

# JUANEXT

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **What's New?**
- **The Top Ten:** The Top Ten Teams Schools is a list of the highest performers on Microsoft platforms based on their usage.
- **Microsoft Aspire School Program (MASP):** Stories from the project from across the country.
- **Students Speak:** Stories and submissions from Students of MASP Schools
- Juana Foundation- A way of giving back

## UPDATES!

### I. Microsoft EduDays21 :

Microsoft Edu India organized virtual **EDU Days Event** on **Jan 20-22, 2021 from 3pm to 5pm (IST)**. The event was for Education system leaders, Principals, Policy makers, Innovative Educators and other key Education stakeholders. There were tracks for teachers and students to expose them to state of the art practices in the realm of AI, Gamified learning and accessibility among others.

### II. BettFest 2021 January 20-22

Bett was virtual for 2021, with a focus on leadership, wellbeing, and digital inclusion.

### III. Game Based Learning on Minecraft EE Camp with Edufiq:

Edufiq Camp and Courses is giving M:EE new dimensions

### IV. MCE Teachers Camp with JuanaTech:

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## THE TOP TEN TEAMS SCHOOLS

- Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar, Delhi
- G.D. Goenka Public School, Rohini, Delhi
- Venkateshwar International School, Dwarka, Delhi
- M L Khanna DAV Public School, Dwarka, Delhi
- Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Delhi
- The Manthan School, NOIDA, UP
- Vishal Bharti Public School, Paschim Vihar, Delhi
- Rainbow International School, HP
- St. Giri Sr. Sec. School, Rohini, Delhi
- Modern Public School, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi



## SHOWSTOPPER'S MESSAGE

### THE VISIONARY'S PERSPECTIVE

"The purpose of Education today is not limited to academic transitions but to see and explore the world beyond". Meeting the unforeseen, Microsoft has for sure acted as a backbone behind establishing a Virtual state-of-the-art Technological front. With platforms such as Microsoft Forms, Kahoot, Teams we have been shaping future leaders, simultaneously a team of mentors, equipped with contemporary resources. We have successfully conducted Virtual Webinars, It has been a wonderful journey and experience, for we saw a clear transcendence in our approaches, and it has made us more strong with about 47 teachers already titled as MIEE, Microsoft Innovative Education Expert for 2020-2021 and about 80 teachers enrolled for MCE (Microsoft Certified Teacher). However this vision continues to take shape. Special thanks to team Juana for their constant support!

**-Mr. Vividh Gupta, Principal, Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar-II, Delhi.**

# MICROSOFT ASPIRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## VIRTUAL MORNING ASSEMBLIES @BAL BHAVAN

*Team Bal Bhavan Public School Mayur Vihar, Delhi*

We, at Bal Bhavan believe in stimulating young minds through experiential opportunities. During the course of this journey, even CORONA turned out to be no less than an opportunity. In collaboration with Microsoft, we have successfully established a **Virtual Front**, an ingenious approach redefining the purpose of education and ways to educate. From the Virtual Morning Assemblies to the Inter-house Competitions, we have successfully worked with Activities, garnering core values and skills on a single platform. As part of this attempt the tiny tots celebrated E-Dussehra, taking the pledge to eradicate the evil of ignorance from our hearts. The young buds gave out a clear message promoting humanity and goodness.



*Team Bal Bhavan Public School celebrating Virtual Morning Assemblies*

*Disclaimer –Images of Children are masked as Juana ensures the safety of personally identifiable information (PII)*

## MY JOURNEY BY SHWETA GULATI

*Bluebells School International, Delhi*

My journey started in **August 2019** by being shortlisted for the MIE Expert Program 2019-2020. Little did I know that this ride is going to be full of crazy nights, long working hours, exciting presentations and could also cross international borders. The first milestone was to lead my school teams for two championships **Microsoft MineCraft Challenge** and the **Artificial Intelligence for Good Idea Challenge**. This was followed by my participation in various other Microsoft events such as the **Microsoft Global Learning Connect** and attaining the **Microsoft Office Specialist Certification**. I attended the **CBSE Capacity Building Program** in collaboration with Microsoft and went on to train not just my fellow educators in school, but even across the state borders. I won the First Prize for a collaborative project **@EduDay 2019**. Lastly, this backbreaking journey culminated with selection as an MIEE Fellow to represent my country for the Microsoft Annual **Educational Exchange Conference**, to be held in Sydney, Australia.

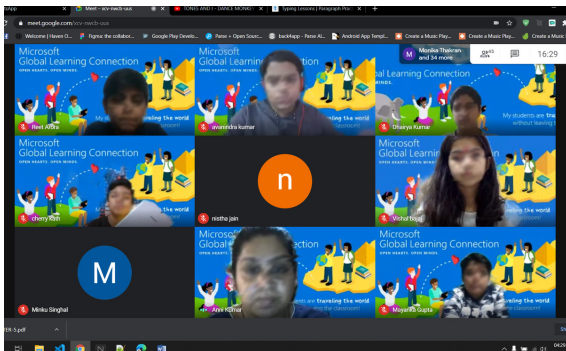
I am grateful! Thank you Microsoft & JuanaTech!

# MICROSOFT ASPIRE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## VBPS CONNECTING GLOBAL

*Team Vikas Bharati Public School*

The world is still impacted by the pandemic but that hasn't let the students stop learning. It's still going on even if from home. Students of Vikas Bharati Public School were very excited to connect with students around the world in different ways using the power of Microsoft Teams, Flipgrid, Kahoot, and Skype with countries like US, Argentina, Croatia, Bosnia, Portugal, Malaysia, Ireland, Indonesia, Spain, Scotland, Serbia, UAE, Zimbabwe, Germany, China, and Ghana. They broke the barriers of distance with the help of technology and covered a total of whopping 63049 miles. Students were able to connect with Ms. Dina Ghobashy (Business Strategy Leader Microsoft) who was the guest speaker. It was a phenomenal experience for students as they learned from each other and exchanged ideas about how they can make a positive impact on the world through technology.



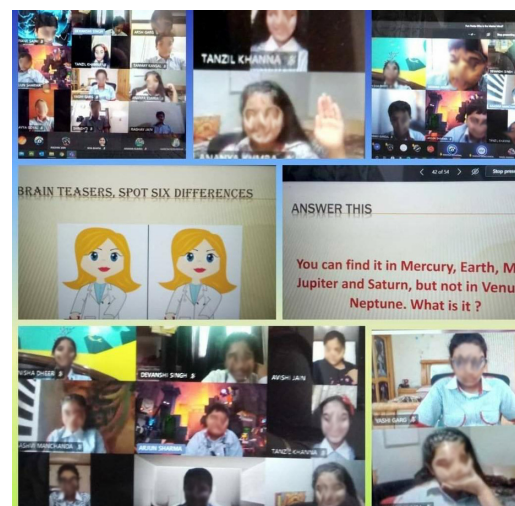
*Team Vikas Bharati Public School attending Global Learning Connection 2020*

## GOENKAN FUN FIESTA 2020

*G. D. Goenka Public School, Rohini, Delhi*

"The joy of life consists in the exercise of one's energies, continual growth, constant change, the enjoyment of every new experience." - **Aleister Crowley**

Making the optimum use of the digital platform provided by Microsoft, G.D Goenka Public School organised a Fun Fiesta for the students of grades VI-VIII from 26-28 October 2020. The students and teachers connected virtually through MS Teams to enjoy an array of games and activities such as Virtual Scavenger Hunt, Pictionary, Brain Teasers, Riddles and Talent Show that enabled us to make a day imbued with fun for our students. We look forward to exploring various facets of Microsoft learning to enhance our online classrooms.



*Team G.D. Goenka celebrating Goenkan Fun Fiesta 2020 with students*

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# STUDENTS SPEAK

## KILLING THE EVIL WITH E-DUSSEHRA

**Jiya Maggo, Venkateshwar  
International School**

...I like going on trips. So, let us take a trip down the memory lane, shall we? Remember celebrating Dussehra? Going to a fair and watching a random actor dressed up as Lord Rama burn down an effigy of Ravana, while also extinguishing the tiny sparks of hope the environmentalists have been guarding ever since. What good had this really done and why do we still do it? Aren't we the so-called rebellious generation wanting to change every tradition, dispel a handful of endowments? This year from remote learning, to partying and celebrating, the internet has been our knight in shining armor. So, this festive season let us give it something in return.

**Saanvi Puri XI-D, Venkateshwar  
International School**

None of us ever anticipated such a catastrophic impact of so miniscule a virus. The mere imagination of Dussehra being celebrated online may ink our mental canvas with bewilderment, but the fortunate reality is, that the demon that made our environment delve into despair can be beheaded with E-dussehra, all thanks to the minimal usage of hoarding materials and the absence of the noise pollution that the countless crackers birthed. Not burning effigies would unarguably bring out our planet's most beautiful smile, as it embraces its azure skies, devoid of the phantom of pollution. The imaginative kid in us can spill out the screams of the effigy of the burning Ravana, as online interactions potentially crumble the evil of loneliness. So, this E-Dussehra, let us distance socially while remaining connected emotionally!

**Yajat Kohli, IX-B, Vikas Bharati  
Public School**

The festival is the epitome of how the clean hearted soul wins over the evil one. This festival is the symbol of triumph of good over immorality. We all say bad words about Ravana; but we all need to introspect ourselves and what all wrong we are doing and how can we overcome them. In the wake of the spike of corona cases in the country, all political, social, cultural gatherings including festival celebrations have been banned due to which we are left with none other option than **E-Dussehra**. This pandemic time has taught us many lessons of life how to use your funds wisely, how to make optimal use of natural resources, how to take good care of your health and how you need to live with patience and contentment, how to be humane with others. So, in actual sense this Dussehra is very special for all of us. This Dussehra is not mere related to burning of effigies of Ravana and his family to symbolize the victory of good over evil, instead this Dussehra is based on electronic mediums spreading and the message among all of us to burn the evil factors of anger, jealousy, ego, greediness, selfishness and hatred within us. This E-Dussehra inspires us to get connected with people without being connected in personal. It implies that we should overcome all and adopt mankind and brotherhood with others even without being physically present everywhere.

# STUDENTS SPEAK

## DARKNESS TO LIGHT

**Riham Goraya, IX A, G. D. Goenka Public School, Sector 22, Rohini**

Even in this dark time, we received light, and that light was in the form of the lights or Diyas each of us lit to celebrate Diwali. Yes, this time has been difficult, but we need to learn how to cope with it to be safe and return to a healthy life in the future. One thing we all will certainly agree to is that our teachers, be it in any form, have taught us at such time too. Solomon Ortiz said that "Education is the key to success...", and that key is formed by none other than our very dear teachers. They have been working super hard in to make us reach our goals. Yes, by now, it might be clear that teachers are the light to this darkness. We, as citizens of our country, one day need to serve, as we are the future of our country. In order to make ourselves capable to do that, our teachers are the ones that light the path towards our desired goals. Education must never stop, and this is what is going on. Quoting these beautiful lines by William Allin, "Education is not the answer to the question. Education is the means to the answer to all the questions."

**IMPORTANT**

**Imagine Cup Junior 2021**

*launched 30 September 2020*

*Submission deadline 21 May 2021*

*Winners announced 10 June 2021*

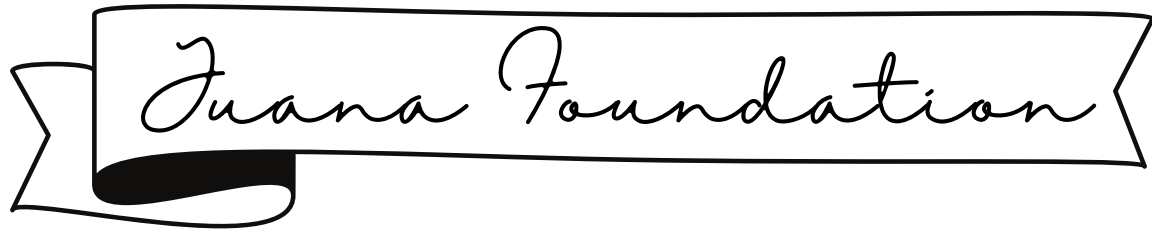
**Samikcha (XI-E), Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar**

It was 25th March 2020 when I experienced the First Lockdown of my life, My only instinct was to survive. I was panic-stricken. Initially this period was fun as I baked new goods, played games etc. But it was not long after that the thought of regret clouded my mind, As I had planned to develop my skills, but the lockdown never ended, now it has been 8 months, I am still here waiting for the pandemic to end. It's almost time for Diwali and that made me ponder, How hope played a role in making me stronger. Just as the light coming from the Diyas is enough to make dusky nights bloom, My friends & family lightened up the quarantine which were earlier days filled with gloom. Even though this year was not so very bright, we all know that in the end everything's gonna be alright.

**Samikcha (XI-E), Bal Bhavan Public School, Mayur Vihar**

The negative situations around the world have been increasing and becoming worse and so our mental health, but then one day I found my magic shop and that was music. Music made me realize that when we start feeling lost, we must try to remember who we are and how far we have come in this journey to fulfill our dreams. We must love ourselves and reimagine our futures.

Our tomorrow maybe dark, painful, difficult and we might stumble and fall down, but we should always remember that the star shines the brightest when the night is the darkest...



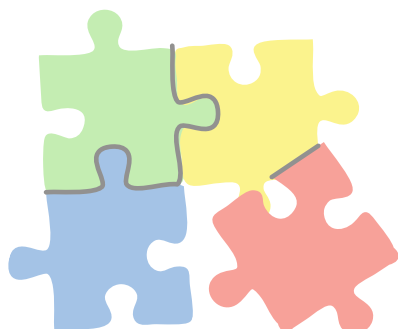
## **INTRODUCING JUANA GIVING BACK** **CELEBRATION OF REACH AND EMPOWERMENT**

**Juana Technologies Pvt** Ltd was founded in 2013, grew as a reliable services organization providing Consultancy and Training services for both Education and Corporate customers.

**Juana Foundation** was established in 2019 as a non-profit organization which flourishes with the motto 'Reach-Teach-Inspire'. The directors of the organization are Ms. Swati Ganguly and Mr. Osborne Dsouza with supporting team members

### **PROJECT NAWAL**

Juana Foundation plans to set up safe spaces pointed toward giving wellbeing, sustenance and advancement for youngsters of 3 and 14 years old. This protected space named, 'Nawal Griha' is the focal point of our work - where our group will build up direct contact with the lives of these kids where children can lead a self-sustaining life - rich in life skills, and healthy nutrition. The center of the project was at Indira Kalyan Vihar, Okhla phase 1, New Delhi.



### **ON GOING PROJECTS**

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, projects were conducted online. Navya Empowerment Programs (NEPs) is a set of projects aimed towards reaching out to various sections of the society, uplifting and empowering them through intervention, education and advocacy. NEP was launched in July 2020, as a parent project for all of Juana Foundation's empowerment-based initiatives. Navya Students' Empowerment Program and Navya Educators' Empowerment Program are programs running under NEPs.



# Juana Foundation

## **NAVYA STUDENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (NSEP)**

Navya Students Empowerment Program is a technology-based project which is open for children between the age of 6-18 years and belonging to an underprivileged social and/or economic class. The vision of the project is to enable young adults to attain the skills and ability of using technology for creating a sustainable life. Essentially, the project focuses on technological advancement of students based on ISTE Standards for Students.

## **NAVYA EDUCATORS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (NEEP)**

NEEP is a technology-based project which is open for all minimum 18 years of age and working as educational facilitators to students from an underprivileged section of the society. The project is based on skilling of educators in technology through training and simultaneously using this progressing knowledge for helping them to conduct Online Classes for their regular subjects. Essentially, the project focuses on technological advancement of educators based on ISTE Standards for Educators.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### ***Tools Used for projects:***

Microsoft Teams is chosen as the primary tool for reaching out to students/educators in the format of an online class. Other tools as included in Office 365.

## **OUR REACH:**

***So far we have reached 6 schools in which 125 teachers have been enrolled along with 1005 students.***

- Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Nivedita Vidyamandir, New Delhi
- DLS Mata Chandro Devi Model School, Najafgarh, Delhi
- DLS Mission world school, Purulia, West Bengal
- Laxmi Devi Academy, Leprosy colony, Dehradun
- Holyspirit School, Manglore.
- Vagishwari world school, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi

**Juana foundation** has increased in the span of one year. We expect more and more schools to be enrolled and we aim to reach out and inspire more and more community people and empower them to use technology and life skill education.



# Juana Foundation

## Message from Director's Desk



**MRS. SWATI GANGULY**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**JUANA FOUNDATION**

*"Irrespective of discriminations, education makes it possible for all people, to stand out as equal, with all from different walks of life."*



**MR. OSBORNE DSOUZA**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**JUANA FOUNDATION**

*"When sowing the seeds of possibilities through our foundation, our focus is on value education and skill development for children in low-income families. We continue to inspire greatness in children with foundational, gender-neutral and quality education and empowering women with skills necessary to support sustainable house-hold income."*



To know more visit: <http://juanafoundation.org/>



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