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From the Editor's desk



Dear Readers,

"Plant seeds of happiness, hope, success, and love; it will all come back to you in abundance. This is the law of nature."

The last couple of years have been difficult to say the least. The Pandora's box of Covid was opened upon us and everything changed but one thing which remained with us throughout was hope. The mere semblance of hope, no matter how fickle the odds were enough to keep people going. It is like in the myths hope never leaves us unless we lose our faith in it. Change is inevitable, but what truly tests our strength as a person in a time of need is not our physical strength but our mental one. The ability to change yourselves with change is important in these nightmarish times. Now that we are returning to a somewhat normal situation, I must congratulate each and every one of you for getting through this.

Happy reading!!!

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#ExelCon2022 Experiential Learning Conclave

A report by Arham Dudhoria

'True education flowers at the point when delight falls in love with responsibility'

The National Policy (NEP), 2020 outlines the vision of India's new education system and provides a comprehensive framework that would enable the country's current education system to align itself with internationally accepted education norms. An important objective of the NEP is to foster "experiential learning and critical thinking" among students. Experiential learning or "learning through reflection on doing" is an individualized learning process related to the learner and the learning context. It takes the learner beyond the classroom and focuses on his or her self-initiative or intention to learn. The Experiential Learning Conclave 2022 organized by SCOO News in association with Royal Global School, Maria's Public School and South Point School began on 31st March in Guwahati, Assam.

On 1st and 2nd April, 2022, more than five hundred participants took part in an experiential journey, gaining new insights on new curriculum concepts and its implementation. A host of famed speakers took to the stage and shared their experiences, thoughts, and their strategies for incorporating experiential learning and critical thinking in our pedagogical structure. On the first day, Prof Manish Jain, Associate Teaching Professor and Coordinator at Centre for Creative Learning, IIT, Gandhinagar organized masterclasses for both students and teachers.

The highlight of Day 2 was the keynote address by Lobsang Phuntsok, Founder and Director, Jhantse Gatsal Children's Community, Arunachal Pradesh. Mr. Phuntsok's presentation on Educating the Heart, Mind and Body in the context of the 21st century was thought provoking. Interlacing his speech with humorous anecdotes from his own life, the speaker spoke to the hearts and minds of his audience.

The Experiential Learning Conclave 2022 concluded with the Experiential Learning Awards. Royal Global School received an award for the best Hybrid Learning Initiative. For two days RGS had played host to educators and thinkers from across the country. Distinguished speakers like Sandeep Sethi- Director of Education of the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Trust, Lata Vaidyanathan- Director, Gyan Bharati School, Deepak Madhok- Chairman, Sunbeam Group of Educational Institutions, Dr Pascal Chazot- Founder and Head, Mahatama Gandhi International School, Dr. Fr. P.D John- Executive Director, Don Bosco Institute, Vikramajit Singh Rooprai- Heritage Activist, Author, Educator and founder of Heritageshaala and many more who presented new ideas, discussed strategies and conducted workshops in order to make the teaching-learning sessions more impactful. In addition, delegates had an exposure towards the local traditions of the Northeast in an exhibition which incorporated the inclusion of traditional Art, Handicrafts and Handlooms. The Conclave has been a platform for uniting minds, interchanging of ideas and the formation of lifelong bonds.

The closing ceremony featured an All Faith Prayer by the students of Royal Global School. A mellifluous rendition of "We Are the World" jointly by the students of Maria's Public School, South Point School and Royal Global School, followed by a Western Classical Opera performance by Gyaan Bhuyan an alumnus of Royal Global School who has been selected to join The Royal College of Music in London, United Kingdom this year.

#ExelCon2022

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CONCLAVE 2022



“Adopt and Don’t Shop”- Care for Pets

Purr Paws Foundation, Street Animal Welfare, and Anajoree members Nandini Baruva, Milin Dutta, Rashmi Choudhury, Hanshika P Mahanta, Chandamita Nupur Das and Shilpi were present in Royal Global School for a workshop on April 28th, 2022. The NGO workers shared their thoughts on animal shelters and rescues that do so much for people and the community in general.

The community was formed by a group of like-minded citizens of Guwahati, with a focus on animal rescue, rehabilitation, treatment, and adoption. Purrpaws Foundation is a non-profit organization working towards the welfare of street and abandoned animals. The members made an appeal to the students to visit their shelter and share their motto “Adopt and Don’t Shop” your furry pets.



Euro Fair- Experiential Learning

Royal Global School organized a Euro Fair as a part of the experiential learning on 5th May 2022. This fair was curated by the students of Grade X, Section D under the guidance of their class teacher Manashi Parashar. The fair was a part of Experiential learning process incorporated with the history chapter "Nationalism in Europe". The class was divided into five teams for a smooth coordination of the fair. The students made European food, beverages, crafts, bookmarks, masks which were for sale. The stalls in the fair depicted the theme of Europe and its culture. A gargantuan amount of money was raised as people all around the campus gathered in order to get scrumptious food and beverages and beautifully made Europe-themed handcrafted products. The hard work and dedication shown by the students during this fair was commendable. A part of the amount collected was donated to the PURR foundation (animal shelter) and umbrellas were bought for the drivers and helpers of the Royal Global School.



73rd Republic Day



“A Nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of Its people.”

The 73rd Republic Day of this glorious nation was celebrated on 26 January at Royal Global School with patriotic fervour and zest among all.

Like the years before, the celebration commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony by our esteemed Chief Guests for the occasion – Hon’ble Chairman, Dr. A.K Pansari, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) S.P Singh and our Vice Principal Binita Jain followed by the National Anthem. This was followed by the RGS Contingent marching alongside the school’s brass band. The precision exhibited by the school contingent was praiseworthy.

A soulful song rendition and motivational dance performance by our students created an energy and aura of patriotism. The school campus was tastefully decorated with paintings showcasing our legendary freedom fighters. The program concluded with refreshments for all.



Menstrual Hygiene Day

Sustainable solutions for a healthy period

The Social Outreach Club of the school- UTSARGA organized a visit to the adopted village at Nortap, Sonapur on 28th May 2022 to observe the World Menstrual Hygiene Day.

The club had initiated the "Bleeding with Dignity" campaign to create awareness amongst the women of the Nortap village about menstrual hygiene. The students presented a Nukkad Natak to create this awareness about menstrual hygiene. The students discussed the importance of using sanitary pads and answered to their queries too. Sanitary pads were distributed to the ladies present for the occasion.

As menstruation remains a stigmatised subject in our country, it renders a plethora of subjects taboo. Menstrual hygiene, women's psychological well-being and the non-biodegradable waste that is generated every year are some of the subjects that demand immediate attention.

They were accompanied by the club coordinators Mahua Guha Kanungoe, and Geetanjali Goswami.



Inter-house Sports Meet

The Annual Inter House Senior Sports Meet 2021-22 was a two-day event which began on 18th February and ended the next day amidst great fervour. The opening ceremony set the tone for the day's events by raising the students' team spirit and excitement. The students cheered enthusiastically for their Houses as the players took their positions on the field. A yoga demonstration was done by the students accompanied by an mellifluous and well coordinated song and dance performance. Motivating speeches were delivered by the Sports Coordinator of RGS, Ashok Talukdar, Seema Barooah and the Sports Captain of the school.

The first event was the Inter House Volleyball competition followed by Basketball and Football. The final day began with the students displaying renewed vigour and house spirit as the finals of the various events started. The keynote of the second day were the track and field events and the Prize distribution ceremony. The Sports event instilled energy and positivity across the campus.



Gastronomic Delight

Today the world is progressing towards interactive and experiential learning, and to give this learning a boost, a bake sale was organised in the campus of Royal Global School. This sale was a part of a business studies assignment for the students of the commerce stream. There were as many as six stalls with creative and catchy names.

Each stall had their USP. A large variety of food was on the platter starting from phuchkas, chaats, pizzas, pastas, juices, noodles and others.

Students from all the grades came to enjoy the delicious dishes. This sale was a very effective learning assignment for understanding how the market works in real life. Subsequently, prizes were distributed to the teamson different categories.



Shilpi Divas

Royal Global School celebrated Shilpi Divas on 17th January, 2022 in the loving memory of Rupkonnwar Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, playwright, poet, social and political activist, artist and film maker. He wrote more than 300 songs and gave music to most of them. The collection is known as Jyoti Sangeet which later became a new genre of music.

Vice Principal Binita Jain lit a lamp as a show of respect and honour to the artist, and the students garlanded his bust. Faculty member Prashanta Nath gave a short speech detailing his life and notable works. Teachers and students sang a Jyoti Sangeet paying tribute to the legend.



Graduation Day

The valedictory ceremony 2021-22 of the outgoing batch of Grade XII was organized amidst an august gathering comprising of dignitaries, members of the management, Head of School, parents, teachers and students. The program commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guest, Devashish Sharma, Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation. A beautiful Devi Vandana was performed by the students invoking the blessings of the Goddess. In her speech, the Head of School, Anubha Goyal, urged the students to imbibe resilience from the prevailing times and cherish the qualities that make them unique. The Head of School, Vice Principal and Class Teachers of the respective classes handed over a memorabilia and blessings upon the students.

Dr A.K. Pansari, Chairman, Royal Global School, in his address, encouraged the students to inculcate core values that would help shape them up into holistic individuals. He also stressed on reviving the Sanskrit language to keep our ancient heritage alive. Certificates were awarded to the Cabinet Members as well as scholars who made the school proud with their perseverance and excelling in their field of work. The Chief Guest reminded the gathering to follow their heart and carve their own niche in life. The outgoing leaders addressed the school for the last time followed by parents who thanked the entire RGS fraternity for having shaped their wards into responsible citizens of the country. The program concluded with the National Anthem.



Poetic Musings

What is Yellow?

Atrima Bharadwaj (X-B)

What does yellow mean?
Is it only for the sun
to define?

Is it happiness
and hope?
Is it only for things
that shine?

Yellow for me means
I'm trying
And thus in a cosmic perspective
I am precious

I see yellow painted
in poetry and prose
And if I may ask,
Is there such a thing as a yellow rose?

Yellows are the mornings
that break me into a thousand laughters.

Yellow is my bestfriend
I dance with happiness
Yellow are the children with imagination
that touch the sky
Yellow are soft souls
who soothes broken wings to fly.

If you've found your yellow,
You're the luckiest being,
Can't you see the stars tonight?
Yellow is the loveliest feeling.



Illustration by: Reeha Bhuyan (IX-A)

The Girl I Met

Shayandita Das (X-D)

There was a door slight opened,
sharp winds were coming through,
I went to close it...
But when I peeped through the door
I saw a little girl sitting aside weak and fragile...
Hit her a bit early in life,
sitting sobbing aside, I thought of approaching her but suddenly noticed a jail she
is hold inside.
I was standing and watching her through the bars, the girl had which were visible
to me...
I saw a man in black veil coming in and dragging her head,
she was crying for help,
I could see how she was praying for death.
I shouted for the girl to be safe...
But the man started laughing with making me pass through strain.
I couldn't control the sight of it,
getting to know that the girl is not going to be in hold ...
I tried to open the door and move along the road...
I tried to push it but the door was tight as hell, she shouted she cried..
But the door was unable to open by.
I was unable to hear the sound of her...
I turned and saw her burning eyes,
I pushed the door so hard, it finally opened with a strike but then I noticed I broke
the knob during the go...



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Dad and I **Radha Sanjay Das (X-C)**

Never closer than comfortable,
Though never really away,
In the same house exchanging smiles but
never words except,
“What did mom say?”

I thought this was a norm,
Assumed this was how all fathers were,
Thought my dad was weird for not being
like that,
And that brought me despair.

Very often i despised him for coming into
my room multiple times a day,
Forcing me to eat after I've said no,
For continuously asking me about how
school was ,
And so and so.

Sometimes I wished he was a “normal” dad,
The kind I usually hear about,
The ones that see their kids twice a day,
And let them pass by without nary a doubt.

My dad was different,
He was overly affectionate, overly curious, sometimes overly aggressive with his ways,
We fought like we were friends,
And were friends on our best days.

I thought that was “too close” for father and daughter,
Always criticised our relationship for it,
But now I realise how blessed I am,
To actually have a relationship to criticise.

It now has become one of my favourite bonds I share with a person,
A person who was always interested in what I had for meals,
Who would explain my side of the story to mom,
Who when I cried would just come and hug me without asking why,
That of my dad and I.



Grudge

Rishika Khongkam (XII-F)

Holding a grudge
Is a heavy badge
Don't weary yourself
With an unnecessary bag
That stuff won't
Hold you up
It will just make you lag

In our journey through life
Make sure to make it light
Forgive, forget get on ahead
Don't be bitter, and
You won't be blue
Let go of vanity
And vengeance; too

To be healed,
You must let go
Open your arms
Let it flow
Out comes ugliness
Let true beauty
Come in
Let your spirit
Be as white,
And pure from
Within!



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What We Touch

Thejakhrieno Iralu (XII-F)

How quickly young minds register the world,
How quickly they shape!
They learn everything
Which they are taught, directly,
Which they learn through
Every little grown-up conversation overheard.

I suppose this is what we should be careful of,
For every little deed of ours is taken into account
Either in the classroom or out,
And whether we know it or not,
They are taught the rules of the earth,
by the rules we choose to live our lives.

The scariest bit of responsibility in educating them is that their minds are being taught,
Numbers, decimals and truths of science
But their hearts are being taught,
By our cruelty, hate and unkind words,
By our care, humility and love.

What they give out is what we give them,
So let's arm them with what's important.
In this world where everybody learns,
For the marks, the degrees, the jobs,
Let's grow hearts again.





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