
Celebrating Prodigies and their *Āvishkārs*

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Gone are the days when classrooms used to be the only space for the imparting and learning of knowledge. The chalk-and-talk method has been left outdated and obsolete when it comes to handling the inquisitiveness and curiosity of this generation.

It was for such reason that the inter-school competition, *Āvishkārs* was held at the S. B. Patil Public School campus on Saturday, February 29th, 2020.

The motive: To bring about awareness, develop scientific temperament and instill the habit of enquiry, explore diverse fields so as to reflect on the multitude of discoveries and inventions, the inculcation of rational thinking and a problem-solving mindset, encouraging creativity and originality, imbibing the much-needed qualities of co-working and symbiosis that leads to efficient teamwork, and digital competency among all students.



Students from several schools across PCMC such as City Pride, Ashwini International, the Mamasahab Khandge School, the CMS English Medium High School, Ajum Campus, and Saraswati *Madhyamic Vidyalaya* participated in this competition.

The chief guests and judges for this talent-crammed event were former ISRO scientist, Dr. A. K. Sinha, and PhD guide and mathematician, Dr. Dilip Desmukh. They judged the event and projects, team-by-team projects whilst they also shared instances of their valuable experiences and expertise hence motivating the participants with their promising discourse.



Agriculture, Math and Space were the given topics for the contest that students, in two groups, Group 1: Ramanujan, and Group 2: Aryabhata, based their projects on. The winners for the contest are stated as under:



From Group 1, *Ramanujan* on the topic of math, Ashwini International School won the first prize while S. B. Patil Public School followed their lead bagged the second. From Group 2, *Aryabhata*, S. B. Patil Public School swept the first prize on their project on space, with City Pride School winning the second for their work on the same.

With their project on agriculture, from the *Ramanujan* group, the first prize was taken by S. B. Patil while St. Joseph High School followed suit grabbing the second. From the *Aryabhata* group, again on the same theme of agriculture, S. B. Patil Public School bagged the first prize. The students of Ashwini International School came in second.



Special Prizes were bestowed to the students of Ajum Campus for being the most innovative group, and CMS English Medium High School for proving to be the most eco-friendly.