

# For a better tomorrow

Universities from around the world help students of Sri Sri Academy make the right choice about their academic future in a day-long virtual career fair organised recently. **Young Metro** reports...



Panel discussions, virtual campus tours and representatives of foreign universities – the students of Sri Sri Academy did all that and more at a virtual career fair organised for classes VIII to XII in last December. The event was organised by the school's career guidance cell with the aim to help students make informed decisions about the courses that they can take up in college. The fair saw participation from 13 renowned Indian universities such as Ashoka University, Flame University, International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM), ISDI school of Design and Innovation, Indian School of Hospitality (ISH), Krea University, Mahindra University, O P Jindal Global University, Plaksha University, Shiv Nadar University, Vijaybhoomi University, World University of Design (WUD) and Sri Sri University.

More than 550 students from the host school as well as sister schools of SSRVM Bangalore South, VGN and Mulund, DPS Ruby Park and DPS New Town had registered for the event. The school's career guidance cell joined hands with the city wings of Blue Sky Education and IDP Education to bring in several foreign universities for the students to interact.

During the inauguration, principal Suvina Shunglu urged the boys and girls to make full use of the information and opportunities available to them.

Pranab Guha, a member of the school managing committee, was the special guest. In his address, he said how he had kept his options open in high school till he settled on pursuing engineering over medical. He advised the students to follow their dreams in order to



A large number of foreign universities took part in the virtual career fair organised by career guidance cell of Sri Sri Academy. Students got to interact with varsity representatives and learn about various programmes up for grabs

be happy with whatever they do in life.

The next hour had three panel discussions conducted simultaneously to cater to students from science, commerce and humanities streams. The discussions were on various issues such as The 21st Century Skills Required for being Successful in the field of Science and Technology; Foothold of Liberal Arts, Design or a Hospitality Degree in the Corporate Sector; Great businesses Thrive on Three Pillars - Law, Finance and Management.

Each of the sessions had panelists from the different participating universities. The panel discussions were lively with the panelists suggesting various ways the students can upgrade their CV and chart their career path.

The last 10 minutes of the panel discussions were interactive where students got to resolve their queries.

The students also had an opportunity to look into the courses and opportunities up for grabs at the University of Waterloo, University of Windsor and Brock University from Canada, Queen Mary University, Queen's University Belfast, Keele University from UK and Trinity College Dublin. After a preliminary introduction, the university representatives were sent to different breakout rooms. Students moved between the breakout rooms to have one-on-one interaction with the university representatives. The footfall indicated the keenness of the students to study abroad.

I found the panel discussions very insightful. They gave us a good idea about future job prospects and the skills we require to be successful

— **Krishnendu Roy**  
Class X



We got to interact with a whole lot of institutions, catering to a wide range of interests. This was an opportunity of a lifetime for us

— **Mitadru Dasgupta**  
Class IX



There are a plethora of options available for today's children. The complexity of making the right choice has also increased manifold. It's important for students to gather as much information as possible from the panel discussions, the webinar and through networking with the university representatives

— **Suvina Shunglu**  
principal

