

A commitment to lifelong learning is a natural expression of the practice of living consciously.

— Nathaniel Branden —

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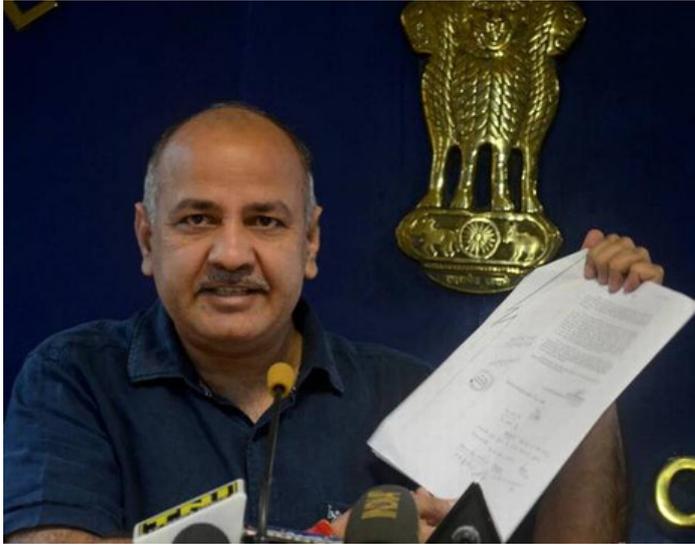
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INTRODUCING VIRTUAL REALITY IN EDUCATION

With technological advancements like Smart classrooms, and Internet taking the education world by storm, the paradigm is now evolving to include Virtual Reality. This kind of 'environment-generation' and placing learners in that world is already taking place, and every stream of academics can take advantage of it. The biggest benefit of virtual reality technology in my view is that it has the immense potential of putting fun back into education and learning. Students these days are tired and under pressure and with VR experiences, not only will they learn better, they will have a lot more fun doing it. **Source: India Today**

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HRD MINISTRY WILL BE RENAMED AS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

According to a key recommendation in the draft New Education Policy, in order to bring the focus back on education and learning, the Ministry of Human Resource Development should be re-designated as the Ministry of Education (MoE). There has been a view, including among many top functionaries, that there is no problem in re-designating the ministry as the ministry of education, the official said. However, it will be decided only after final deliberations whether it makes it to the proposal that is sent to the cabinet, the official added. "We have included most of the suggestions like the Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA) course or the suggestion on creating a Rashtriya Shiksha Aayog," said the senior official. According to a senior government official, the HRD ministry has almost readied a final draft of the policy which it will soon take to the cabinet for approval.

Source: Hindustan Times

TUFTS WINS GRANT FOR K-2 CODING EDUCATION

The U.S. Department of Education recently awarded a four-year, \$4 million grant to Marina Umaschi Bers, professor and chair at the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development, adjunct professor in the Computer Science Department, and head of the Developmental Technologies (DevTech) research group at Tufts. The funding is for a project that will build on the research and two widely used coding technologies developed by DevTech. Bers and her team will collaborate with the Norfolk Public Schools in Virginia—the first state to mandate computer science education starting in kindergarten—to bring the free ScratchJr app to over 7,500 children in the district and train over 450 early childhood teachers. **Source: Tufts Now**



EDUCATION SECRETARY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Vocational and technical training could become more popular than going to university, according to education secretary Gavin Williamson as he prepares to announce £120m in extra funding for a new wave of specialist institutes. The education secretary will also announce new efforts to start specialist maths colleges for sixth formers, opening at least one in every region, following the success of the Exeter and King's College London maths schools. The education secretary said the success of encouraging half of sixth formers in England to enter higher education shouldn't obscure the plight of the "forgotten 50%" who didn't do so, and to improve the sophistication of the courses open to them through further education. Among the first IoTs to be announced was the Institute of Technology North East, a collaboration between New College Durham, Newcastle University and Nissan. **Source: The Guardian**



DRINK WATER. LOTS of it!

**Water helps get rid of the body's toxins,
and will even help you lose weight.**

ASK THE EXPERT

Is Being thin important? - Betty John, Student

Hi Betty,

I personally believe that being thin is no way important unless you are healthy and strong from inside. Being thin and to look like models whom we often see in the cover pages of magazines, has become a fad among the females today. I often fail to understand why everyone is so obsessed to get into the "Size Zero" category. My advice to you is that you forget about being thin or the right size to fit in, because what is important that you feel Healthy and look radiant from inside.

Due to this craze of becoming thin, many females out there have tortured themselves time and again and struggled with issues like Anorexia which begets both psychological and physical issues. Exercise regularly, eat healthy and remember to tell yourself that You are Beautiful! "Beauty lies in the eyes of the Beholder", hence stay the way you are, accept yourself and Stay Healthy.

This specific corner has been introduced for those who seek advice on education and related matters. If you have a doubt please feel free to submit your questions to aimri@ariesgroup.ae