

## **D.A.V. PUBLIC SCHOOL**

19, Sitaram Nagar, Velachery, Chennai – 42

### **REPORT ON SCHOOL INNOVATION COUNCIL (SIC) ACTIVITY FOR JULY 2023-24**

#### **TOPIC: ENABLING BIOTECH ECO-SYSTEM FOR STARTUPS IN INDIA**

- The School Innovation Council (SIC) rolled out for the Academic Year 2023-24 in the month of July with a SIC driven Activity.
- A ‘Motivational Talk’ by Dr. Sucheta Markan was uploaded in the SIC portal.
- The students of Classes VI TO X were introduced to the world of Ideation, Innovation and Startups through this remarkable video which created an enthusiasm among students to participate.
- Ms. Markan started the session by explaining the importance of an enabling and empowering environment to promote the development of Startup ecosystem.
- She further defined a Startup and a Unicorn, differentiated between an idea and innovation.
- She kindled interest among students by giving some ‘Fun Facts’ about Startups in India.
- This got the children hooked up and they were thrilled to learn about the humongous progress India has made in the Biotech sector.
- She highlighted the role of ‘Make in India’ and ‘Startup India’ in improving the funding opportunities for Biotech startups in India.
- These funding opportunities are available for each stage of the Startup Chain.
- She educated the students about how the COVID – 19 vaccine Covaxin was developed by the Bharat Biotech Company under the guidance of Government of India.
- Students were thrilled to learn how an Indian Startup was successful in developing a life saving drug in a very short period of time.
- Students were introduced to new terms like Incubation period, Incubators, Intellectual Property (IP) IP Facilitators among others.
- This led to a series of discussions in further classes where students found out the meanings of these terms and also how they are related to the Startup ecosystem.
- Some students even asked the video to be replayed so that they could revisit segments which they could not to understand the first time.
- The session kindled curiosity and interest among students about Innovation and Startups.
- They are eagerly looking forward to developing new ideas and expand them into innovative products.
- The session has set the right tone for the rest of the activities that have been planned for the year.



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**Student of Std. VI to Std. X watching the Motivational Video  
by Dr. Sucheta Markan, Scientist - ICMR**

