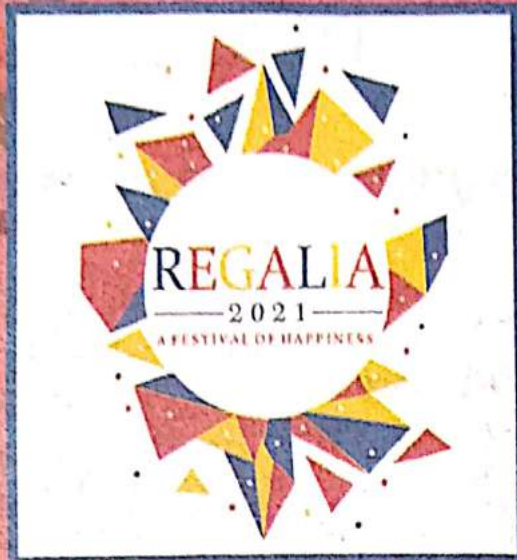


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# IHM HONOURS PRINCIPALS FROM CALCUTTA'S LEADING SCHOOLS FOR INSPIRING STUDENTS DURING THESE TOUGH TIMES

**I**nternational Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) had organised a principals' felicitation ceremony and a Diwali get-together on November 3 at the Hyatt Regency Kolkata's Guchhi. IIHM hosted the dinner to honour school principals of Calcutta after the recently concluded IIHM Virtual Teachers' Day Award Function. Ringing in the festive season, they awarded the head of institutes who have made a positive difference in the lives of students in these times of the pandemic. Snapshots from the evening.



Rupkatha Sarkar (La Martiniere for Girls School) gets the award from Suborno Bose and Sanjukta Bose



Sunita Sen (The BSS School)



Pratima Nayar, Calcutta International School Society



Bratati Bhattacharya, secretary general (Shri Shikshayatan)



John Andrew Bagul (South City International School) gets the award from Rupa Datta, deputy director, IIHM Kolkata, and Sanjukta Bose



S. Shunglu (Sri Sri Academy)



Ian Theodore Myers (The Frank Anthony Public School)



Suborno Bose, founder chairman, IIHM & Indismart Group Worldwide and CEO, International Hospitality Council, said: "School principals are the most respected and important people and we at IIHM are honoured to felicitate these incredible people who make sure that our children get the best education in spite of the pandemic. IIHM is extremely proud to be associated with the esteemed principals over the past two decades."



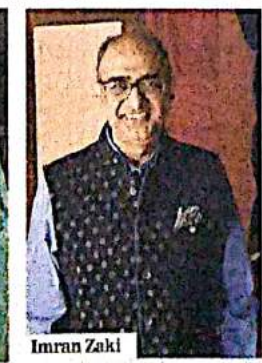
Richa Sharma



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Sanjukta Bose with Debanjan Chakrabarti



Imran Zaki



Sourav Kothari

## LIST OF AWARDEES

- Tuhin Kumar Guha (AK Ghosh Memorial School)
- Srabani Samanta (Abhinav Bharati High School)
- Saswati Maitra (Adarsha Balika Shikshayatan)
- Ruby Ahmed (Anglo Arabic Secondary School)
- Anindita Banerjee (Apeejay School, Salt Lake)
- Paramita Guha Roy (Apeejay School, Park Street)
- Maitrayee Mukherjee (Army Public School, Barrackpore)
- Sucharita Bandyopadhyay (Army Public School, Kolkata)
- Vijaya Laxmi Kumar (Asian International School)
- Sunanda Jaiswal (Barasat Indira Gandhi Memorial High School)
- Moonmoon Nath (BBIT Public School)
- Apala Dutta (Birla Bharati School)
- Pratima Nayar (Calcutta International School Society)
- Protichi Lahiri (Calcutta Public School Bidhan Park)
- Proma Das (Calcutta Public School, Kalikapur)
- Krishna Majumdar (Central Modern School, Barrackpore)
- Madhumita Singh (D.A.V. Public School, Kolkata)
- Indrani Sanyal (Delhi Public School Megacity)
- Sunita Arora (Delhi Public School, Howrah)
- Joyoti Chaudhuri (DPS Ruby Park)
- Sujata Sen (Future Hope)
- Partha Pradip Panja (Future Campus School, Kolkata)
- Ratna Kundu (I.H.M. Education Centre)
- Sanghamitra Banerjee (Hariyana Vidya Mandir)
- Julie Barma (Hilton High Public School)
- Nitu Chattopadhyay (Hind Motor High School)
- Dineswar Ojha (Howrah St. John's High School)
- Reshma Bhattacharya (Indus Valley World School)
- Bobby Baxter (Julien Day School, Ganganagar)
- Sushant Das (Jyotirmoy Public School)
- Rupa Dey (Kalyani Public School, Barasat)
- Gurmit Kar Arjani (Khalsa Model Senior Secondary School)
- P.A. John Stephen (La Martiniere for Boys)
- Rupkatha Sarkar (La Martiniere for Girls)
- Meena Kak (Lakshmipta Singhania Academy)
- Shanta Menon (LLR Public School)
- Jessica Gomes (Loreto Convent Entally)
- Ms Kapoor (Loreto Day School, Dharamtala)
- Sister D'Souza (Loreto Elliott Road)
- Joydeep Saha (Morning Bells Academy)
- Nabnita Giri (Mount Litera Zee School, Howrah)
- Gayna Magdnela (Mount Litera Zee School, Maheshtala)
- Samir Saha (National English School, Rajarhat)
- Mousumi Saha (National English School, VIP Road, Baguati)
- Keya Sinha (National Gems Higher Secondary School)
- Rama Subramanian (National High School Sarat Bose Road)
- Sailesh Pandey (Ratnakar North Point School, Howrah)
- Joshua Vincent (Rose Bud School)
- Sangeeta Tandon (Shri Shikshayatan School)
- Sucharita Roychowdhury (Silver Point School)
- John Andrew Bagul (South City International School)
- Rupa Bhattacharyya (South Point High School)
- Payel Dey (Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Burabazar)
- Sumita Chakraborty (Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Dunlop)
- S. Shunglu (Sri Sri Academy)
- Richard Gasper (St Augustine's Day School Kolkata)
- Jhuma Biswas (St Augustine's Day School, Barrackpore)
- Ajay Chopra (St Francis Xavier School)
- Sanchita Biswas Sarkar (St Paul's Mission School)
- Aniket Deb Roy (St Thomas' Day School)
- Keka Mallick (STEM World School)
- Mr Mallick (The Aryans School)
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- Mou Banerjee (The B.G.E.S. School)
- Sunita Sen (The BSS School)
- IT Myers (The Frank Anthony Public School)
- Seema Sapru (The Heritage School)
- Keya Arundhoti Prabal (Union Chapel School, Kolkata)
- Shashi Pandey (Glenhill School Konnagar)

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# Cov exemption for CBSE examinees

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**Kolkata:** Candidates who contract Covid and are quarantined during the Term I examination of CBSE X and XII that start on November 16, won't have to write the exam. Instead, they will be evaluated on the basis of the Term II exam in March-April next year, the CBSE has communicated to school heads. Requests for exemption should be made by candidates through schools, backed by medical reports. The first lot of such requests have to be made by November 25 by the schools.

The CBSE circular that has reached schools, announcing these exemptions, also says children who are participating in sports events recognised by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and those who have been selected to participate in the International Olympiads recognised by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, scheduled during the Term I

 We have an isolation room ready with a doctor and a nurse. The CBSE circular will put tense parents at ease

**Loveleen Saigal** | BIRLA HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

exams, are also eligible for this exemption. Candidates will have to furnish these details with letters from SAI and the Homi Bhabha Centre.

Schools will have to forward these requests to the regional offices of CBSE (Bhubaneswar in case of West Bengal), which will scan these requests for their genuineness and send confirmations to the respective schools. "We are all praying that none of our board examinees fall sick and are able to write Term I," said Asian International School principal, Vijaylakshmi Kumar.

**TERM-I EXAMS**



# Schools plan to shift tests offline for classes IX & XI

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**Kolkata:** Many schools in the city, after discussions with parents, have decided that students of classes IX and XI will no longer write their exams online. This transition will help wean them off the virtual mode where students started taking exams lightly and had lost the habit of sitting in a hall scenario to write their papers. Since IX and XI are pre-board years, they need to be jerked out of the comfort of inertia.

Schools feel that a big learning gap has already set in because of the virtual exams where marks were easily sco-

## More buses on roads soon

Several bus owners have said reopening of schools and colleges have led to them deciding to increase frequency on all routes except in Esplanade and Sector V, where response is poor. Swapan Ghosh of Minibus Operators' Coordination Committee said they have finalized routes which will see a 10%-20% augmentation in order to begin services from 7am next Monday. Tapan Banerjee of Joint Council of Bus Syndicate said they will run a few buses early in the morning as there was "positive feedback regarding college students". TNN

red because of the myriad unfair methods that children had adopted. Meetings with parents revealed they are also looking forward to kids writing "real" exams now.

"Travelling to school, sitting in an exam hall without any support, comprehending a question paper and tackling it

## 'WANT MY KID TO RETURN TO CAMPUS'



Exams will only be in the physical mode on campus if we have to help children cope with the real world of exams. A lag has set in and we need to shake children out of their comfort zone

**Seema Sapru** | PRINCIPAL, THE HERITAGE



My son will write the exam on campus, even if an online option is given

**Tirthankar Sarkar** | PARENT



A real test of one's level of learning can happen only in a well-invigilated physical exam and I want my daughter to go back to it

**Ritwick Bhattacharjee** | PARENT

is a positive struggle that each school child should physically go through. Online exams were a part of the online classes, which have had their day," said Seema Sapru, principal of The Heritage School. Here the term exams are beginning for classes IX and XI on Monday — exclusively in the physical mode. Parents are supportive of the move. If someone is sick, the child can take another physical exam after recovering.

The unit tests for classes IX and XI will begin in the physical mode at South City International School from December 6. On Thursday, a webinar was held where principal John Bagul told Class XI students, with parents in the background, that all exams will now be in the physical mode. "Students were habitually taking the exam easy. With the help of parents, we are trying our best to help them shake it off. There will be initial adjustment problems, which will definitely be overcome," he said.

Since more than 80% of children have started coming to school in classes IX and XI, DPS Newtown has decided unit tests should be shifted to the offline mode. "Children are

back in large numbers, so there is no reason why they should write the test from home," said principal Sonali Sen.

Two sets of question papers will be prepared by Asian International School and classes will be split into halves for the physical tests for classes IX and XI. "Parents are eager that children start writing 'real' tests," said principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar.

There used to be at least 20 toppers every time an exam was held online, be it a unit test or a term exam, said John Ghosh, secretary and principal of St Thomas Boys School, Kidderpore. "We have over 90% children of classes IX and XI attending and so exams will only be offline," he said.

Tirthankar Sarkar, whose son Ayushman is a student of Class XI at DPS Ruby Park, said, "Since my child is back on campus, the next best thing is to write exams on campus."

Ritwick Bhattacharjee, whose daughter Yashamoti is in Class XI at GD Goenka School, said, "Unless they start writing exams in the physical mode again, they will not be able to shake off this lethargy towards studies."

## CBSE sends key info about exams to principals

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**Kolkata:** Even if principals or centre superintendents notice a mistake in the CBSE Term-I question paper after downloading it, they should not try to alert the Board via WhatsApp or other online avenues before the day's exam is over and evaluation results are uploaded. Doing so will be considered a "leak". A Board circular to this effect has reached principals.

"Even if there is any mistake in the question paper/answer key, the OMR will be evaluated as per the answer key provided by CBSE. Necessary action to rectify the mistake will be taken by the Board," the circular said. Principals have also been instructed to only upload the number of correct answers and not the marks.

## PREVENTING 'LEAK'

In another circular, the board told principals that apart from blackening the right circle on the OMR sheet, kids should not use a tick or cross. If they are told to answer 45 of 50 questions, and a kid answers all 50, the last five will be considered not attempted. "Best of 45 will not be considered," it said.

"We have informed students," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School, who is also a co-ordinator.

CBSE has also made it mandatory for principals to send OMR answer sheets to regional offices via registered speed post. Requests have been made to keep post offices open beyond normal hours. "We will send the OMR sheets like we used to send answer books," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy.



# ‘रिगालिया’ में भालावीर नीरज चोपड़ा ने छात्रों में भरा जोश

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एशियन इंटरनेशनल स्कूल (एआइएस), हावड़ा की ओर से जूनियर विद्यार्थियों के लिए वैश्विक उत्सव ‘रिगालिया’ का वर्चुअल आयोजन हुआ। इसमें छह देशों के छोटे विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया। ‘रिगालिया’ के मुख्य अतिथि थे भालावीर नीरज चोपड़ा, जिन्होंने टोक्यो ओलिंपिक-2021 में देश के लिए स्वर्ण पदक जीता है। स्कूल के बच्चों को खेलकूद के लिए नीरज चोपड़ा ने प्रोत्साहित किया। कहा कि पढ़ाई के साथ खेल भी जरूरी है।

खेलने से शरीर स्वस्थ रहता है और आत्मविश्वास भी बढ़ता है। उत्साहित विद्यार्थियों से बातचीत कर नीरज ने उनमें जोश भरा। ‘रिगालिया 2021’ में विद्यार्थियों ने शानदार प्रस्तुति की। कार्यक्रम का संचालन करते हुए स्कूल की हेडमिस्ट्रेस सिमरन संघेरा ने पढ़ाई के साथ बच्चों की रचनात्मक प्रतिभा को निखारने पर जोर दिया और बताया कि इसी ध्येय के साथ स्कूल में विभिन्न किस्म के आयोजन होते हैं। बच्चों की प्रतिभा निखारने के उद्देश्य से ‘रिगालिया’ का आयोजन हुआ,



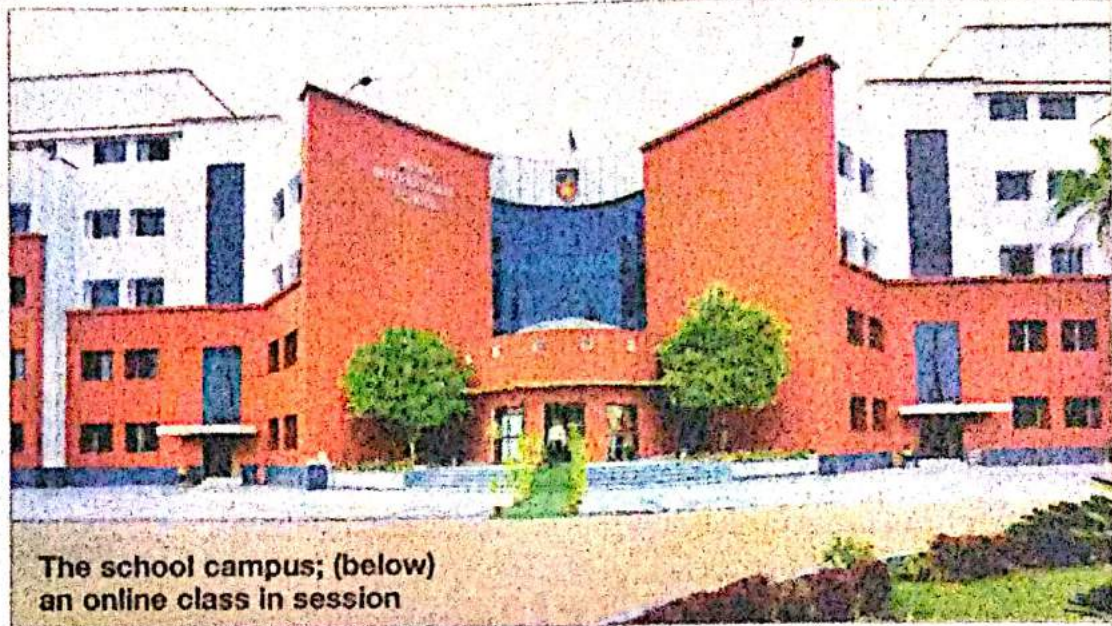
जिसमें बच्चों ने सोत्साह भाग लिया। मौके पर एआइएस स्कूल की प्रिंसिपल विजय लक्ष्मी कुमार ने ‘रिगालिया’ को स्कूल का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आयोजन बताया और कहा कि इसमें विदेशी स्कूलों के छात्रों को भी अपना हुनर दिखाने का मौका मिलता है। कार्यक्रम में विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में टोक्यो ओलिंपिक में देश के लिए कांस्य पदक जीते हॉकी खिलाड़ी मनप्रीत सिंह, एथलीट कमलप्रीत कौर भी मौजूद थे। कार्यक्रम में एसडी शर्मा, एआइएस के निदेशक आलोक शर्मा, कुसुम खेमानी, मेजर मोहम्मद अलीशाह, शुभ्रा कुमार बनर्जी, प्रणय बैद व झिमली मुखर्जी पांडेय आदि मौजूद रहे।



# A school that stays a step ahead of the times with the right approach

**A**sian International School (AIS) Howrah has been spearheading various national projects conducted by the ministries of education and science and technology, the National Testing Agency and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in the district. The coordination of the recently conducted National Achievement Survey under the guidance of central and state governments as well as CBSE has been one such task that was successfully accomplished by the school. And behind the success is a dedicated and passionate team of educators and members.

The school, keeping pace with 21st century needs, offers almost 25 subjects at the senior secondary level to ensure that the students are future ready. To match up with the evolution in the education system, the facilitators of the school, the parents and the students are exposed to frequent workshops and orientation programmes.



The school campus; (below) an online class in session

Initiatives like flipped classroom, art integrated learning, e-library, virtual science labs, online sports tournaments, augmented excursions, regular counselling sessions, digital detox, special assemblies, commemorations, class exhibitions, student webinars, virtual parent-teacher meetings and career counselling sessions have aided the neo-normal education system. Vaccination drives have also been conducted for all the stakeholders associated with the school.

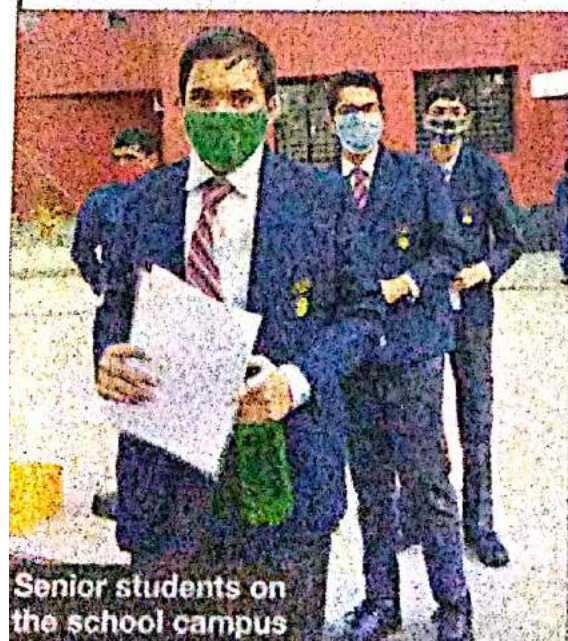
AIS also engaged students in various webinars and talk shows chaired and presided by well-known personalities. For instance, the school and its students had the opportunity to interact with Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, Olympic bronze medallist and Indian hockey captain Manpreet Singh, Olympic discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur, actor and author Swaroop Rawal and ex Indian cricketer Laxmi Ratan Shukla, who guided and inspired the



young minds to create milestones while unraveling their potential.

Even the students transcended barriers created by the pandemic to bring laurels to the school at various national-level competitions and regional contests under various categories. The feather on the cap was their outstanding performance in the CBSE board exams. The school also received several awards and accolades, including the National School Awards.

The school is now going for phased reopening through a hybrid learning model. The school's 10-acre campus with more than 100 classrooms enabled the students to have a socially distanced learning experience after returning to school.



Senior students on the school campus



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6	DPS Ruby Park, Kolkata
6	South Point School, Kolkata
7	La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata
8	La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata
9	Asian International School, Howrah
10	St Augustine's Days School, Barrackpore
10	BDM International School
11	MC Kejriwal Vidyapeeth, Howrah
12	Indus Valley World School
13	Birla High School, Mukundapur
14	Pramila Memorial Institute
15	Calcutta Public school, Kalikapur
16	Vivekananda Mission School, Joka
17	St Xavier's Institution Panihati
18	Morning Bells Academy (High School)
19	Lions Calcutta (Greater) Vidya Mandir
20	St Augustine's Days School, Shyamnagar
21	Akshar School, Kolkata
22	National English School
23	DPS Durgapur
24	Techno India Group Public School, Garia
24	Techno India Group Public School, Hooghly
25	Techno India Group Public school, Siliguri
26	Techno India Group Public School, Bolpur
27	Don Bosco Bandel
28	St Francis Xavier School, Kolkata
29	Krishnagar Public School
30	North Point Residential School, Siliguri



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1	Asian International School
2	MC Kejriwal Vidyapeeth
3	Don Bosco School Liluah
4	St Agnes' Convent School
5	Agrasain Balika Siksha Sadan
6	Agrasain Boys' School
7	Howrah High School
8	Methodist School
9	Gurukul English Medium School
10	Sudhir Memorial Institute, Liluah







# Olympians at school's Children's Day

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**Kolkata:** Asian International School celebrated Children's Day with much grandeur and fervour by organising 'Regalia'. Among all the events held every year at Asian International School, 'Regalia' is the most gala one providing students a chance to display their talents in front of such a big audience. It is an occasion of celebration, felicitation, feast and festivity when students present not only their wonderful performances but also receive honours for their academic and co-curricular achievements.

Neeraj Chopra, athlete who won gold at the Tokyo Olympics, was the chief guest. Manpreet Singh, a field hockey player and the captain of India men's national field hockey team since May 2017 who led the Indian field hockey team to the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Kamalpreet Kaur, the first Indian woman to breach the



Chief guest Neeraj Chopra being felicitated

ey player and the captain of India men's national field hockey team since May 2017 who led the Indian field hockey team to the bronze medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Kamalpreet Kaur, the first Indian woman to breach the

65m barrier in discus throw were the guests of honour.

The programme was presided over by chairman SD Sharma, director Alok Sharma, his wife Nidhi Sharma, principal Vijay Lakshmi Kumar and headmistress Simran Sanghera. Other dignitaries present included Kusum Khemani, Major Md Ali Shah, Subhra Kumar Banerjee and Pranay Baidya.

The chief guest, Neeraj Chopra, interacted live with the students of Asian International School. He congratulated the finalists and motivated everyone for their future. The director and the principal extended a warm welcome to all the dignitaries present.

Regalia, was woven around the theme 'Tokyo Olympics'. Since it was a virtual event, numerous students from all over the world took part in the programme.





# CBSE IX & XI students to take MCQ tests on OMR sheets

## Move Aimed At Preparing Kids For Board Exams: Principals

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**Kolkata:** CBSE schools in the city are introducing multiple choice questions (MCQ) in all tests for classes IX and XI that will have to be answered in optical mark recognition (OMR) sheets. The move comes in the wake of the first-term exams for classes X and XII in which all papers were MCQ-based and required to be answered in OMR sheets. Also, if the board decides to stick to this pattern of examination in future, schools will gradually switch to MCQ and OMR sheets in middle school as well.

Though CBSE had said the second-term exam would be subjective, school heads feel the surge in Covid cases and the uncertainty over how the Omicron variant will run its course may lead to the board sticking to MCQ and OMR sheets in the second term as well.

Schools have observed that while children are finding answering the theory portion easy on OMR sheets, they still need practice when it comes to an-

### NEW-NORMAL STEPS

- CBSE term-I board exam is happening in a changed format
- There are MCQ-pattern question papers that have to be answered on OMR sheets
- These are being printed everyday before the exams and given to the candidates for answering
- Candidates have to darken the right circle that gives the right option



swering numericals and mathematical questions. Here, they have to work out answers on a rough sheet and then tally them with options on the OMR sheets. This is where many are either fumbling or making mistakes.

"One has to accept that those who are writing the boards had studied online and are now taking an offline exam in a changed format. They need a lot of offline practice. So we have decided to formally introduce MCQ pattern of exams and OMR sheets right from the be-

ginning in the classrooms and then in our exams as well," said Meena Kak, director of Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy.

DPS Ruby Park has already prepared MCQ-based term exam question papers for classes IX and XI. "Even if they know all the answers, choosing the right one from a set of options, some very close to each other, to deliberately confuse the examinee and check his/her level of learning, requires a different skill set. So we are trying to equip them early," said principal Joyoti Chaudhuri.

South Point High School is also planning to introduce students of Class IX onwards to MCQ and OMR sheets the moment the board term-I exams and the ongoing term exams are over. "We were planning to order OMR sheets and let the board examinees practice. Unfortunately the school reopening in our state and the CBSE exams coincided. We will make OMR-based evaluation a part of our system now if the board continues with this changed pattern," said principal Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee.

Some principals, like Asian International School head Vijayalakshmi Kumar, said the term-I exam was conducted the way any national-level competitive exam is conducted. So while a large number of science students who go to coaching centres for these exams were aware of how to handle them, others needed help, especially the Class X board examinees. "All of us have seen the benefits of the new pattern that made a physical board exam possible in a pandemic situation," Kumar said.





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# Schools ask teachers to return with Cov -ve reports if they go on vacation out of state

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**Kolkata:** Many schools have asked their teachers to return with Covid-negative RT-PCR reports when they resume duty after schools reopen, if they go on a vacation during the Christmas-New Year holidays. Several school principals have requested teachers to avoid tours in the wake of the rising Omicron scare.

Schools said that teachers have to stay safe because they will have to help board candidates of ICSE, ISC and CBSE X, XII with their lab practicals and completion of the syllabus for the upcoming board semester two exams in March-April. In fact most schools have cut short winter vacations so that offline classes can start for IX-XII students, with special focus on board year candidates.

Most schools are about to break for winter vacations after the ongoing first half of the board exams are over. The CISCE conducted exams will end on December 20, while CBSE conducted exams will get over on December 28. New routines have been fleshed out

## MEASURES TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE

- > **CISCE board exams will be on till December 20**
- > **CBSE board exams will be on till December 28**
- > **Both boards will have second half of the exams in March-April**
- > **CISCE has asked schools to complete all projects, practicals and submission of marks by January 31**
- > **This has been preponed from February 28**
- > **Schools will immediately start out with lab practice sessions the moment science exams are over and continue after reopening**
- > **Candidates have to complete syllabus for semester/term two because so long their focus was only on term one, which is 50% of the syllabus**



**Those who go out of the state will have to come back with an RT-PCR negative report. We cannot infect each other and the children at this crucial stage**

**Richard Gasper** | PRINCIPAL OF ST AUGUSTINE'S DAY SCHOOL

for offline board year students. "At a time like this no one can afford to be casual. Offline classes in my school will re-start from January 5 and I have requested teachers not to leave state. Most are staying back and even if some leave, we will ask them to come in with Covid negative reports," said Father Bikash Mondal, principal of Don Bosco Park Circus.

A meeting was held on Tuesday at South City Interna-

tional School where senior school teachers were requested formally by principal John Bagul not to leave the state. "It is risky and we need to be up and about for our board year children. I am happy that they agreed. All teachers will come in with negative Covid reports too," Bagul added. Richard Gasper, principal of St Augustine's Day School has asked all his senior teachers to reveal holiday plans. "Those will go out of the state will

have to come back with an negative report. We cannot infect each other and the children," he said.

Rammohun Mission School has also asked teachers not to leave the state during the break, said principal Sujoy Biswas. "We cannot take any risk now. The schools have finally managed to re-open and the physical board exams are happening this year, which are both steps towards normalisation. We cannot spoil

that," Biswas said.

Lakshmi Pat Singhania Academy is not formally asking teachers not to go out, but director Meena Kak has asked teachers to come back with an RT-PCR negative report if they choose to leave the state.

The principal of St Xavier's Collegiate School, Father Thamasin Arulappan believes in leading by example and said that he would not go out anywhere during the vacation. "Our teachers are aware of the implications and will be doing everything to stay safe. I don't want to infringe on their rights, but by not going out myself, I am trying to lead by example," he said.

Teachers for board year students at Asian International School have voluntarily given up plans to go out during the break. "We have panned out our work for the term two exams and teachers know that not a single day is to be wasted. Teachers cannot afford to be sick and stay home now. So, they have decided to stay back for the holidays without the administration going in for any kind of strictures," said principal Vijaylakshmi Kumar.



# CBSE scraps same-day OMR sheet evaluation rule

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## SCHOOLS RELIEVED

### The earlier rule

➤ Teachers would check the OMR answer scripts and send the marks to the board the same day

### What is happening now

➤ The schools are sending the OMR answer sheets directly to the board without checking

### Why the change?

➤ Some believe the move came after scores were suddenly high in some schools. So the decision was taken to stop malpractice

### The reaction

➤ Principals welcomed the decision, saying teachers were under stress

**Kolkata:** CBSE schools will not have to evaluate answer scripts of the ongoing Term I exams from now on. The board sent a circular to schools on Wednesday, asking them to stop evaluating answer scripts from Thursday onwards and asked school principals to ensure that the OMR sheets be packed within 15 minutes of completion of the exam and sent to the board.

No reason has been cited in the circular but many within the system said that the tone of the circular was stern and this indicated that unfair means might have been adopted during the exams and evaluation, forcing the board to take this step. Specifications regarding when the printing of question papers will happen and by what time distribution should be completed among candidates has also been specified in the circular.

Principals of city schools said they were relieved that the

board was taking the responsibility of evaluation since the teachers were under tremendous stress.

While CBSE Class X exams are over, the Term I exams for Class XII are on and the exam will be over on December 28. "The tone of the circular is stern probably because the Board was studying the past achievement records of schools and might have found that scores were suddenly high in case of some schools. The system of evaluation by external examiners should have been followed from the very beginning. The

damage has been done already," said a city school principal.

"The Hindi exams were held on Thursday and as per instructions, we did not evaluate the OMR sheets. Our teachers were relieved that they did not have to stay back for evaluation," said Vijaylakshmi Kumar, principal of Asian International School. "The board has tightened its belt and this is clearly an indication of an attempt to prevent malpractice. I only wish this had happened sooner," said Koeli Dey, principal of Sushila Birla Girls School.





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# FUSION OF COLOURS & CREATIVITY

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The Times of India in association with Asian International School, Dhulagarh held a sit-and-draw competition at Ideal Grand, Shibpur in Howrah on December 19. Sixty-eight students from Nursery to Class X participated in the competition



# YOUNG TOI READERS PAINT AND POSE

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The Times of India in association with Asian International School, Dhulagarh held a sit and draw competition at Panchsheel Apartment, Shibpur Howrah on January 2. Twenty-eight students from Nursery to Class X participated in the event