PRINCIPALS AND CHAIRPERSONS BONDED, BRAINSTORMED AND EXCHANGED IDEAS LIKE NEVER BEFORE, THEREBY, ASSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE MEET...

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n exciting conclave of principals, directors and chairpersons shed their authoritative role and embarked on a journey of fun and frolic. Various schools assembled at the Times NIE Principals' Seminar held at Kingdom of Dreams, Gurgaon on April 30. The topic for the day was 'Transforming education through innovation and technology.' Around 400 school heads across Delhi/NCR attended the meet.

The seminar was started with a refreshing session of yoga, followed by a panel discussion on e-education, which was presided over by experts from the media industry. The distinguished guests from The Times of India

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included Arindam Sengupta, executive editor; Sachin Gupta, chief information officer; Punit Jain, senior vice president, RMD and Poonam Singh, national editor of the Times NIE. "The increasing use of technology in education has made it imperative for teachers to become tech savvy. Becoming as tech-oriented as students gives the teachers an advantage of keeping pace with the 'smart' young minds," said Gurvinder Sohi, principal of GD Goenka Public School, Paschim Vihar, An interactive session of intellectual interrogation followed soon after where the audience put forth their queries to the media experts on ways to develop a blog, motivating the younger generation to read newspapers, etc. A fun-filled activity for the principals was



& Learn. A brief quiz demonstration was held where tablets and wi-fi technology were used to sync the participants with the parent system. A live audience participation ruled the roost as the quiz engaged the class in real time. Prakash elucidated about the scope of technology and its integration into the curriculum. Speaking

about educational advancement, he said that technology is just an enabler to make it better. According to him, all that technology has done to the process of education is replace a black board with a white board that contains extensive information and content.

"Technology is a big facilitator of knowledge. The relationship between students and teachers has become more intense as teachers, through this wonder of science, makes learnrid has become a global village as chil-The worke exposed to a whole new world of dren are, tools," said Meenakshi Zarabi, princimodern ridya Bharati School, Surya Nagar, pal of Visad.

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ing the teachin-learning process. However, research has taken a backseat as children now are heavily rely on the internet for information," said lira Khanna, principal of DAV Public School, Kailash Hills.

Later, the heads of various academic institutions were taken on a tour to Culture Gully- a boulevard showcasing Indian culture, cuising and handicrafts.

"The event was indeed a very intellectually stimulating session that has led to spiritual upliffment," said Sangeeta Saxena, principal of Chiranjiv Bharti School, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon. After their gastronomic delights were catered to, the principals were treated to an entertaining musical play titled 'Zangoora.' The event fostered a collaborative association amongst professionals who stood to benefit from one another's experiences.

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What we must remember is that when schools adopt new technology and services, they must be eval-