

COMPUDON JUNIOR Season-II Invites School Students of Junior Classes to National Championship on Digital Literacy Skills.



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New Delhi, December 1, 2020 / -- On July 29, 2020, the Indian government replaced a 34-year-old National Policy on Education with the New Education Policy (NEP) of 2020. The NEP, makes sweeping reforms in school and higher education.

The NEP 2020 has brought *digital literacy in the forefront of education in India.* NEP talks about setting up of a dedicated unit for the building of digital infrastructure, digital content and capacity building to look after the e-education needs of both school and higher education. In addition, NEP also talks about creation of an autonomous body, the National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) to provide a platform for the free exchange of ideas on the use of technology to enhance learning, assessment, planning, administration.

COMPUDON JUNIOR- a National Championship for School students of junior classes on Digital Literacy Skills based on Microsoft Digital Literacy Skills Curriculum was launched last year. The Digital Literacy Standard Curriculum teaches generic ICT skills and concepts.

"We are indeed excited to be launching the 2nd Season of COMPUDON Junior championship," said Pankaj Rai- President of CyberLearning Educational Society," in the 21st Century global economy, ICTs in school education is no longer a technology issue, rather like other subjects it is also an educational issue. *Digital literacy is a catalyst because it makes*

acquisition of other life skills possible and that too in a much faster manner. Hence, it is almost imperative that students gain all components of digital literacy which include usage and production of digital media, information processing and retrieval, participation in social networks for creation and sharing of knowledge, and a wide range of professional computing skills.

About COMPUDON JUNIOR

COMPUDON JUNIOR is a National Championship based on Microsoft's Digital Literacy Standard. The championship is open to students in age group of 8 to 14 years (as on August 15, 2021). The championship will test the students' skills on basic ICT or digital literacy concepts that are essential for students in 21st Century. There are 2 levels of the championship. Given the situation of COVID-19, and closure of Schools, first level takes place at the home of the participants, and each participating student will be directed to online study material and practice exams for practicing before the level 1 exam. Top 600 high scoring students from around the country will be invited to compete in the India Final round of this National Championship. Based on the situation of COVID-19, if the Schools open up, then level 2 will happen in the School and if Schools do not open by the date of India Finals, the 2nd level/ India Finals will also take place the home of the student.

In the India finals, the qualifying students will be representing their school and their region. There are over 100 awards to be won which include awards such as Runners Up, Regional Champions, Celebrated Participants, Merit List, School, & Class Awards. The Winner will win the coveted title of India Champion of Digital Literacy.

The India finals of the COMPUDON JUNIOR will take place on May 14, 2021 and Winners will be announced on May 17, 2021. More details are available on www.compudonjunior.com

ABOUT CYBERLEARNING EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY:

For over a decade, CyberLearning Educational Society (CES) has been working to bridge the digital divide through strategic and special initiatives and research. CES has partnered with some of the largest NGOs including Rotary, Spice Foundation, Times Foundation and Nasscom Foundation to achieve this goal.

CES has actively supported several initiatives including but not limited to implementation of 100+ Microsoft Imagine Academies in over 100 Schools in Delhi NCR. CES has also given away 100% Scholarships for MS Office training and Official Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications to over 7,000 students belonging to under-privileged section of the Society.

CES is the NGO arm of India CyberLearning Pvt Ltd., a Global Training Partner of Microsoft and the company that introduced several entry level global certification in India which include the Microsoft Office Specialist Certification, the Microsoft Technology Associate Certification, the Adobe Certified Associate Certification and few others. CyberLearning also launched the first ever Official Championship on Microsoft office applications in India by the name of COMPUDON (www.compudon.in) in partnership with Certiport Inc. and support of Microsoft India.

With this championship, CES plans to partner with schools to support students, and in turn open doors for them to be safe and protect themselves from the dangers of the cyberspace while getting better education and better opportunities in life.

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