



The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

-Malcolm Forbes

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NCERT TO TRANSFORM ASSESSMENT BY 2020

The HRD Ministry, which is in the process of giving final shape to the new National Education Policy (NEP), has proposed in the final draft that to eliminate the "high stakes" aspect of board exams, all students will be allowed to take board exams on up to two occasions during any given school year and the examination be made "easier". The new policy has also recommended formation of a new regulatory body for all recognised school boards of India, for regulating assessment and evaluation norms and standards and for ensuring that the assessment patterns of different boards meet the skill requirements of the 21st century and are in consonance with stated objectives of the policy. The existing NEP was framed in 1986 and revised in 1992. A new education policy was part of the Bharatiya Janata Party's manifesto ahead of the 2014 general election. **Source: Economic Times**

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MAPP AWARDS TOP FIRMS FOR INNOVATION AND EDUCATION

The Manufacturers Association for Plastics Processors recently presented awards for innovation and education. Indianapolis-based MAPP recognized six firms as winners of its 2019 MAPP Innovation Awards focused on workstation layout. This year's awards were split into two categories to recognize companies in different sales categories, those with annual sales under \$15 million and those above \$15 million. In the under \$15 million category, first place went to Blue Ridge Molding of Conover, N.C. Wadal Plastics Inc. of Medford, Wis., took second place, with Bruin Manufacturing Co. of Marshalltown, Iowa, placing third. In the above \$15 million category, first place went to Intertech Medical of Denver. Plastic Components Inc. of Germantown, Wis., took second place, while the Lexington, Ky., location of Falcon Plastics placed third. **Source: Plastic News**

INDIA, GERMANY SIGN 2 MOU'S IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

India and Germany on Nov 1 inked two important instruments of cooperation, including an MOU to enhance long term partnerships between Germany and Indian institutions of higher education. The documents were initialled by Human Resource Development minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and German Federal Minister of Education & Research Anja Karliczek at high level bilateral meet on cooperation in the field of education here. While the first dealt with extending the date of the funding period of Indo-German Partnership under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation signed by MHRD and BMBF and the second one between UGC, India and DAAD, Germany extended .. **Source: United News of India**



60 STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PM INNOVATIVE PROGRAMME 'DHRUV'

DHRUV, the Prime Ministers innovative Learning Program was launched from ISRO headquarters by HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'. ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan, Wing Cdr Rakesh Sharma, the first Indian to enter space and Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, Prof K Vijay Raghavan will be the guests of honour at the launch of the programme. The objective of DHRUV would be to allow talented students realise their full potential and contribute to society, said a government press release. The programme aims at identifying and encouraging talented children to enrich their skills and knowledge. The programme will be called DHRUV (after the Pole Star) and every student, DHRUV TARA. Many of the selected students are expected to reach the highest levels in their chosen fields and bring laurels to their community, state and nation, he added. **Source: India Today**

“The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.”

– Paul Valery, French poet



ASK THE EXPERT

Hi,

I am a student at DPS and I find it extremely hard waking up in the morning and I feel constantly tired when I do so. Is this considered usual? Can you give me some tips so that I gain my energy during the day. - Ronita Das

Hi Ronita,

Disturbed sleep partners, lifestyle changes and stress are few of the conditions which make you feel extremely tired and dull in the morning. But sometimes, its just not the sleep but ones hatred towards the mornings which makes you feel dull and tired. You must have heard this adage - Early to Bed, Early to Rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise; well this is one genius way through which you can start your mornings as fresh as ever, Make a sleep routine and stick to it. It is important that you have at least 7 hours of sound sleep to feel energized in the morning. Do not place any gadgets or electronic items near your bedside since the tendency to grab your phone in the middle of the night to read a message or check a facebook post will for sure disturb your sleep causing you to feel tired in the morning. Wake up early and try some light exercises or may be yoga which will help your body to release some positive hormones into your systems. Also, aim for a well balanced diet, as this will keep you charged through the day.

Only a healthy body and mind can harbor new fresh ideas and lots of positivity to do wonders, hence take care of yourself and stay blessed.

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