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Our Dream for Punjab's Children

We are delighted to share our vision for the revolutionary journey of schools of Punjab. Our aim is to reimagine education, providing state-of-the-art infrastructure and innovative teaching practices to nurture holistic development of our children as they deserve the best. To our students, parents, teachers, communities & other stakeholders, we hope that the launch of this newsletter will apprise you all with the new initiatives of Punjab. Lets build a brighter future for our children in Punjab schools

- Hon'able Chief Minister, Sardar Bhagwant Singh Maan Punjab

Inauguration of 13 Schools of Eminence in Punjab

In a historic step to revolutionize education in Punjab, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, alongside Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal, inaugurated 13 Schools of Eminence (SoEs) – a bold initiative aimed at bridging the gap between private and government education.

Saragarhi Memorial SoE Town Hall, SoE Girls Jandiala Guru, SoE Girls Mall Road in Amritsar, SoE Ram Nagar, SoE Parasram Nagar in Bhatinda, SoE Amlah in Fatehgarh Sahib, SoE Arniwala Sheikh Subhan, SoE Jalalabad in Fazilka, SoE Adampur in Jalandhar, SoE Phagwara in Kapurthala, SoE Sector 32 in Ludhiana, SoE Phase XI in SAS Nagar, and SoE Khadur Sahib in Tarn Taran were the 13 schools inaugurated on 3rd March 2024. Among these, the Ludhiana SoE Sector 32 stood out as the first government school in the state to

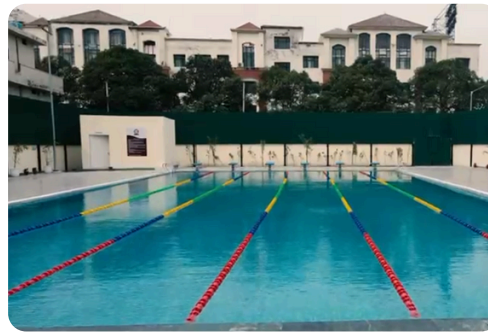
offer facilities like a swimming pool, basketball court, and tennis court, challenging the status quo of educational infrastructure. Schools of Eminence in Punjab are designed to reimagine education with state-of-the-art infrastructure. This transformative move is expected not only to elevate the standards of public education in Punjab but also to instill confidence in students.



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurating a School of Eminence in Ludhiana.



School Building, SoE Sector 32, Ludhiana



Swimming pool, SoE Sector 32 Ludhiana



Newly constructed computer lab, SoE Sector 32 Ludhiana

We are excited to share our vision for transforming Punjab's schools, aiming for every child to realize their potential and fulfill our Hon'ble Chief Minister's vision of a Rangla Punjab. Quality education remains our top priority, achievable only through collaboration among school heads, teachers, parents, community members and other stakeholders. This newsletter will keep you updated on Punjab's educational initiatives. Let's join hands to brighten our children's futures in Punjab's schools.

- Hon'able Education Minister, Harjot Singh Bains Punjab



STATE OF THE ART INFRASTRUCTURE

PACE Residential Summer Camp: Steps towards Brighter Future

The Punjab Academic Coaching for Excellence (PACE) Residential Coaching Camp, a transformative initiative by the Department of School Education (DoSE), Punjab, opened its doors to over 700 bright students from the Schools of Eminence and Meritorious Schools. Held from June 6th to June 28th, 2024, at the Meritorious School in Ludhiana, the camp provided free onsite coaching for NEET, JEE, and CLAT exams in collaboration with prestigious coaching institutes such as Physics Wala and DIAS Academy.

The PACE program was initiated with the mission to enhance the success rate of Punjab's government school students in competitive exams, facilitating admission to prestigious professional institutes both in India and abroad. With a customized curriculum, dedicated doubt resolution sessions, and secure residential facilities, this initiative became a testament to Punjab's commitment to elevating educational outcomes and empowering students to achieve their highest potential. Guided by expert faculties from coaching partners, the students embarked on an intensive learning journey of entrance exam preparation. Understanding the stress competitive exams can bring, the camp also included morning yoga, physical training classes, and evening games to help students manage stress effectively.



Free coaching classes by expert faculty for CLAT exam



Free coaching classes by expert faculty for JEE & NEET

According to a survey conducted by the DoSE, the program's impact was profound, with 71% of students feeling motivated to tackle their exams with renewed confidence. To track their progress, students took baseline tests at the start and endline tests at the camp's conclusion, showcasing their remarkable improvement. In addition to coaching classes, workshops on vision building, goal setting, and time management were conducted.

During classroom observations, parents of the children attending summer camp were invited to observe classes, focusing on teaching quality and student participation. During school rounds, SMC members assessed the cleanliness and organization of dining areas, hostel conditions, and safety protocols. They interacted with wardens about students' routine and reviewed the overall hygiene and maintenance of hostel facilities. Parents also visited the medical room to speak with the on-duty nurse and interacted with students during breaks to discuss their well-being and career aspirations. SMC members provided suggestions and volunteered to support the camp, showing solidarity with the teachers.

“One parent proudly shared, “My neighbours used to tell me you're making a mistake by sending your children to a government school, and I also doubted my decision, but today I feel confident that I have made the right decision”



Coaching partners taking classes during the PACE Camp.



Parents visited the summer camp to meet their children.



Tips for Students: Enhancing Your Learning Journey

Creating a positive and engaging atmosphere at home is key to your growth and success. As a student, you can strengthen your learning experience by involving your parents with the following activities:

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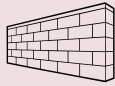


- Share with your parents, what you learned today.
- Sit with your parents and divide time for playing, studying and other activities that you do.
- Create a study schedule with your parents' guidance.
- Discuss your favorite subjects with your parents

Bhavikh Di Gal

- Talk to your parents about your goals for the year, eg, this year I want to learn how to use a computer
- After coming back from school, tell your parents about your day
- Plan some fun activities with your parents after achieving study milestones.



PUNJAB SIKHIYA KRANTI IN NUMBERS

 21,23,566 Students received school uniform	 55,613 Students selected for seed money under Punjab Young Entrepreneurship	 15,766 Schools with upto 100 MBPS internet connectivity
 6,278 Schools with Computer Labs	 16,770 Schools with Smart Classrooms	 3,949 Schools with Solar Panel installed
 1,123 Kilo Meters of Boundary wall under construction in 7082 schools	 2,042 Schools with Campus Managers	 8,286 Schools with Sanitation Workers

Data Source: Department of School Education, Punjab

No Child Out of School: Local People Take Responsibility

As the admission rounds for classes 9th and 11th at both SoE and Meritorious schools drew to a close, community participation from SMCs had been instrumental in driving the campaign across schools. The recent survey conducted with SMC members by DoSE revealed significant engagement. As many as 53% of them actively participated in the SoE Admission Campaign, engaging with parents and community members to raise awareness and encourage admissions. Some also took the initiative to create campaign posters, supporting in documentation via counseling making community announcements amplifying outreach efforts.



SMC members raising awareness about School of Eminence admissions.

This collective effort highlighted the invaluable contribution of communities in ensuring the success and growth of the Schools of Eminence program reaching out to more children. Currently, SMCs are functional in all 19119 Schools of Punjab, driving positive change in schools.



SMC members participating in SoE student enrollment campaign.

School of Eminence Student Induction: Enthusiastic Start to the New Academic Year

On July 22, 2024, SOE schools across Punjab launched a month-long Student Induction program, following the admissions in SoE marking the start of an exciting new academic session. During the Student Induction program, schools hosted lectures to enhance career awareness with experts from various fields. Dr. Sourav Sharma, an Assistant Professor at Mata Gujri College, spoke at SoE Model Town Jalandhar about pursuing a medical career, providing guidance to aspiring doctors. Along with scholastic activities, co-scholastic activities such as student career hunt with parents, newspaper analysis, etc. were also included for a holistic approach.



Guest Lecture by Dr. Simranjit Kaur (FMO School Health) on awareness on health and pathway to become a Doctor



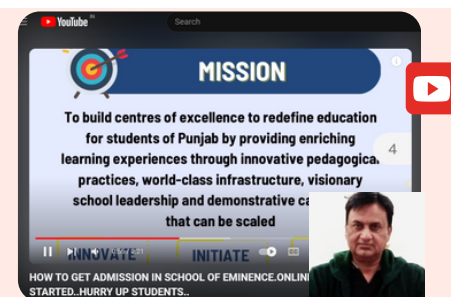
Students engaging in activities like meditation, career hunt, etc.



Meditation sessions are conducted every alternate day to foster mindfulness. The Student Induction program culminated in a Student Showcase and a interactive session with parents on the last day, providing an opportunity for students to display their talents and for parents to engage with the school community.

Punjab Government's Teacher Mr. Gurlal Singh, an Inspirational YouTuber, & a Companion to Students

Meet Mr. Gurlal Singh, formerly a distinguish Physics Lecturer at the School of Eminence for Girls in Abul Khurana, District Sri Muksar Sahib. Beyond his role in the classroom, Mr. Gurlal is also an accomplished artist and YouTuber who extended his teaching beyond traditional methods. Mr. Gurlal Singh's channel features informative videos on special features of SoEs, support in registration process and admission exam preparations. His YouTube video on SoE registration had garnered around 35,000 views, serving as a valuable resource with step-by-step instructions for students Mr. Gurlal Singh's commitment to innovative education and student success exemplifies the spirit of excellence that defined his tenure at SoE.



Snippet of Mr. Gurlal's YouTube channel explaining features of SOEs

Plantation of more than 10 Lakh Trees in Punjab. Science beyond classroom

In response to the pressing need for increased green cover in Punjab, where only 6% of the land was forested, the Department of School Education joined hands with the Forest Department to spearhead a transformative initiative. Through this collaboration, more than 10 lakh trees have already been planted in government schools of Punjab as per the data collected by DoSE. This has significantly contributed to the region's environmental restoration.

Beyond mere plantation, the initiative engaged teachers and students in an innovative way where they adopted and named the plants, fostering a deep sense of responsibility and care for the environment.



Students of SoE Bagarian participating in plantation campaign by adopting a plant

School heads were also sensitized to the significance of afforestation by forest officers, ensuring sustained commitment to this cause. This initiative not only is a step towards enhancing Punjab's green cover but also an endeavor to instill environmental stewardship in the younger generation, creating a lasting impact on both the ecosystem and the community.

Scaling New Heights: Students of SoE Sri Hargobindpur Selected for Mountaineering

SoE Sri Hargobindpur proudly celebrates the achievement of four of its class 12th students: Anmol, Rohit Singh, Abhishek, and Shamsher Singh. Selected by the youth services department of the government, these talented students were chosen to participate in a state camp at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (ABVIMAS) center in Manali, where they will undergo a rigorous mountaineering course.



In the picture: Abhishek Masih, Rohit Singh, Anmoldeep Singh & Samsher Singh (Left to Right) students of SOE Sri Hargobindpur for a Punjab government-sponsored mountaineering course.

The Punjab government has sponsored all expenses for this camp, showing their commitment to nurturing talent and promoting adventure sports among youth. Upon completion, students will receive certificates recognizing their dedication and achievement in mountaineering. This participation exemplified the spirit of adventure and excellence fostered within Schools of Eminence, inspiring others to reach new heights in academics and extracurricular pursuits.

Shiksha Saptah: Celebrating Educational Initiatives in Punjab

Punjab schools successfully celebrated Shiksha Saptah, a week-long event from July 22-28, 2024, commemorating the 4th anniversary of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The celebrations highlighted various aspects of education through themed days. The local community members participated in various activities such as 'Safai Muhim - a cleanliness drive,' planting native Punjab trees on school grounds or nearby parks, and discussion among parents and teachers for initiatives post Siksha Saptah, such as community supporting a resolution of issues. The event engaged students, teachers, and community, fostering a spirit of collaboration and innovation in education. Students participated in various activities and competitions.



Primary school students learning through activity kits.



Primary school students focusing on basic reading and math skills.

Upcoming Events

- SoE Exposure Visit: Hands-On Career Exploration for SOE Students
- Know Your Dreams Program: Empowering SOE Students Through Inspirational Mentorship.
- Super "X" Program: Intensive online coaching for JEE/NEET Aspirants
- Opening Doors: 13 more SOE Schools set to be inaugurated.

More details coming soon!



Tips for Parents: Supporting Students Well-being

Creating a supportive environment at home is important for your child's success and well-being. Parents are requested to engage with their children with the following prompts:



Dimaag Ki Baat

- What was the homework that you got from school today?
- Were you able to complete your homework?
- What something new that you learnt today?
- What did you find easy and struggle with?
- Do you need any support from me or your teacher?



Dil Ki Baat

- How are you feeling today?
- What was something that made you smile today?
- Do you wish to spend some time with your cousins or friends?
- Try to spend time walking around the neighborhood. It's a good way to talk and relax.

