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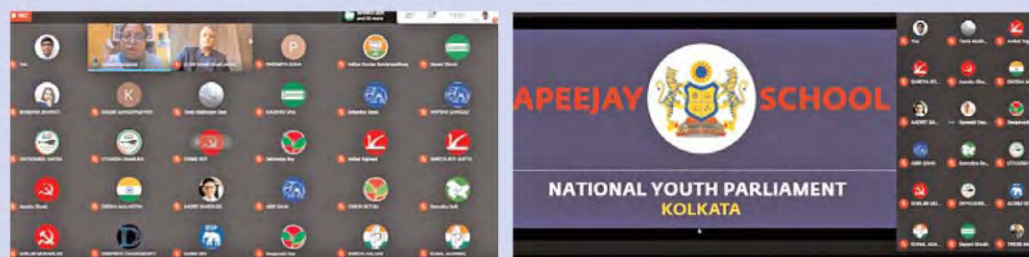
## SCHOOL IS COOL

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It's not just a place where you get to learn Einstein's Theory of Relativity. It's also a place where you can think beyond the classroom. Hence we say, **SCHOOL IS COOL!**

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## Apeejay hosts National Youth Parliament



The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of India has been implementing off-line Youth Parliament Programme since 1966 in various educational institutions of the country. The objectives of the programme are to strengthen the roots of parliamentary democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, develop tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to know about the parliamentary system of government functioning.

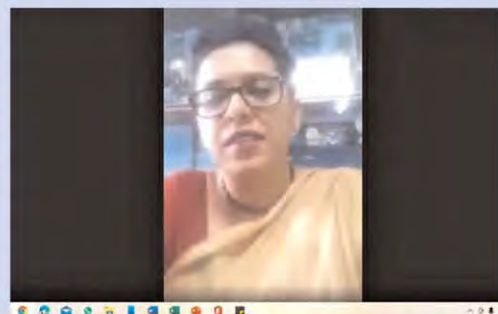
With this belief in mind Apeejay Schools, Kolkata organised the National Youth Parliament programme in accordance with Circular No : 69 of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India on January 8. It was an apt platform for the students to put forward their views, exchange ideas, and collaborate and to find solutions to the current state of affairs in Ladakh. The chief guest was the CEO of Apeejay Schools, Kiranjit Singh Pannu.

More than 50 students from classes XI and XII from both the Park Street and Salt Lake branches participated in the event and divided themselves

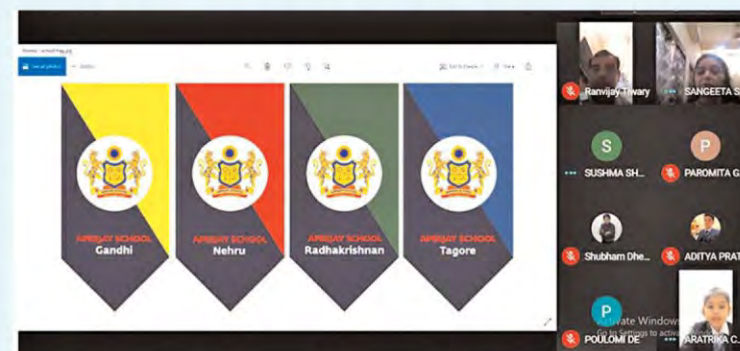
into nine parties. The programme began with the Roll Call followed up by the Question Hour, Motion to introduce the Bill, Emergency Crisis, Passing of the Bill and finally the Adjournment Motion. The coalition of parties was an interesting thing that emerged based on shared ideologies of each party. Policy Papers were formulated and pertinent questions and motions were raised and discussed before the final session. Students were enthused in the event and participated in the same with vigour and enthusiasm.

After much deliberation, the Communist Party of India was declared the best delegation. Shayant Bhattacharya was judged the best speaker. Kiranjit Singh Pannu congratulated the winners and appreciated the confidence, competence and the excellence of all the students who took part in the parliamentary proceedings.

The day was enriching with students getting hands on experience on the functioning of a parliament. This was a sure step forward in making responsible citizens of a better and brighter India.

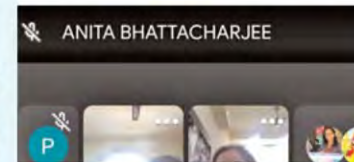


## ...and inter house elocution 2021



Apeejay School Kolkata celebrated Swami Vivekananda's 158th birth anniversary by organising a virtual Inter House Elocution Competition "The Power of Words" on January 12. The programme was a platform for the students to showcase their skills, talents, views and thoughts through carefully chosen poems which reflected the vision of the spiritual leader, renowned visionary and great patriot.

Participants belonging to Radhakrishnan House, Gandhi House, Nehru House and Tagore House put up a spirited and brilliant performance and exuded grace and poise in their presentations. It was a day when the participants with their unbridled enthusiasm fought all odds and came together to exhibit team spirit and determination which reflected the true spirit of the day which is also celebrated as National Youth Day.



The event was divided into three categories commencing with English followed by the vernaculars Hindi and Bengali respectively.

Poets Maya Angelou, Robert Frost, Sylvia Plath, Vikram Seth, Khalil Gibran, Roald Dahl were the choice of the orators for their lucid content and expressions which were a source of motivation and encouragement for the students in the present challenging times.

The Hindi section which conducted the programme parallelly with the English and the Bengali sections too had children reciting verses by renowned poets such as Sumitra Nandan Pant, Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Babita Singh to name a few. Topics which dealt with life and society were the essence of the poems recited by the students in Bengali penned by stalwarts like Sukumar Ray, Achinto Kumar Sengupta, Subhas Mukhopadhyay, Devesh Thakur and Rabindranath Tagore.

The day concluded with the announcement of the best speaker Debraj Mehta who stole the show with his preparation, articulation and superbly modulated presentation. Paromita Guha, the principal, said events of such stature give the students an opportunity to think, reflect and internalise their feelings and shaping their personality.

