

## **Distinctive practice**

The world seems to be raving about China becoming tech savvier day-by-day. Each and every child is fully conversant with the latest technology and hence through the upgrading of manufacturing China has forged far ahead economically than most countries. It is said that Chinese children are taught coding right from school days.

Following this lead “New Education Policy” has introduced coding as an integral part of the school curriculum. However, being far sighted we have already initiated the process much before the “New Education Policy” is about to be implemented. Witnessing clearly that our school children need to keep pace with the world at large and mingle or be comfortable in the future set up a scratch-code workshop was organized for their benefit. “Earning while learning” is a cliché and common. For a good part of Indian students the new mantra needs to be “surging and merging”. Surging ahead through the updated learning and merging with the world stage at large. Walking many paces ahead we have taken the role of torch-bearers.

Witnessing a massive change which is about to transform the education scenario this step was but a stepping stone to facilitate the same. Our college organized a “Scratch code workshop”. Scratch happens to be a fun based programming language for kids aged between 5 to 16 years. Through learning scratch-coding our future citizens can keep abreast and fully get absorbed in the technology based era which is slowly but surely dawning upon us. The much required coding skills for the young adults of 21<sup>st</sup> century was beautifully facilitated.

In fact, what is even more remarkable is that this platform was provided to kids of standard 7 to 9 free of cost. We happened to be facilitators benefiting children of that age group from schools very near and a little far off the vicinity .

Subsequently once they were through they were handed over a project upon the completion of which certificate was awarded to all. Not for a moment did the children seem to experience a burdened bored session but displayed a response-enthusiastic and entertained.

Its time to sit back and ponder what the situation demands. We need to set new program- a new code of work ethics in golden letters to usher in a glorious future of new India. It seems the process is already begun at our end. The code is writ in stone as commandments and is geared to soon start rolling.