

## SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF 'UNITY IN DIVERSITY':

### REPUBLIC DAY 2023

#### From the Principal's Desk: Towards Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Dear KIIT community,

India's glorious Constitution provides a framework for **governance and citizenship** that is the pride of every Indian citizen, and we celebrated our Republic Day with great enthusiasm. The Constitution opens the way for India's diversity, giving each individual a rightful place in society. These very principles of equity and diversity are part of the KIIT way of life, as is the role of citizenship and **self-governance** within our own ecosystem.

We believe that **education leads to a more inclusive world**.

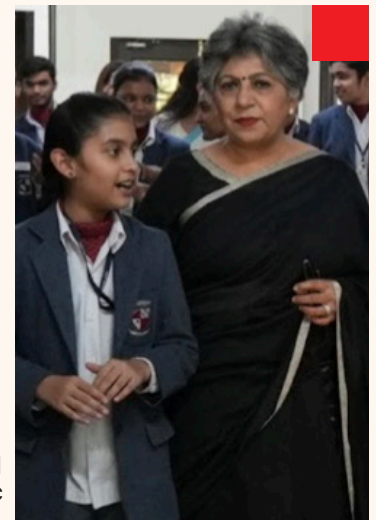
We believe, too, that **diversity leads to better education**.

The same ideology of inclusion and the spirit of community underlies many key activities - be it **interactive sessions with parents** or joining hands with Intelligent Minds Trust to welcome the **Honourable Mr. Alan Ganoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritius**, to India at a dialogue on education.

Every year we open our doors to students from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences, for we know that each individual will go on to become a part of the rich fabric of India. By learning from each other's experiences and celebrating our differences, we create a more inclusive and dynamic school environment, **embodying the spirit of our republic**.

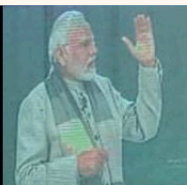
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**'Pariksha Pe  
Charcha'** with  
Prime Minister  
Narendra Modi



**Honourable  
Mr. Alan Ganoo**, Minister  
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“Our vision is to create a community of lifelong learners who are connected, confident, Indian global citizens and who go on to become informed leaders of the future.”



## OUR WORLD

### PM Modi inspires students to excel

Our students attended the online session of 'Parisksha Pe Charcha' wherein our honourable Prime Minister addressed the student fraternity across the country with advice and encouragement to cope with exam-related stress. Picking up on various issues ranging from parental pressure and time management to unfair means and their adverse effects in the long run, his answers were interspersed with humour and real-life examples. The most important takeaway was for students to perform well without the fear of failure.

### Our Constitution: growth, momentum and progress for all

A mesmerising cultural extravaganza, an NCC parade and a sense of pride as the Indian flag was unfurled - these marked our Republic Day celebration on the occasion of India's 74th Republic Day.

Our distinguished alumni Mr Vatan Sharma, Advocate, Delhi High Court and 4th Engineer, Officer Saksham Doval of the Merchant Navy graced the occasion as Guests of Honour. The ceremony began with a march past of platoons commanded by our NCC cadets who looked resplendent in their uniforms. This was followed by the unfurling of the tricolour and the national anthem. Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, Principal, emphasized that good citizenship calls for respecting the rules of civil society.



### Our most auspicious tradition: Aashirwad Samaroh

The Blessing Ceremony for students of classes X and XII is one of our most cherished traditions. Students and their parents, teachers and administrators all came together in the 'Aashirwad Samaroh' where Shri Baldev Kamrah ji, Founder Chairman, KIIT World blessed students, saying that he would want them to go forward and achieve great heights. After the moving havan ceremony, the traditional prasad was distributed, giving an auspicious start to the examinations ahead. The students were also blessed by their teachers and elders.



### A bittersweet experience: Farewell to Class XII

KIIT World School bid a heartfelt farewell to its outgoing batch of class XII in the Gloria ceremony. From conceptualisation to implementation, our Class XI managed every detail efficiently. The festivities began with a heartwarming poem recitation by Khushi Gupta of class XII which captured the memories of all the years spent at school. This was followed by a cultural programme with dance performances, skits and musical renditions. The performances were met with thunderous applause from the audience, especially from the outgoing batch, who were visibly emotional on their last day in the school.



### Admissions 2023-2024

Admissions are in full swing for KIIT World School for Grades VI to XI and at Happy Hours School up to Grade V. Students may meet the Admissions team during working hours or call +91 729006404/ +91 729006406 with queries.



# OUR WORLD

## HONOURABLE MR. ALAN GANOO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MAURITIUS AT PRATIBIMB

KIIT World School, Delhi was honoured to partner Intelligent Minds Trust in welcoming Honourable Mr. Alan Ganoo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mauritius at "Pratibimb" - A Reflective Journey of Excellence in Education Awards" on February 28, 2023 in the national capital.

Shri Anurag Tripathi, Secretary, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Dr. Sanyam Bhardwaj, Controller of Examinations CBSE and Shri Jaiprakash Chaturvedi, Joint Secretary (Administration & Legal) CBSE graced the event with their presence and shared perspectives on education, while reiterating the close ties between the nations of Mauritius and India. Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia, Principal, KIIT World School, Delhi welcomed the Honourable Minister and addressed luminaries of Indian education, along with Shri Rajesh Bajaj & Shri Avyakt Sethi, Trustees of Intelligent Minds Trust.

The Hon'ble Minister spoke of the special place of India in his memories and exhorted school leaders to continue their work with "courage, fortitude and passion". We came away enriched by the discussions and our dignitaries' vision for value-based education.



KIIT WORLD IS FELICITATED AS WE COMMEMORATE "EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS 2022" HELD IN MAURITIUS LAST YEAR



DR.SANGEETA BHATIA IS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT PRATIBIMB



WITH THE TEAM OF IMT AND SHRI ANURAG TRIPATHI, SECRETARY, CBSE, DR. SANYAM BHARDWAJ, CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS, CBSE

HONOURABLE MR. ALAN GANOO INTERACTED WITH LEADERSHIP AND TEAM OF KIIT WORLD SCHOOLS





# STUDENTS@WORK

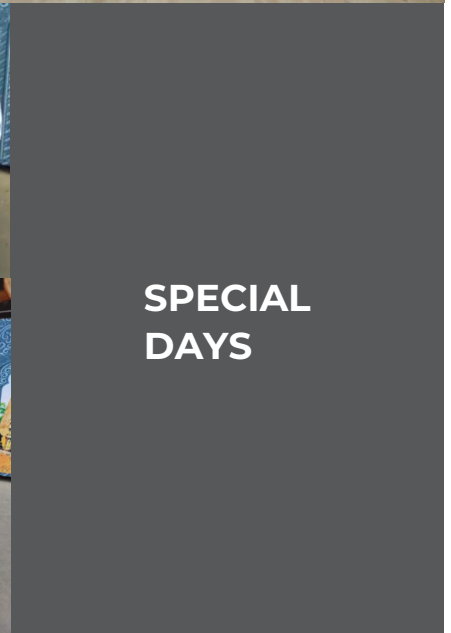
"Bravery is not the quality of the body, it is of the soul."

- Mahatma Gandhi

On the occasion of **Martyr's Day**, KIIT World School pays homage to Gandhi, the Mahatma who liberated the spirit of men and made them self-reliant; a soul who stood for the values of honesty, authenticity & integrity and an ardent nationalist, who united the country. Students of VII A and B presented a special assembly on Gandhian principles of peace and non-violence.

Students of class VII observed **National Girl Child Day** by presenting a poem, role play, dance and a song to highlight the importance of empowering the girl child. The event aimed to raise awareness about the rights and opportunities for girls in society and at the same time, to celebrate the power and potential of girls.

Students of class XI paid tribute to **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose**, a legendary freedom fighter, for his extraordinary contribution to the Indian freedom struggle. The assembly was a great way to educate and inspire young minds to follow in the footsteps of such great leaders.



## Focus: National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

Our students understood the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 through an enriching session with Mr. Vikas Arora and Dr. Pragya Singh. They shared goals, objectives and roadmap to take India to the position of a global knowledge superpower.

Students had an opportunity to gain insights into the finer nuances of the National Education Policy 2020, and also present their learnings.





# STUDENTS@WORK

## ACCOLADES, AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**Yashika Sharma and Atharv Sureka** of X A secured second position in the model-making event at the central level of the CBSE Science Exhibition.

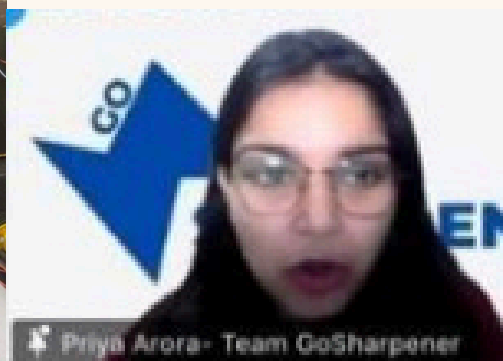


**Ananya Jaiswal** bagged second position in the Science Toon event at the central level of the CBSE Science exhibition.



The school community is proud of our achievers and wishes them the best!

**Suhana Gupta** was presented with the Amazing Contribution Award for her outstanding PowerPoint Presentation during Human Rights Week on the Go Sharpener platform. The presentation focused on the importance of human rights and how they help in maintaining a fair and just society. This award is testimony to Suhana's passion for human rights.



The well-researched and visually appealing presentation caught the attention of judges and made Suhana stand out from the crowd.



# STUDENTS@WORK

## STUDENTS' CORNER

### Sonnet Quietus Nishtha Malik XII D

Crank your gears, horn in ears and shut your mouth,  
You're just pigs with no snout, in circles running about,  
Try not to shout, when you find out, you're working for what?  
Waking up each day and just to be back in the rut.

Clear your senses until your sense is not working clearly,  
And just tear up with the fear that you adhere to so dearly,  
Is your "doings' worth" worth doing or that has been done,  
Catch a break and think, before you're caught back on the run,

But you'd rather have your happy masks up, and do your tasks,  
Until your cask brims, then trims for a day to bask,  
Then repeats, he accepts the defeat at last,  
Now rock the chair in despair with your fatuous past.

Time won't wait, better not be late so think a little while,  
Before you find, you're in line, to cross the river Nile.

I'm just saying do what you love and have realistic goals,  
And don't go on to poke holes on in other's bowls,  
The end is quick to dry you up inside you'll try to moisten,  
Give up or give in, the only thing left, so pick your poison.

You'll have cancerous pandemics and all things pathetic,  
Forget the aesthetics when you're diabetic,  
And cry over debts in your debit and credit cards,  
Watch out for Nation's inflation on inclining bars,

So once and for all, this one's for all,  
Grasping the gin glass I growl,  
"To impregnable demise, and the end in rise,  
If humanity dies, don't agonize."

"As the end is final, or so i feel,  
All mortals die, humans aren't a big deal."

### सृजन - सानिध्य गुप्ता - VII A

चलो कुछ लिखते हैं-

चलो सृजन करते हैं।

कभी गीत पढ़ते हैं

कभी गज़ल गढ़ते हैं.

कल प्रेम रस पर लिखेंगे

आज वीर रस पर लिखते हैं,

चलो कविता की दुनिया में चलते हैं।

चलो कुछ लिखते हैं

चलो सृजन करते हैं।

कभी दीवारों पर लिखेंगे-

कभी किताबों में लिखेंगे-

कल कलम से लिखेंगे

आज पंख से लिखते हैं,

चलो कविता की दुनिया में चलते हैं।

चलो कुछ लिखते हैं।

चलो सृजन करते हैं।

आज हास्य लिखते हैं कल गंभीर लिखेंगे,

सृजन करने को अपना

शौक बना लेते हैं.

चलो कविता की दुनिया में चलते हैं

चलो कुछ लिखते हैं

चलो सृजन करते हैं।

### Myself Himani Dhaka - XI D

A thousand mirror reflections each day to see  
I glare upon myself each time  
My eyes judge my eyes  
A self made critique

A round little face I pretend  
Rugged and bumpy are its terrains  
Redness and pimples must be the landmarks  
All inflamed and irritated from within

I trace with touch all the little bumps  
Hands falter with dismay  
How long shall I be reminded?  
My body is off track each day

Could I be smiling like I want to?  
Or a little smirk is enough  
The ecstasy be displeasing  
How misaligned my emotions- also are!

Chubby tubby are my thighs  
My arms too weak to hold my weight  
My belly a butterball  
These rounded curves so unfinished after all

if these eyes were merciful  
The victim wouldn't have been blamed  
My sole possession to keep- so faltered?  
My body can't be but deceptive to all

Eyes were the messenger in the court of mind  
They held my insecurities to reality  
A thousand mirror reflection each day to see  
None tell a fairy tale

My heart was held a hostage  
For it wasn't in the hall of fame  
Too little noise it makes  
But a festering pain

My soul was mute  
Forever Slept under the shade  
Unaware of the corrupt kingdom of mind  
And its judgements and laws like prickling panes

The court of judgement functions till date  
I am both the cause and effect  
A miserable tranny unquestioned  
Could It all be false I doubt?

If all their judgments were held untrue  
Their theories and laws were an illusion  
Did they bury the truth alive?  
Held in utopian vision

I must unwrap the heart  
Soul would surely wake up again  
The quest will question each of the thousand mirror reflections  
Some will, for sure, be a happy fairy tale



# STUDENTS@WORK

## STUDENTS' CORNER

### Organic Farming is Sustainable for India

Sukhraj Singh Nandhra

XII A

Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth & happiness". But when that happiness is compromised for mere profit, is that wealth really worth it? Can we justify the rising cases of cancer in the name of a quick buck?

I fear the day when the greed of profit will overshadow the basic human need for nutrition, and the world will have a generation full of inefficient halfwits.

India is on the track of becoming the world's most populous country with having approximately 18% of the world population. The use of artificial methods to meet the food demands has taken a toll on the environment and human health. At 47.5% of market share, herbicides have the maximum ill effects on humans including increased risk of cancer. It is estimated that we have lost about 50% of our planet's topsoil over the previous century and a half.

As per a recent report by the Pesticide Action Network, it was found that there is widespread, unauthorised and unsafe use of four pesticides in India. Of these, three are (write the names) listed as "hazardous" by the World Health Organisation based on their health impacts.

This is where organic farming is superior to conventional agricultural methods. Since water is continuously recycled in a hydroponics farm, only a little amount of freshwater is required after the plants are established. In fact, these greenhouses use about 98% less water than traditional farms on average. Moreover these ensure higher standards of animal welfare.

Up and coming farming techniques such as vertical farming and aeroponics have proven to be a gamechanger in recent times. The year-round availability of various types of fruits and vegetables, excellent pest control and efficient use of limited plots of land. Arent these reasons enough to prove that organic farming is better than traditional practices?

Imagine the possibilities one could encash when you are growing all the ingredients used in the preparation of a pizza under a single shed without caring about the crop rotation patterns. This is what has been observed in India's first organic state SIKKIM where 75000 hectares of land has been successfully converted into organic farms

I agree with the fact that organic produce is comparatively expensive just because it takes more human effort but is it logical to raise the question of cost effectiveness when we are standing in the midst of a crisis which is a potential threat to our future generations?

It has been observed in the course of history that new and radical ideas have always faced criticism at first but with due course of time, they become the new normal.

## BEST PRACTICES IN LEARNING

### FOCUS ON SAFETY

To make the students aware of traffic rules and safety measures on the road, we held "Road Safety Week" from 11th to 16th January 2023. The causes of road accidents and measures to prevent them were highlighted by organising various activities with students, drivers, and the general public. Students learned about road rules and signs on the road through enactments by teachers, and participated enthusiastically in interactive sessions.

### OUR RIGHTS & DUTIES

The role of citizenship and self-governance within our own ecosystem are key values at KIIT World. We have adopted mechanisms to inculcate respect for rules and regulations, and to build awareness among students of civic responsibilities

- We have our own Charter for every classroom.
- Quality Circles ensure that defined rules are in place, and we can monitor compliance.
- A Student Parliament with an opinion and even, a voice of dissent, is given due importance.





# GLIMPSES

## WORKSHOPS

3D KALAM helped students of classes VI to VIII to develop their design skills, as well as imagination, the two crucial skills required to succeed in today's world. Organised in association with Afterschool, the **3D BOOT CAMP** gave students a platform to create models which they took back home after a fun-filled and enriching session.

While money doesn't grow on trees, the **Teacher's Workshop on Financial Literacy** taught us how it can grow when one saves and invests wisely. To develop financial knowledge and confidence for managing one's money, our teachers participated in a workshop with Mr. Rakesh Bansal that highlighted the importance of savings and investment planning.



KIIT World School celebrated the harvest festival of Lohri with gusto - the lighting of bonfire, pulsating folk music and cultural dances, distribution of sweets all ushered in the harvest season!

## GLORIA 2023: FAREWELL CLASS OF 2023





# PARENT-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

A cornerstone of our philosophy is a powerful parent-school partnership. Not only is it crucial for the academic success of students, when parents and educators work together it enhances student wellness. In a series of interactions with parents, Dr. Sangeeta Bhatia met with parents from each and every grade for an exchange of views.

We were delighted when parents brought ideas, suggestions and shared what's on their mind in a meaningful dialogue. Starting with parents of students appearing for Board examinations this year, every grade discussed its own agenda.

We deeply appreciate the participation of parents, and their suggestions.



## Parent Speak

We value every suggestion, and thank our parents for writing in.

*"Encourage them to read something daily, even a short story or anything of their choice. However I understand we parents are the ones who should be doing it, but when the teacher also asks them to do a certain thing, they are more likely to do it."*

*"Open participation opportunities in extra curricular activities for all. I know you have sorted this one too."*

**Kalpna Sharma**  
Mother of Kabeer Bhardwaj  
III-B



*"Routine mein gyarah baje tak padhna, lekin paper se ek din pehle aapko dus baje har halat mein so jaana hai."*

*"Work late in the night as a routine, except on the day before the exam when you must get to bed by 10 pm. "*

**Sandeep Aggarwal**  
Father of Pulkit Aggarwal  
X-A



## Visiting Hours

Parents are welcome to visit the school.

**With Teachers:** Weekdays, from 2 pm to 3 pm

**With Principal:** By prior appointment

Suggestions for the school's improvement?  
Drop them in at [info@kiitworld.in](mailto:info@kiitworld.in)



# HEADLINES

## HT Hindustan Times

[ SANGEETA BHATIA ] PRINCIPAL, KIIT WORLD SCHOOL, PITAMPURA

### Demystifying the education juggernaut

**G**andhi's perspective on education was that "Literacy is not the end of education or even the beginning." He went on to say, "By education I mean an all-round drawing out of the best in the child and man - body, mind and spirit."

I believe education fulfils its highest purpose when it makes the most of human potential, made up of the unique abilities, strengths and purpose of an individual. A curriculum is, in a sense, only a starting point and learning and teaching must take into account the gifts and promise of each and every child.

While the goal of economic independence or the ability to support oneself is an important outcome of education, it is not its only purpose or even its primary one. Education must go beyond to equip young people with the foundational knowledge, life skills and values that will make them responsible citizens, valuable members of

the community and productive members of society, empowering them to actualise their own potential.

#### How can we instil the joy of learning among students?

First and foremost, we must reduce the stress that is endemic to our education system.

Our students deal with relentless stress. There is the stress to take exams, to compete, to score inflated, unrealistic grades and above all, to never fail! If we work to reduce the stress, children will rediscover the joy of learning.

A second area of focus must be to invest in teaching better. The onus for joyful learning rests with the teachers and mediocrity in teaching will lead to lack-lustre learning, due to compulsion and force, rather than one's own intrinsic motivation.

Thirdly, and this is linked to my first point, there is a strong need to review our assessment systems.

While assessment is important, its purpose is to help a student evolve, rather than to call out failure and success. It is inevitable that the student will be wrong at times. As educators we must build safe spaces for students to fail, without any stigma, before they try again.

#### Can happiness be the purpose of learning?

Schools and universities aim to prepare students for their future. Since a complete and holistic education must cover professional aims, academic and intellectual growth, emotional resilience, physical stamina and endurance, emotional well-being is certainly an important facet or dimension to imparting education.

Happiness and the ability to take life in stride - with all its ups and downs - is one of the purposes of education, though not the only one.

Again, it must be said that it is rare that

an individual can be in a happy state of mind at all times. However, the art of being able to bounce back with optimism and emotional resilience in the face of adversity is part of education. This is an area of particular importance, given the increasing incidence of anxiety and depression in the younger generation.

Beyond the language of reforms, it is important to review how we are engaging with children.

The idea of engaging children with learning is one that must be actively pursued. I would suggest two critical aspects of building student engagement.

The first is for every educator and teacher to see engagement with learning as an outcome that is as important (or even more so) than teaching the curriculum.

If we can inspire children to love learning, we set in motion a journey of learning that equips students not just for their first degree or job but throughout their life. Learning is to be seen not as an end in itself but as an enjoyable never-ending journey.

The second is a focus on student-centric learning or personalised learning, rather than teacher-centred approaches. Students must have a more active role to play in their own learning instead of merely being passive recipients of their gyaan or knowledge.

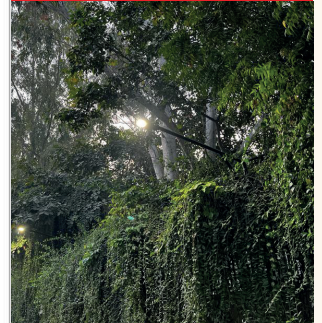
The individual context of every child is an essential part of the education at KIIT World School.

The same books, teacher and curriculum will still affect each child differently, and only when we build the student's context into learning can we truly educate.

Over the years, we have adopted practices such as micro-learning that help us to understand what each child has taken away from teaching and how we can continually enhance learning. Through a culture of innovation and experimentation in teaching-learning pedagogies, we build greater flexibility and greater ownership into education.



### Boundary lighting installed



Energy-efficient lights were installed in an infrastructural upgradation that will further enhance safety of the campus. Keeping in mind all safety guidelines and using high-quality wiring and fixtures, these new lights will ensure that all areas are well-lit. The new boundary lighting keeps the compound safe beyond school hours and students can more easily participate in outdoor activities in evening hours.

### Honour for KIIT World School, Pitampura

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, KIIT World School, Pitampura, was felicitated with a memento for its continuous endeavours towards a just and equitable society.

The school's dance troupe got a wonderful opportunity to perform at the 12th International Human Rights Summit and Awards 2022 function held at India Islamic Cultural Centre. The students mesmerized the audience with their thrilling presentations and impeccable choreography.

The dance depicted woman empowerment and also spread the



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message of educating the girl child. The performances were appreciated by all present there including international celebrity influencer and global icon Smily Mukta and human rights defender Anthony Raju.



The event helped students understand the need to develop sensitivity towards all genders

### KIIT World, Pitampura, hosts CBSE capacity building programme on gender sensitivity

KIIT World School, Pitampura, hosted a CBSE capacity building programme on gender sensitivity with enthusiasm. The session was graced by Yash Makkar, Head, Centre of Excellence, CBSE Regional Office Delhi West.

In his inaugural address, Makkar delved upon the importance of bringing all the educators together and making them understand the need to develop sensitivity towards all genders. The interactive workshop was conducted by SD Public School, East Patel Nagar, principal Meenakshi Gupta and St. Marks School, Meer Bagh vice-principal Ritika Anand.

The session began with an ice-breaker activity where all the participants, who were divided into different teams, introduced themselves. A few videos were also shown to the participants to make them aware of

the need to have gender sensitivity in schools.

The workshop focused on the fact that the gender sensitivity in the 21st century has changed its connotation. The students learnt about the social roles and relations between men and women and transgenders in society. Talking about the difference between gender and sex, the resource persons elaborated that sex is biologically decided while gender is a socially constructed norm.

The session was interspersed with many activities to break the stereotypes that most of us have around gender and how certain attributes of sex are still a taboo in our society.

In order to have a gender inclusive environment, schools need to equip their students for the future, make them more aware, understanding and accepting about diversity.

### STUDENTS OF KIIT WORLD, PITAMPURA, SHOWCASE THEIR AI-BASED MODEL AT IBM CONFERENCE

Two students of KIIT World School, Pitampura -- Nishant Chandna and Manish Vig -- showcased their model Eyecon at IBM Skillbuild Conference which was held at Aerocity.

The mega event was attended by CBSE director Biswajit Saha, RP Singh from CBSE, Deepali Upadhyaya from NITI Aayog and executives from IBM.

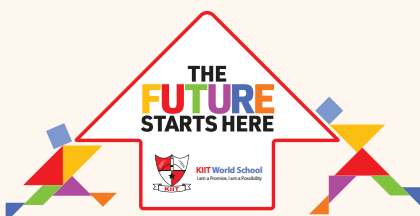
Eyecon is an AI-based tool that can help the visually impaired kids learn how to use a blind stick. It focuses on improving the feasibility of conventional blind sticks through the means of image recognition and object identification.



The students showcased their model called Eyecon during the conference

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

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