

THE KALYANI SCHOOL



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...

A very common phrase used in modern linguistics is the 'fear of missing out', or 'FOMO', to use the more familiar term. In the present world, everyone wants to know everything, before anyone else. But, with so much happening around us, and at such incredible speed, to keep track of all the goings on, is next to impossible. Thus, there is always a feeling of anxiety of being left out. And this feeling of discontent, we hand down through generations. It is true that one never knows what waits round the bend and so, there is a constant want to stay a step ahead, before life decides to throw a snag and scrape our way. It is indeed useful to have a thirst for catching up and staying in the loop. However, it is also important to accept that to always have an informed and equipped perspective to life is not humanly possible, because we are creatures with limitations. We have come to the end of another year, which was fraught with a lot of strife and pain. In the urge to stay in the glaring footlight, we have hardly ever reflected on the need for a breath of peace.

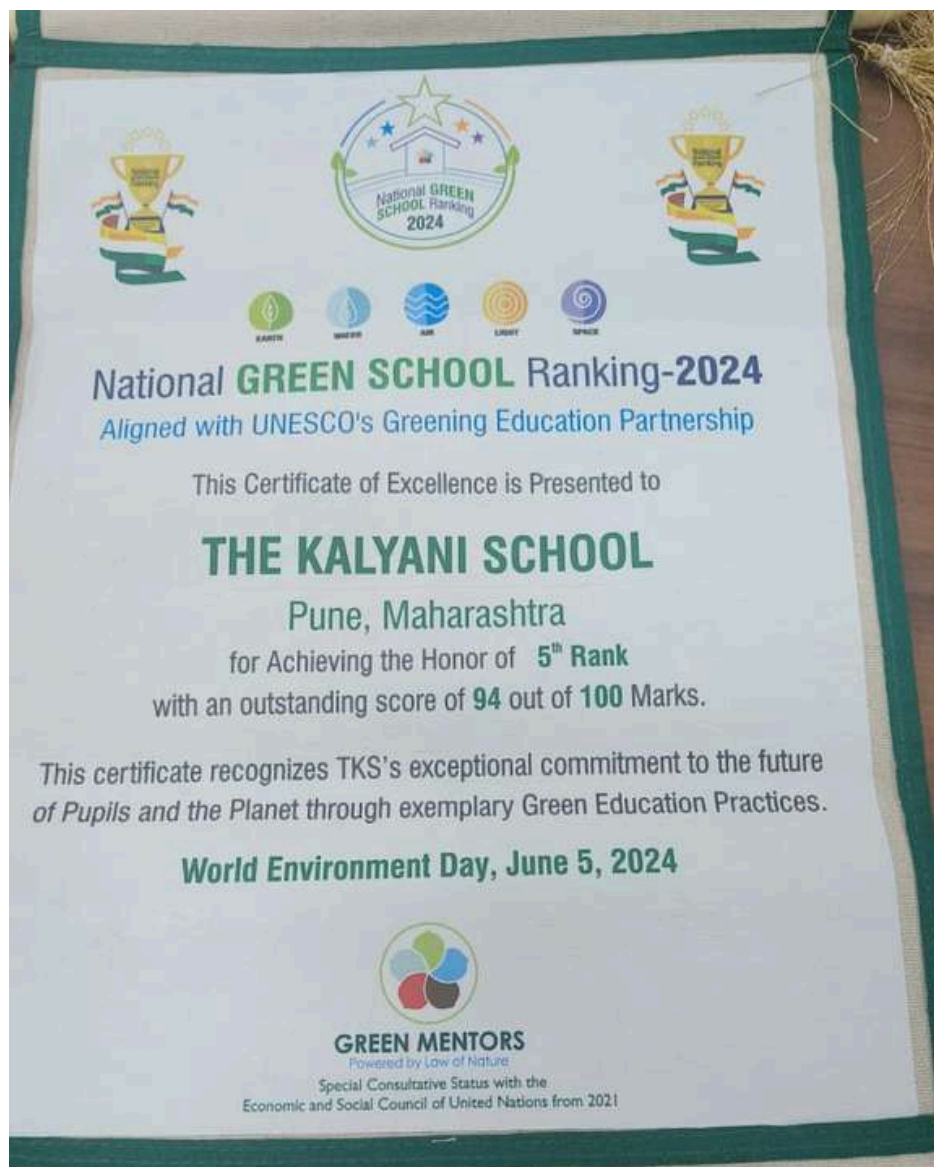
And often, in our rush to go ahead and reach a designated goal, we have missed out on the beautiful experience of the journey to our destination. Today, we are about to step into another year, bristling with opportunities and offers to choose between peace and dissention. And we have to make a decision about what the world of tomorrow should look like.

As the saying goes, we can shape our own destiny if we have the will and the wit. Therefore, if it we want to make a collective decision to choose peace, no war-monger can stop us from having one. So, let us choose right. Since we are the only creatures of God who are furnished with sensibilities along with senses, today let us usher in a year of health, of content and of grace, along with one of progress and advancement. Let us hunt around for knowledge, but let us also remember to be kind and quiet. May each day have a merry ring and may 2025 be the happiest time of 'all the glad new-year'.

Soma ghosh

OUR WALL OF FAME

Our Wall of Fame is adorned again. In the National Green School Ranking of 2024, The Kalyani School was given the honour of securing the 5th Rank. A Certificate of Excellence was presented to the school for scoring 94 marks out of a total of 100. The results were a corroboration of the school's exceptional commitment to the future of pupils and the planet through exemplary Green Education practices. We promise to be continuing on the same green steps forever in the future too.



“The poetry of the Earth is never dead.” – John Keats

THEY DO US PROUD

We are proud to announce that Riyansh Bhardwaj of Grade VIII, has been selected to participate in a prestigious high-performance Table Tennis Training Camp at the Swedish Club in Vaxjo, Sweden. This remarkable opportunity will take place from December 8th to December 16th, 2024, where Riyansh will engage in intensive training alongside some of the finest European players. It is indeed an honour to reach these heights at such a young age. We wish him great learning and all the success in his future.



Meera Poplee of Grade VII has achieved Third Position in the Girls' Under 12 to 14 category of the 80 m Hurdles Race in the Schoolympics Athletics Championship, organized by the Sakal Newspapers, on 9th of December. She was awarded a Bronze Medal for her commendable performance. The event was held at the Late Baburao Sanas Ground, Swargate. We extend our hearty congratulations to Meera and wish her more achievements in the future.



Karan Nambisan and Karthik Nambisan from Grade VII, have won consolation prizes in the Intellijelly Magazine Story Writing Competition, which was conducted online, in the month of December. We congratulate these gifted young scribes and wish to see them leave their imprints with more flair and success.

Vibgyor High School, NIBM Road, Pune, organised a District level Competition and our young team gave a very remarkable display of their skills and coordination. Mahi Takale of Grade V, was awarded with the title of the Best Player of the Competition. The other team players were Kanika Nagar, Doyel Dudhe, Mahi Takle, A. Bhavyashree, Vaibhavi Pakhale, Bhakti Ware, Vinmayi Ghule, Suhana Ghosh, Sahiti Ch., Advika Negi, Vrunda Wangade, Mishka Khare, Veeha Shah. Great Going, Girls!! We are proud of you.



■ **“Only those who attempt the absurd can achieve the impossible.”**
— Albert Einstein

THEY DO US PROUD

The U-14 Boys' Football team of TKS were the Winners in the Spolto Odyssey Football Competition which was organized by Chatrabhuj Narsee School, in their school premises, on 10th of December. Participants, Neil Rajani, Kanav Zavar, Hitansh Jain, Samar Shah, Vivaan Jaggi, Harshil Shah, Abraham Somjee, Vedaang Berry, displayed their commendable skills on the fields and impressed every spectator.

On the same day, at the same venue, the U-10 Boys also played their match and the TKS team did a great job by achieving the Third Position. The participants were Ajesh Gaur, Atharva Tiwari, Kavir Joshi, Yuvaan Mehra, Gurvansh Singh, Rayvansh Prasad, Rhitvik Batra and Adwaith Chanashetti. We are very proud of their skills and determination.

Congratulations Boys! Keep going!!



We are glad to announce that Karan Nambisan from Grade VII and Parnika Rane from Grade VIII, have been selected as finalists for the National Round of Katha Utsav, which is going to be held at Chennai in the month of December. Reaching the finals is the culmination of the incredible journey through rigorous selection stages: School, Regional, and now National. Students will have the opportunity to meet their favourite mentors, enhance their creative writing skills, engage in hands-on learning, illustrate their own stories or poems, and, above all, have fun. We wish both of them a lot of learning at the prestigious workshop.

Asmi Gupta from Grade IX, has achieved the Third Position in the 800 m Hurdles Race in the Schoolympics Athletics Championship held at the Late Baburao Sanas Ground, Swargate, conducted by Sakal Newspapers. She was awarded a Bronze Medal in the Girls Under 12-14 category, on 11th of December. It was a District level tournament and Asmi performed commendably on the fields. We congratulate her on her skills and efforts, and extend our best wishes for all her future endeavours.



At the Billabong Inter School Debate Competition held at Billabong School, Hadapsar on Saturday 14th December, Huzafa Bohori and Garvit Sikka of Grade VIII, displayed commendable team work and speaking skills and achieved the Best Team Award. We are proud of them and wish to see them go from strength to strength.

THEY DO US PROUD

On 15th of December, Nilanshu Prabhakar of Grade V won the First Prize in 'Spardha Idol and Radio Mirchi Musical Competition 2024'. He was awarded a trophy and a 15000/- cash prize. He played a medley on the keyboard and impressed the judges with his musical expertise. It is no wonder that he got the highest marks among all the 600 contestants. Nilanshu will have an opportunity to visit the Radio Mirchi Studio where he is going to be interviewed; this will be broadcast on the Radio Mirchi Channel soon. We are very proud of him indeed. May his passion and skills take him to the peak of success.



The U-14 Girls Handball team of TKS were the Winners in the District level VIVA Handball Competition organized by Vibgyor High School, on 12th of December. The match was conducted at Vibgyor High School, NIMB. The trophy was brought home in triumph by the participants Lyla Nangrani, Asmi Gupta, Asmi Shourya, Swarali Raskar, Naisha Agarwal, Krisha Sheth, Aanya Ranjit, Asparsha Singh. Lyla Nangrani was awarded the Best Player of the Competition in this category.

At the same venue, the U-12 Girls' team also made their mark on 11th of December, by securing the Second Position in the VIVA Handball Competition. The participants were Asparsha Singh, Aahana Lakhani, Aarya Kale, Anvi Ghule, Ishwari Kharade, Arya Ware, Shrishti Kukanur, Vinmayi Ghule.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the girls for doing us proud, and pray for their continual success.



"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

— Thomas Jefferson

THEY DO US PROUD

The TKS U-12 Boys' Cricket team was the Winner in the Crick 18 Cricket Competition organized by Kings Sports Club in Dhanori. The match was a District level one, and was held on 22nd of December. The TKS team was represented by Ayush Gosavi, Sidhant Lade, Rajveer Takale, Advaya Arora, Vihaan Assi, Adit Chellani, Viraj Pote, Abhinav Jha, Hritvik Vyas, Vihaan Nabar, Akshad Arav, Arav Jha, Arjun Gaikwad, Adish Sinha and Ayaan Singh.

Sidhant Lade won the titles of the Best Bowler and Player of the Tournament. Ayush Gosavi won the Best Batsman of the Tournament award.

We congratulate them for their outstanding performance and wish them more success in all their future matches.



Jyash Tholiya has once again been recognized at the Dynamic Training Model United Nations (DT-MUN), Pune Chapter. This December, he has been honored with a High Commendation (2nd Position). We are proud of his significant skills in speaking and articulation. We congratulate him and wish him more success in the future.



Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value. - Albert Einstein

NEW STUDENT-COUNCIL INVESTITURE CEREMONY



As a fitting finale to a very eventful year, December 2024 was a hub of activities and events which were noteworthy in their incredible blend of poignancy and merriment. December began with the solemn ceremony of the Investiture of the new Student Council. Leadership is one of the most necessary skills for students of the present century, and through the process of Election and Investiture, these qualities are effectively fostered in the Kalyaniites. The Student Council, comprising the Head Boy, Head Girl, the Sports Captains, Prefects, Cultural Head, Social Impact Head, Captains and Vice-Captains, is a body of school leaders, who have the responsibility of maintaining discipline, of being part of each and every school activity, and of ensuring that the school's dignity is upheld always.



On 3rd of December, the new SCMs were sworn in to their leadership roles in the presence of the school dignitaries, parents and students. The new leaders were handed over their mantle of honour and responsibility by Deeksha Ma'am, Nirmal Ma'am, Vice-Principals, Coordinators and House Mistresses and Co-House Mistresses. Deeksha Ma'am and Nirmal Ma'am congratulated them heartily and also reminded them of the solemnity of their roles. They urged the young leaders to be honest to themselves and to execute their duties with humility and integrity. The SCMs took Oath of Office and pledged to keep the School Flag always flying high. Their sincere promises resonated through the auditorium and filled the hearts of everyone present. The programme ended with a heart-touching ceremony, during which the erstwhile Student Council passed on their mantle to the new SCMs by lighting their lamps. We pray that this flame of wisdom and love be carried forth through all the generations of the Kalyaniites. May the doctrine of Akshayam Jnyanam always be our guiding light.

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A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be."

-Rosalynn Carter

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SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The students of Grade VIII D presented a Special Assembly on Indian Navy Day, on 4th of December, to pay homage to the naval soldiers. Through their participation, the students conveyed their appreciation for the Navy's invaluable service and reinforced the message of national pride and unity. They shared valuable insights related to naval life and leadership, particularly highlighting qualities of courage and discipline. The children spoke about the life of a naval officer, discussing the rigorous training, challenges, and dedication required to serve in the Indian Navy. They also explained the process of joining the Navy and introduced the various Bravery Awards given to honour exceptional courage and valour. This was followed by a thought-provoking video that provided a deeper look into the life of these brave soldiers. A poem composed by one of the students expressed pride and the heartfelt words left a lasting impact on the audience. The Assembly reached a dramatic climax with a skit based on the historic Ghazi Attack, which showed how the Navy confronts and tackles threats with unwavering courage and determination. A melodious song and an energetic dance performance added vibrancy and energy to the presentation. The Assembly was a powerful and engaging tribute to the Indian Navy, showcasing the bravery, discipline, and dedication of those who serve to protect the country.



On 3rd of December, the students of Grade I D presented their Special Assembly on the topic 'National Pollution Control Day'. The event began with a news segment followed by some health tips to keep cold and cough at bay. The children performed an informative skit showing how small steps taken by every individual can make a bigger impact on controlling pollution. This was followed by a video that listed down steps that we can take to control pollution. A captivating dance performance was performed by the students to show their support in making the Earth healthy and happy. The Assembly concluded with students sharing some amazing facts about pollution. Overall, it was an engaging and educational event that highlighted the importance of protecting our environment and keeping it safe and clean.



WE LEARN BEYOND THE BOOKS

On 6th of December, the students of Grades VII and VIII went on an educational visit to the Science Park with their school teachers. The visit aimed to offer a hands-on learning experiences and spark their curiosity about the wonders of science. Upon arriving at the park, they were warmly welcomed by the staff, who introduced them to the various exhibits and activities available for exploration.

The students explored various sections, including Automobiles, Energy, and Fun Science, where they engaged with interactive displays, illustrating core concepts like gravity, energy, magnetism, and mechanics. They thoroughly enjoyed the 3D dioramas and exhibits that illustrated the functioning of automobile components such as spark plugs, injectors, silencers, and wipers. They explored working models showcasing different forms of energy, their production processes, practical applications, environmental challenges and potential future energy sources.

Most of the exhibits at the park are interactive, offering visitors a hands-on experience. The children also spent time at the play park, where they learned about scientific principles in a fun and engaging way. The trip was filled with exploration and creativity, which made the learning of Science easy and fun for our young learners.



**Mysterious is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science.”
— Albert Einstein**

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The little children of Nursery to Grade I, went to the Butterfly Trampoline Park for their picnic, on 12th of December. It was a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories. The day began with great enthusiasm, as the children arrived at school early in the morning, had a delicious breakfast and were ready for the adventure that awaited them. As they boarded the buses they chatted excitedly about the fun activities they were about to enjoy.

Upon arrival at the Butterfly Trampoline Park, the children immediately dove into the fun. They eagerly jumped on the trampolines, bouncing up and down with laughter; they swam through the colourful balls at the park's ball pit, and bounced at the sponge pit, leaping and rolling in the spongy floors with glee. An incredible magic show awaited the children after this. The tricks filled their minds with wonder as they watched objects disappear and reappear before their eyes. After this, they headed to the dance floor, where they shook their legs and danced to lively music, their little feet moving to the beat. It was a delight to see them spinning, jumping, and laughing together, making the most of every moment. As the day drew to a close, the children were treated to a delicious meal, over which they were asked to reflect on the day's fun-filled activities. Their smiles spoke volumes about their satisfaction, and it was clear that every moment of the day had been thrilling and enjoyable. The day out at Butterfly Trampoline Park was a memorable one, with the children creating lasting memories of fun, laughter, and excitement. The happiness on their faces said it all – it was a day that they would surely treasure for a long time.



**“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about.”
– Angela Schwindt**

WE LEARN BEYOND THE BOOKS

On 12th of December, the Grade I students went on an exhilarating school picnic to the Butterfly Trampoline Park, Pune. The purpose of the outing was to provide the little ones with a rejuvenating change in their routine, to foster a sense of togetherness, and create lasting memories. Such events play a crucial role in the holistic development of students, promoting social skills, teamwork, and a sense of adventure that goes beyond the confines of the classroom. The day commenced with excitement as students gathered at the school premises, bubbling with enthusiasm. The journey to the Park was filled with laughter, chatter, and occasional sing-alongs, making it an exciting experience. The itinerary was thoughtfully planned, to cater to the diverse interests of the students. A variety of activities were organized, ranging from free play on the various trampolines, to a magic show and dancing.

No picnic is complete without a delicious feast. A designated area was set up for lunch and the students enjoyed a spread of mouthwatering meals. They enjoyed sharing their food and filled the Park with merry chatter. The visit to the Butterfly Trampoline Park was a memorable one and the children came back to the school rejuvenated and ready to go back to their routine work, happily.



“The purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.” —Sydney J. Harris

WE LEARN BEYOND THE BOOKS

The students of Grades II and III went for their much-awaited school picnic on 12th of December, accompanied by their teachers and the school staff. The destination, the Amazeum Pavilion Mall, was a vibrant and engaging space, buzzing with activities and learning opportunities. The eight distinct zones, each offering a unique experience were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They explored the Construction Zone, Mini Garage, Green Grocers, Chef's Café, Get Fit Clinic, Imagination Playground, Water Works and the Bubble Tower, and were filled with wonderment. The picnic wasn't merely about fun and games; it provided an ideal platform for learning and enabling the students to expand their imagination and curiosity. Each zone was skillfully curated to encourage participation, and to support their holistic growth. In addition to the engaging activities, the students relished a delightful meal which comprised their favourite food items. The yummy treats added to their excitement, doubling the fun and making the picnic even more enjoyable.

The students returned home brimming with joy, enriched with knowledge, and cherishing the memories of a day well spent. This outing was a perfect blend of recreation and education, making it a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



“Hunger not to have, but to be.” — John Dewey

WE LEARN BEYOND THE BOOKS

On 19th of December, the little ones of Kindergarten (Nursery, Jr. KG and Sr. KG) enjoyed a Christmas Party on the enchanting theme of Winter Wonderland. The event was a perfect blend of creativity, learning, and festive cheer, making the day truly special for both children and teachers.

All the kinder children came dressed in festive white, green and red outfits, symbolizing the magic of winter and the joy of the holiday season. The young learners in Nursery showcased their creativity by making Santa crafts, and were also regaled by heart-warming Christmas stories.

The Junior KG students had spent the entire week preparing for their special Christmas choir, which they rendered in their charming voices to delight the listeners. They also enjoyed a creative craft session, where they made winter-themed decorations that added to the festive spirit.

The Senior KG students participated in an innovative Math activity, 'Walking on Snowflakes', to learn addition, making the subject fun and interactive. They also designed bright and colourful Christmas cards. The highlight of the day was the fireless cooking session, where the children made edible Christmas tree treats, and enjoyed eating and sharing them. The Winter Wonderland celebration, combined with the Experiential Learning Day provided the children with opportunities to learn through play, creativity, and hands-on activities, while immersing themselves in the joy of the season. The event not only strengthened their skills but also created lasting memories, capturing the true spirit of winter and the festive holidays.



“Christmas Day will always be, just as long, as we have we!” –Dr. Seuss

THE KALYANIITES WENT MAD ABOUT LITERATURE

On the last day before the winter vacation, to add to the holiday mirth and spirit, the Kalyaniites celebrated the most talked about gala of the year 2024, 'Mad About Literature'. 21st of December saw the school premises resplendent with a spread of colourful decorations, displays, models, food stalls, and most importantly, with the cheerful faces of the students, teachers and parents.

As soon as the topic was decided for the year, all the teachers were apprised of their areas of responsibility, the themes were discussed with the respective students and planning began in earnest. Like every year, the topic, literature, was threaded into each subject creatively by the subject teachers. The objective was to make the children aware of the immense scope of literature and explore every aspect of it, with unadulterated joy and learning.



Though the theme was literature, the work was not limited to just the language teachers. In other subjects also, the teachers found innovative ways to deal with the topic, through timeline models, cartoons, story-boards, poetry and much more. Since this event is primarily student and parent led, the enthusiasm among them was remarkable. The parents visited the school at regular intervals to discuss the projects and to take them forward with the children. The mood as usual was very upbeat, with anticipation and shared responsibilities.



“Words are alive and literature becomes an escape, not from, but into living.”- Cyril Connolly

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On the day of the event, the students who had won the top three positions in the MaL Logo Making Competition were felicitated by Deeksha Ma'am and Nirmal Ma'am on the stage. The winning logo, made by Harshika Chawla, was the official logo of this year's event. In the Second and Third Positions respectively were Advik Jain and Ananya Komath. Nirmal Ma'am also unveiled the topic of next year's Mad About event. In 2025, the school will celebrate 'Mad About Civilizations'. A cultural programme was conducted in the auditorium, beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the school's Editor in Chief and Literary Head, to inaugurate 'Verses in Velvet', a Book of Poems. It was an initiative of Grade XI, whose theme was 'Poetry'. A cache of poems written by students, teachers, parents and Alumni, was collected and printed in the form of a book. The poems were also displayed in the Grade XI section of the exhibition, for the perusal of all the visitors, and they attracted a lot of commendations.



The programme that was performed on the stage simultaneously with the exhibition outdoors, was a gorgeous bouquet of music, dance and drama; in both English and Hindi. All the aspects of literature were represented in their delightful splendour, to the awe and amazement of the audience. To add to the merriment, in between the programmes, the children gathered in a Flash Mob in the central courtyard, performing dances to merry tunes, and the visitors and parents took part in it with abandon.

The event was a glorious success, and every participant and visitor left the premises with a heart overflowing and sublime with the magical touch of literature.



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WINTER WORKSHOPS AT TKS

The Kalyani School hosted an engaging and educational Media and Film-Making Workshop from 26th to 28th of December. The event was conducted by Mr. Samarth Lahiri and Ms. Nikita Maheshwari from WING Media, for the students of the school who aspire to be film-makers in the future, and had enrolled themselves to explore the fascinating world of media production.

The workshop gave an introduction to the fundamentals of media and filmmaking. During the 3-day session, students learned about camera techniques, lighting setups, and sound recording. On the final day, they worked in teams to create short film sequences/ad films, applying their newly acquired knowledge. The interactive sessions were guided by professional filmmakers, who offered tips on directing, acting, and framing shots.

The workshop provided a platform for students to express their ideas and learn the art of filmmaking. The event not only enhanced their understanding of the media landscape but also inspired many to consider careers in the field. The school has received positive feedback from several students and parents who found the workshop extremely fruitful and insightful.

Institute of Secretariat and Management (ISTM), in collaboration with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), conducted Training of Trainers (ToT) in a significant move to elevate educational standards and cultivate leadership in academia. The workshop was conducted on 27th and 28th of December at the premises of The Kalyani School, under the able guidance of Principal, Ms. Nirmal Waddan. It aimed to empower educators with advanced training skills and gave them a platform to build a network of resource persons, equipped to lead educational transformation catering to evolving academic needs. It was attended by luminaries from all over India - Dr. Mridula Singh, Deputy Secretary, CBSE; Mr. Sandeep Mukherjee, Director, ISTM; Dr. Sunil Dhapte, Director, Om Mita Consultancy and Urvashi Warman, Principal, The palace School, Jaipur. Attendees were provided with actionable strategies to drive educational innovation and support the holistic development of students. This initiative was an effort to enable educators to embrace innovative teaching practices while aligning with the transformative vision of NEP 2020. It is expected to bear positive fruits for the entire educational community of the region.



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