



# POTPOURRI

ASIAN NEWSLETTER

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." –Malcolm X

## EDITOR SPEAK

### NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the Founder's 2023 edition of Potpourri, which is a treasure trove of creativity, knowledge, and inspiration.

At the outset, I deem it a privilege to be the Newsletter Editor and be a part of making this Newsletter a reality. On behalf of the entire student editorial board, I present to you this issue, which serves as an attempt to highlight and celebrate the recent accomplishments of our country India.

This volume of 'POTPOURRI' primarily attempts to focus on highlighting three topics: Chandrayan-3's successful landing on the moon, the successful hosting of the G-20 summit in Delhi, and New Education Policy 2023.

With ISRO's success in landing a probe on the Moon, we salute the talent and hard work of Indian scientists who have made the nation proud, and August 23, 2023, shall remain a red-letter day!

The 18<sup>th</sup> G-20 summit signals a new peak India has scaled in terms of its global standing and prestige.

The success of G-20 and Chandrayan-3 has indeed filled India with new energy.

**NEP:** The NEP is expected to bring a flurry of significant reforms in the education system. It aspires to develop an education system that directly contributes to the country's transformation by delivering high-quality education to all citizens and developing India into a global knowledge superpower.

As the festive season is on, may you all celebrate every festival with full enthusiasm! May there be happiness in your family!

I would also like to place on record my sincere gratitude to all the student writers and photographers involved, for their hard work has paid off. I also applaud the commendable job done by the Editorial Board in planning for and producing the newsletter.

We hope that the content curated here sparks your curiosity, kindles your creativity, and leaves you inspired.

Let us hear from you to enrich us with your valuable feedback!

Happy reading dear readers!

**Ms. PreetiNagra**  
HOD (ENGLISH DEPARTMENT)



It is an honour for me to present to you the Founder's edition of The Asian School monthly Newsletter 'Potpourri' 2023 under three themes "Chandrayan-3's successful landing on the moon, successful hosting of the G-20 summit in Delhi, and New Education Policy 2023."

This Newsletter aims to give our readers a glimpse of India's recent feat achievements.

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to The Principal, HOD English, Editorial Board members who worked behind the screen so enthusiastically, my fellow students who wrote articles, and all the well-wishers who have encouraged and supported me in this novel venture.

I wish you a happy reading

DivyaanshNagra,  
Literary Secretary  
The Asian School,  
Dehradun





### How India Led the World at the 18th G20 Summit

India welcomed the world's 20 major economies and other guests to the 18th G20 summit in New Delhi on September 9 and 10, 2023. The summit, themed "One Earth, One Family, One Future", focused on global issues such as green development, inclusive growth, sustainable development goals, technological transformation, multilateralism, and women-led development. The summit was held at the Bharat Mandapam International Exhibition-Convention Centre (IECC), a state-of-the-art venue that reflects India's cultural diversity and modernity. The IECC was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2023, to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

Outcomes from the summit:-

- The endorsement of the Global Green Development Initiative (GGDI) to promote low-carbon, climate-resilient, and circular economy models.
- The launch of the Leaders' Initiative for Financing Education (LiFE) to ensure universal access to quality education for all children and youth by 2030.
- The reaffirmation of the commitment to

achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- The recognition of the importance of technological transformation and digital public infrastructure for fostering innovation, productivity, inclusion, and resilience.
- The support for a reformed and strengthened multilateral system that is responsive, effective, inclusive, and accountable.

Conclusion:-

The 18th G20 summit in New Delhi was a landmark event that showcased India's global leadership and diplomacy. The summit resulted in the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration, a document that reflects the consensus and commitment of the G20 leaders on the key issues and challenges facing the world. The summit also witnessed the signing of several bilateral and multilateral agreements and memoranda of understanding among the G20 members and partners on various areas of cooperation. The summit was widely hailed as a success and a milestone for the G20 and the world.

**Ashutosh Rastogi (XI-E)**



### The G20 Summit

At the G20 summit world leaders convene,  
Amidst power and politics, they forge a scene.  
A gathering of nations, seeking to align,  
To tackle global issues, in a divine rhythm.  
From city to city, they travel with might,  
To discuss solutions, both day and night.  
The echo of speeches, resonating sound,  
An atmosphere charged, with ideas profound.  
Leaders pondering on climate change wrath,  
Taking green initiatives, a sustainable path.  
Debates on migration, a contentious theme,  
Finding common ground is the ultimate dream.  
Seeking refuge and peace, for the displaced,  
Building bridges of compassion, embracing with haste.  
But beyond the politics and the agreements signed,  
There's a hope for the world, that's genuinely kind.  
Where compassion rises above countries' divide,  
And unity finishes, along each stride.

VanshitaThapliyal (X-C)



### One Earth, One Family, One Future

India, a nation of great pride,  
A place of beauty and grace aside.  
G20 summit comes to call,  
To bring our country's story forth for all.  
From sustainable development to the digital revolution and more,  
The leaders gather in India's hollowed door.  
This momentous event will be remembered still,  
As the G20 summit reaches its peak on India's hill.  
A platform for economic growth and innovation too,  
For global financial stability, there is much we can do.  
It is an opportunity for us to come together as one,  
And show the world what progress has been made.  
Let us use this time wisely with hope in our hearts,  
Make sure that everyone plays their part.

Swastika Nautiyal (X - G)



# CHANDRAYAAN-3

ISRO AND INDIA'S STELLAR SUCCESS!

Congratulations India for the triumphant soft landing of Chandrayan-3 on the lunar expanse! A moment of pride and inspiration for all. On behalf of **The Asian School**, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the notion of living sky high and achieving the extraordinary.

And it was all  
**YELLOW**

## CHANDRAYAAN-3

A milestone in India's glory.  
A Chandrayaan-3, a success story,  
In the sky, it soared high,  
A mission, they said goodbye.  
Tribute to science and innovation,  
A step towards a new destination.  
With precision and skill,  
The spacecraft did its will.  
The journey was long,  
But the team remained strong.  
The landing was soft,  
The achievement aloft.  
The rover covered, the lander landed  
"Our mission successful", they handed  
Proudly we say, we've touched the skies  
With courage and skill, our nations rise  
India's flag, on the lunar ground  
A moment of pride,  
For the nation to abide.

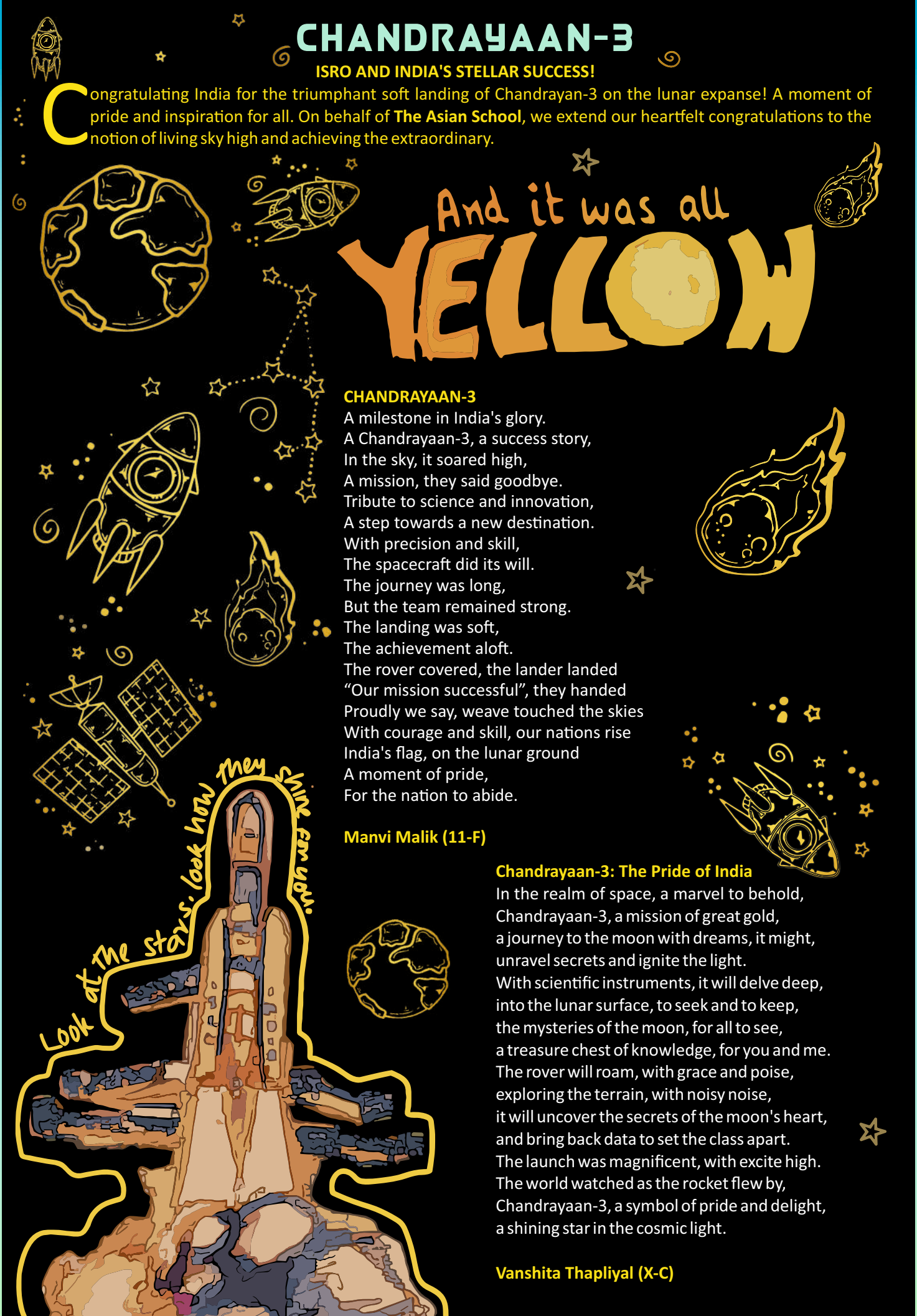
**Manvi Malik (11-F)**

## Chandrayaan-3: The Pride of India

In the realm of space, a marvel to behold,  
Chandrayaan-3, a mission of great gold,  
a journey to the moon with dreams, it might,  
unravel secrets and ignite the light.  
With scientific instruments, it will delve deep,  
into the lunar surface, to seek and to keep,  
the mysteries of the moon, for all to see,  
a treasure chest of knowledge, for you and me.  
The rover will roam, with grace and poise,  
exploring the terrain, with noisy noise,  
it will uncover the secrets of the moon's heart,  
and bring back data to set the class apart.  
The launch was magnificent, with excite high.  
The world watched as the rocket flew by,  
Chandrayaan-3, a symbol of pride and delight,  
a shining star in the cosmic light.

**Vanshita Thapliyal (X-C)**

Look at the stars. look how they shine for you.





**C**handrayaan 3 is the third lunar exploration mission by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). It is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan 2, which attempted to land a rover near the lunar south pole in 2019, but failed. Chandrayaan 3 was launched on 14 July 2023 and successfully landed a rover named Pragyan on 23 August 2023, making India the fourth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon, and the first to do so near the lunar south pole. The mission aims to study the lunar surface, subsurface and atmosphere, and search for water ice and other resources. The mission consists of a propulsion module, a lander module named Vikram, and a rover module named Pragyan.

**S. Somanath**  
**ISRO Chairman:**

He is an aerospace engineer who has been the chairman of ISRO since 2022. He played a pivotal role in designing the launch vehicle Mark-3, or the Bahubali rocket, which launched Chandrayaan 3 into orbit.



**Nandini Harinath**  
**Deputy Mission Director:**

She is a scientist and mission designer who has worked on 14 missions over 20 years at ISRO. She was also the Deputy Operations Director for Mangalyaan. She is in charge of designing and executing the Chandrayaan 3 mission.



**P Veeramuthuvel**  
**Chandrayaan 3 Project Director:**

He is also the Space Infrastructure Programme Officer at ISRO. He and his team have been tracking and monitoring the health and activities of Chandrayaan 3 during its journey to the moon.



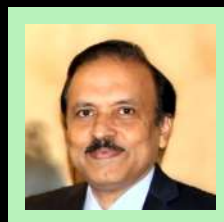
**Dr. Ritu Karidhal Srivastava**  
**Mission Director:**

She is a scientist and engineer who is also known as one of the 'Rocket Women of India'. She was the Deputy Operations Director for India's Mars orbiter mission, or Mangalyaan. She is responsible for overseeing the entire Chandrayaan 3 mission.



**S Unnikrishnan Nair**  
**Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC):**

He is an expert in mechanical and aerospace engineering. He and his team at VSSC were in charge of building the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark-III, or the Bahubali rocket, along with Somanath



# NEP 2020

## UNRAVELLING THE NUANCES OF NEP 2020

The New Education Policy (NEP) unveiled in 2020 is set to transform the educational landscape of India. This landmark policy marks a significant departure from the traditional system, aiming to provide a holistic, flexible, and technologically advanced education for students nationwide.

One of NEP's key features is its emphasis on holistic development. It recognizes that education is more than just memorizing facts and passing exams. It encourages the development of essential life skills, critical thinking, and creativity. NEP's 5+3+3+4 curricular structure allows students to explore various subjects and interests at an early age, reducing the pressure of rote learning.

Flexibility and choice are at the core of NEP. It promotes a multidisciplinary approach to education, letting students choose their subjects based on their interests and aptitudes. This approach helps students discover their passions and talents, fostering a love for learning.

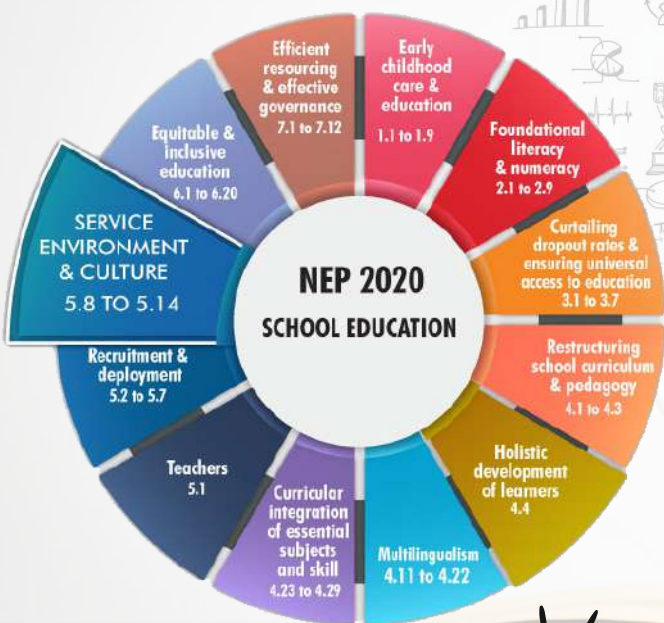
The NEP also focuses on revamping the education system by introducing several reforms, including restructuring of school curriculum, introducing multidisciplinary studies, promoting digital education, and encouraging research and innovation. It also aims to ensure the autonomy and accountability of educational institutions and improve the quality of teachers' training.



Tejashwinee Rai (IX-E)

## NEP A Road Map For India

A new dawn has broken a new era's beginning,  
 The National Education Policy is a vision for everyone.  
 With its new implementations and advantages galore,  
 It promises to transform education forevermore.  
 Flexible curriculum, multiple pathways to success,  
 Students are empowered to choose their own best.  
 Learning by doing, a focus on skills,  
 NEP equips students to face the world's thrills.  
 Assessment reforms, holistic development in sight,  
 NEP nourishes every child's unique light.  
 Mother tongue instruction, local culture's embrace,  
 NEP celebrates diversity, a welcoming space.  
 Technology integration, digital literacy enhanced,  
 NEP prepares students for the future, unfranked.  
 Teachers at the core, their professional growth prized,  
 NEP builds a strong foundation, where all can rise.  
 NEP, a beacon of hope, a guiding light,  
 Illuminating the path to a brighter future, with all its might.  
 Let's embrace its changes, work together as one,  
 To make India's education system truly second to none.



Divyaansh Nagra(XII-A)



## NEW EDUCATION POLICY

The National Education Policy 2023 represents a significant transformation in Indian education, enhancing the system's inclusivity and student-centered approach. Its objective is to address educational challenges and provide high-quality learning opportunities to all students, regardless of their financial background.

### Aim and Focus

**Foundational Literacy and Numeracy:** The policy aims to ensure a strong educational foundation by 2025, focusing on students achieving foundational literacy and numeracy. **Revamped Examination Structure:** Students will now actively participate in exams in grades 2, 5, and 8, reducing the burden and frequency of assessments. Board exams for grades 10 and 12 will change significantly, adopting biannual, objective-descriptive formats.

**Interdisciplinary Curriculum:** The policy actively encourages interdisciplinary and multilingual education, promoting a flexible curriculum that nurtures diverse skills and knowledge.

**Coding and Experiential Learning:** Coding will actively become part of the curriculum in 6th grade, and integrating experiential learning approaches will enhance practical understanding.

**Health Focus:** The policy actively extends the mid-day meal scheme to include breakfast, with the addition of counselors and social workers to prioritize students' health and mental well-being.

### Rudraksh Purohit (XI-D)



## National Education Policy (NEP)

The National Education Policy 2023 has brought about a significant change in the country's educational landscape. One of the key highlights of this policy is its emphasis on flexibility and choice. It offers students the freedom to select Subjects across various disciplines, fostering a well-rounded education that promotes digital learning and focuses on early childhood education. According to the National education policy, there will be no discernible divide between the sciences, arts, academics, vocational, circular, and extra-curricular discipline

Foundational reading and numeracy will be prioritized · The 10+2 structure is replaced by 5+3+3+4 model schooling, which will now start with the NEP extending the compulsory age bracket, 6-14 years and 3-18 years. The NEP includes three years of previously unrecognized re-schooling for children aged 3-6 years in the school curriculum. The NEP also proposes the use of mother tongue and regional languages as a medium of instruction. It suggests using a home or local language till class VIII to make it easier for the students to understand the concepts

In a nutshell, NEP is a step in the right direction. It prioritizes adaptability and quality in education. Let's support its implementation for a brighter future.

### Kavya Rathore (XI-A)



## NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

The National Education Policy (NEP) plays a crucial role in shaping the education system of a country, providing a framework for its development and implementation. It is a comprehensive document that outlines the vision, gear, and strategies to enhance the quality and relevance of education in a nation. In India for instance, a transformative National Educational Policy was introduced in 2020, aiming to revitalize its education system in line with the 21st century. This policy replaces the 1986 National Policy on Education and focuses on multiple key areas to enhance the quality, equity, and inclusiveness of education in India. If we talk about some key features of the NEP, It provides a 5+3+3+4 structure replacing the 10+2 system and providing a scouting experience to children at a younger age. Board examinations will be simplified and now administered twice a year, providing each student with two chances to pass. The policy also calls for a multi-disciplinary and integrated approach to undergraduate programs as well as greater flexibility in case of withdrawal. The new educational policy focuses on improving practical education rather than reading for learning. To conclude, by focusing on early childhood education, flexible curriculum structures, inclusivity, and enhancing the quality of higher education, The NEP aspires to transform the learning landscape in the country, enabling students to thrive and contribute effectively to a rapidly evolving global society.



### Aarav Padiya (X-B)



## THE PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

The Principal, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan is of the opinion that the National Education Policy, 2020 is definitely a step in the right direction for the Indian education system and should be implemented in letter and in spirit.

“The five guiding pillars of the NEP 2020, which are access, equity, quality, affordability and accountability define an ideal education scenario. The motto itself is something that educationists should abide by. This being Educate, Encourage and Enlighten”, states Mrs Datta.

The features that appeal to her the most are the dissolving of the rigid delineation of streams, emphasis on conceptual understanding, development of critical thinking, encouraging vocational training, life skills and an attitude towards enquiry and research and bringing teachers to the heart of the learning process.

The multiple entry and exit at college level will also empower a large number of students, who for various reasons are unable to complete their higher education at a stretch.

She wishes that clear cut guidelines can be presented at the earliest, so that schools may begin with the effective implementation.

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