



From Parent's Pen

Education in India: Present scenario and Future Prospects

Education is a very important factor in the economic development of any country. India since the early days of independence has always focused on improving the literacy rate in our country. Even today the government runs many programs to promote Primary and Higher Education in India.

Education in India means the process of teaching, learning, and training of human capital in schools and colleges. This improves and increases knowledge and results in skill development hence enhancing the quality of the human capital. Our government has always valued the importance of education in India.

Present scenario

Present education in India focuses more on scores rather than knowledge, this system has 90% theoretical subjects, the students are not allowed to experiment on their own in the end, students are coming out of schools and colleges with bookish knowledge alone as the method of learning doesn't connect to reality. An increased pressure on students due to much competitive spirit among the private institutions leads to failure and many schools are not concentrating on extracurricular activities and sports. It is creating a false impression in children that education is the only important part in life.

Future Prospects

Indian government considers education as a key area where drastic growth and development is required. So various future prospects have been considered and policies are drafted. The vision is to ensure that education in India is of the highest quality and available to the whole population without discrimination.

1. Education for all – A Dream

Though the education level has increased for both youth as well as adults, still the number of illiterates is as much as the population was at the time of independence. The constituent assembly passed the Constitution of India in the year 1950. Free and compulsory education for the children till 14 years of age within 10 years from the commencement of constitution was noted as Directive Principal of the constitution.

2. Improving Gender Equity

The differences between male and female are reducing and the same can be seen in literacy rate, showcasing a development in gender equity. Still, hard work left to promote the education of women. There are various reasons, such as social status of women, healthcare of women and children and improving economic independence therefore, we cannot feel satisfied with the upward movement in literacy rate as long miles to go for gender equity. Kerala, Mizoram, Goa and New Delhi are having high literacy rate, whereas, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan are educationally backward states. Social and Economic Poverty are main reasons for educational backwardness.

3. Higher Education

People in India face great difficulty to reach the higher levels in the current education system. As per National Sample Survey Organization data, in the FY 2007-08, the unemployment rate was 18.10% for youth with education up to secondary level. Whereas unemployment rate for youth with education up to primary level was only 11.60%. The government should take emphasis on allocation of higher education and improve the students.

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From Teacher's Pen

“GO GREEN”

There were days when lambs and kids used to move cheerfully down the lush greenery. There were days when the brooks and streams flowed down the slopes merrily. There were green meadows, pastures and terraced fields. There were pure blue skies with cotton-like cirrus flitting merrily high above.

Nostalgic Memories.....

Sitting on the window seat, gazing out, I went into my school days. I still remember...how lovely it was. No problem in getting up at 5.30am. There was a time for prayer, a time to play outdoor games, a time to do my homework, a time to sit with parents and interact about the days happenings, narrating each and everything, a time to water plants, a time to spend days with grandparents and relatives, a time to visit family friends along with parents, a time to move around in the meadows, a time to run after butterflies, a time to read story books, a time for evening walk, a time to arrange school bags, a time to iron my uniforms, go to bed and so on.....

Where those days have gone? Those fresh green environment, pure refreshing air, the respect for parents and teachers, love in the family are missing.

Natural environment plays a great role in the existence of life on earth and it helps human beings, animals and other living things to grow and develop naturally. But due to some bad and selfish activities of the human beings, our environment is getting affected. It is the most important topic that everyone must know how to protect our environment to keep it safe forever as well as ensure the nature's balance on this planet to continue the existence of life.

I would like to mention a few things here. Let us do and train our children in a similar way.

1. Starting the day with a glass of luke warm water and morning walk is an energy booster for the entire day. It will keep our immune system strong.
2. Breakfast is a must. It helps us to keep our energy level up.

3. One should develop a habit of maintaining a garden.
4. Avoid plastics for packing food and storing water. So we should have steel tiffin box and steel bottle. Instead of disposable plastic cups let us start using ceramic cups. Newspaper or jute or cotton carry bags can be used.
5. Gift a sapling on the birthday to our dear ones.
6. Decorate the house with air purifiers, e.g. Money plant, Sanservieria, Arica palm trees.
7. Let us water the plants in the garden and monitor their growth.
8. Let's avoid throwing raw vegetable and fruit waste. Instead we can make compost out of it. Let's use only organic fertilizers and pesticides rather than chemicals. Used tea leaves can be washed and used as a fertilizer.
9. Newspaper bags can be made and distributed in small shops.
10. Let us say a big 'NO' to cold drinks and fast food.
11. Develop a habit of taking a nap during the day. This is a rejuvenating step to get relief from stress.
12. Spend little time with being with nature. For example walking bare foot on grass or sitting in the garden and listening to music.
13. Carrying a handkerchief and paper soap is counted in good habits.
14. Car pooling is good to save fuel.
15. Let's follow: SAVE WATER, SAVE ENERGY, SAVE TREES, SAVE FUEL, SAVE LAND.
16. Let us do all such things which will not pollute the environment.

Let us take a pledge to follow these small steps to save the mother Earth.

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Happenings

SRCS bids Farewell to Class XII

"Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends."

SRCS bid farewell to the outgoing students of Grade XII with misty eyes and mixed feelings on January 18th, 2020.

The sombre and memorable afternoon commenced with the lamp lighting by Principal SRCS Ms. Bhavna Pujari along with the head boy Tejas Patidar and the Head Girl Jahnvi Sarda.

A cultural presentation was also staged by the students of class 11 with a mix of wonderful dance performances, songs and music. A Self composed poem was recited by Vishesh Raghuwanshi which took everyone back in the memory lane. The cultural program mesmerized everyone gathered there.

Principal SRCS, Ms. Bhavna Pujari in a moving speech, wished luck to the outgoing students along with words of wisdom to overcome challenges in

life. Teachers reminisced their experiences and shared bitter-sweet memories of the outgoing batch of students.

The students of Grade 12 expressed gratitude to teachers and acknowledged the support and guidance provided to them. They thanked their mentors for helping them find their purpose in life and promised to re-visit their Alma Mater.

The title of Mr. and Ms. Farewell was given to Navedhya Patel and Mitisha Agrawal respectively and Jahnvi Sarda was crowned with the most prestigious title, Ms. SRCian.

Each outgoing student was also given a token of love. The solemn and emotionally roller-coaster day was a reminder of the incredible responsibility of sending the generation to explore the future. SRCS wishes best of luck to the outgoing batch of students.

The Farewell concluded with the National Anthem and Photo Session.



PICNIC @ CHOKI DHANI

On 18th January 2020 students accompanied with teachers went for picnic to Chokhi Dhani . Chokhi Dhani gave an authentic Rajasthani experience to the students combining rich folk entertainment, Rajasthani cuisine and its village life ambience. Students enjoyed a plethora of entertaining activities like magic-show, puppet show, DJ dance, Bullock cart and horse rides, Rajasthani folk music and dance. They also enjoyed extravagant vegetarian Rajasthani cuisine along with the rural, rustic and village-like ambience, captivating beautiful memories in their minds. They returned to school invigorated, thrilled and looking forward to more such eventful picnics.



Christmas Day Celebration

Christmas brings joy and SRCS celebrated it with the same feeling, spreading the message of love and joy amongst the children. The Christmas celebrations took place in the School auditorium on 24th December, 2019. On that day, a special program was organized by the students of Grades 3 to 8. The celebration included a rhythmic performance by the school choir as well as a surprise appearance by Santa Claus. Even the children dressed as X-mas trees danced with Santa Claus to the exciting tunes followed by Tableau on the birth of Lord Jesus. The staff and students enjoyed the evening with great joy.

The school was decked in a festive look for Christmas. The staff and students also bid adieu to 2019 and welcomed the New Year 2020.



AVANT GARDE

The 6th Annual Function of Shri Ram Centennial School, Indore - 'Avant-Garde' - was celebrated with a cultural presentation on 10th November 2019. The program was inaugurated by Shri M.G. Paranjape and Shri S.N. Patwardhan. The program commenced with the traditional lighting of lamp.

In her address to the audience, the Principal SRCS, Ms. Pujari stressed upon the importance of Indian history and its relevance in the current times.

Attended by a massive audience comprising of students, parents, guests, teachers and staff, the highlight of the evening was the show put by the students. It was based on life of the Indian warrior - king Chhatrapati Shivaji.

The drama had wonderful costumes, and excellent backdrops. Taking the audience back to the 400-year-old era of Maratha glory, the mega-play traced the life of Shivaji right from his birth to his coronation as *Chhatrapati* in 1674, during the Mughal era.

Numerous episodes from Shivaji's life with captivating background music and masterly performances by the students of SRCS made the play a real treat.

Two episodes of the play – Shivaji, were most liked by the audience. First, where Shivaji kills the commander of Bijapur Sultanate, Afzal Khan, with steel claws and the second episode where the Maratha king attacks Shaista Khan, the supreme commander of Mughal forces and Aurangzeb's uncle, at his camp in Pune, forcing him to flee.

The grandeur of the entire event, complete with a horse chariot on which 'SHIVAJI' entered for the Coronation fascinated the audience.

Maharashtrian dances were also performed by gracious, beautifully attired students.

The evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



Seminar on DIABETES @ Pre-Wing

Indians in general, neglect health checkup and screening. Routine screening for Diabetes plays a vital role in preventing complications associated with it.

SRCS organized a Diabetes awareness and educational seminar for the parents and faculty at Pre-Wing on the occasion of World Diabetes Day on November 14, 2019. Well known endocrinologist Dr. Abhyudaya Verma was invited as the speaker and the resource person for the day.

On the said occasion, Dr Verma informed that living a healthy lifestyle is an essential pre-requisite to managing and regulating blood sugar and diabetes. He further added that managing such a lifestyle includes not just eating healthy but also being regular with exercise - including strength training in the fitness routine - maintaining a healthy weight and much more.

Dr. Verma also explained the risk factors associated with Diabetes and suggested measures to control it. He gave lifestyle tips for blood sugar control in Diabetes.

Dr. Verma also discussed the increasing cases of Diabetes in children. He expressed that Diabetes can be easily controlled by balancing insulin or oral medication, food and exercise. He said that a child's school performance will also be optimum if the blood glucose remains in the acceptable range. Left untreated - both high as well as low blood glucose levels can affect a child's ability to concentrate on schoolwork and participation in school activities



Lohri And Makar Sankranti Celebration @ Pre-Wing

India is known for its rich heritage and festivals. Every change is celebrated in India with lots of enthusiasm. Lohri is the celebration of the arrival of the longer days after the winter solstice. Makar Sankranti dedicated to lord Surya marks the beginning of Uttarayana, a 6 month auspicious period. Kids at SRCS came dressed in colorful dresses to mark the celebration of Lohri and Makar



Republic Day Celebration

An ambience of patriotism was in the air as the National Flag was unfurled by the chief guest Master Atharv Sachdeva topper of grade X on Sunday, 26th January 2020 at 9.00 am followed by the National Anthem being played by the School Band. The parents of Master Atharv Sachdeva, Mr. Satish Sachdeva (General Manager IT & MIS at Pratibha Saltax Ltd) and Mrs . Lalita Sachdeva were the guest of honor on the occasion.

A motivational speech was also delivered by Principal SRCS Ms Bhavna Pujari who stressed on the need for students to become better citizens in

order to make India a better Nation.

On this occasion the chief guest Master Atharv Sachdeva in his address, reflected upon the importance of India being a Republic and the inspiration of the many sacrifices that has brought us together celebrating India's 71st Republic Day. High energy performances by the students of the choir as well as the Dancers entertained everyone present with the spice of patriotism.

The Republic Day Function concluded with the solemn singing of 'Vande Mataram' sung by the students.



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Torch Bearers of the Humanity

Great leaders inspire common people to follow in their steps, making the world a better place to live. Great men have appeared on the scene whenever humanity has needed them.

A power point presentation, group discussion, role play, quiz competition, collage making was developed to make students aware of the great leaders of different countries.

Power Point Presentation

The curriculum activity-6 - 'Torch Bearers of the Humanity' was portrayed through a Power Point Presentation. In this PPT Presentation, brief introduction of various leaders were given to students.

This activity was aimed to teach students about the various leaders of different countries and how they served their motherlands in difficult times becoming role models.

After the PPT Presentation, a small session was organized in which students were questioned as to which leader inspired them the most and why.



Quiz competition

There has to be some measurable parameter by which it can be understood as to how much students have learnt.

In order to find out how much has been imbibed by the students, a quiz competition was organized. The Quiz competition had multiple choice questions and most of the students scored above 80 percent marks.

Role Play

Role play improves public speaking abilities of the students. Six students were selected - who then chose leaders of their choice - to explain the course of life of those leaders in first person.

Following students took part in the role play.

1. Vivan Kapoor – Class VI – Winston Churchill- United Kingdom
2. Riddima Upadhyay – Class VI – Bidhya Devi Bhandari – Nepal
3. Ansh Raghuvanshi – Class VII- Swami Vivekanad – India
4. Kabir Danish – Class VII- Barak Obama - USA
5. Soumya Soni –Class VIII Chandrika Kumaratunga – Sri Lanka
6. Grishma Goyal - Class VIII – Indira Gandhi – India



Group Discussion

Discussion is an effective way of exchanging views and ideas. Group discussion also increases in the students an ability to look at all sides of an issue as well as listening to the others' point of view.

In order to inculcate the above referred good habits, a Group Discussion on the topic "Qualities of the great leaders" was organized. In this activity, students discussed the essential qualities common to all the leaders across the globe.

The Students also analyzed the differences between Indian leaders and other world leaders.



Collage making

Collage making activity was also conducted for the students. Students collected multiple pictures of great leaders not only of India but also other world leaders and compiled it into a beautiful collage.



CAVES TO CAFÉ

For International School Awards 2019-20 - students of classes VII, VIII and IX performed following activities in the month of November and December.

Introduction through PPT

A short movie along with a PPT on the Journey of Human evolution was screened for the students. Students learnt about how human beings started their journey from the cave man to the modern and sophisticated man of today.



Quiz

A written quiz was organized for the students of Grades VI to VIII. The quiz was organized to acquaint students with various discoveries as well as inventions e.g. Fire, Agriculture, Tools, Wheel, Automobiles, T.V. and internet etc.

Worli painting

Worli painting was made by the students under the guidance of the Art teacher Mr. Piyush Khobragade. Students were able to showcase art made by early humans when they lived in caves.



Traditional Flavors of India and from Around

Power Point Presentation

An introductory session using Power point presentation was conducted for the students of classes VI to VIII . The students were briefed about how cuisines and flavors of various states of India differ from each other with respect to ingredients, cooking style and presentation. They were also shown the recipes of neighboring countries of India such as Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Bangladesh.

Various other activities like Map plotting, Scrapbook making, Cookery show were also organized for the students.



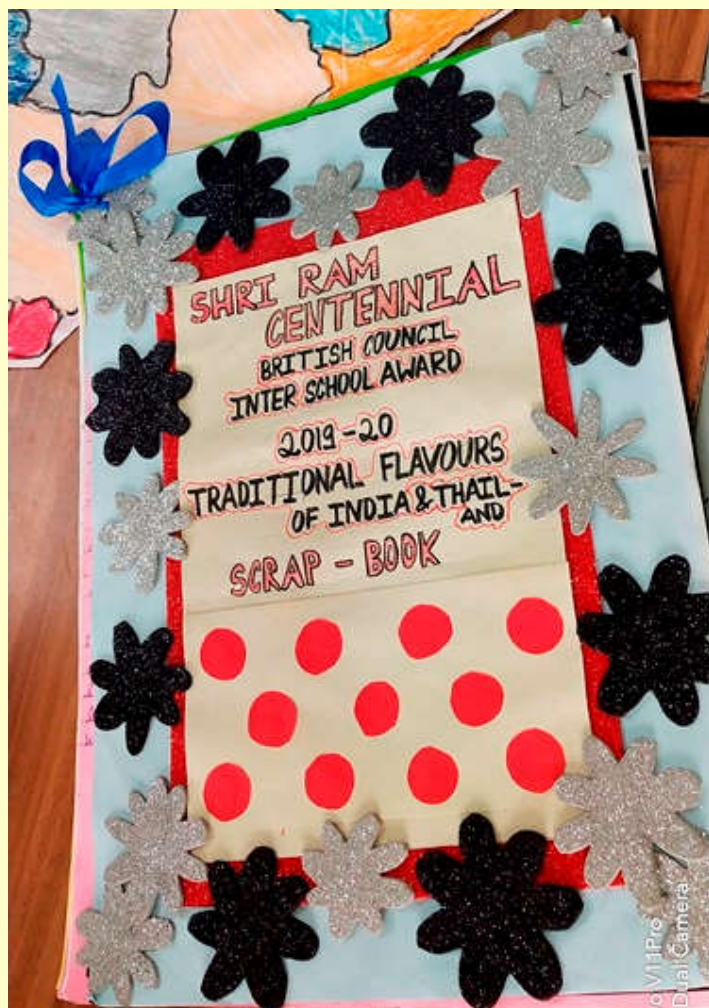
Cookery Show

The Kids' Cookery Show was organized with the motto of – “Food can be fun”. The young chefs made many mouthwatering dishes. The aim of this activity was to acquaint the students with the variety of traditional dishes and their preparation. Food items not only from India but also from its neighboring countries were made by the students.



Scrapbook

Students made beautiful Scrapbooks displaying signature and traditional foods of different states of India.



Map plotting

Students also participated in Map plotting of dishes of respective states of India. It helped them to identify and relate food of Indian states with that of other countries.

