

CBSE celebrates AI readiness

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In its efforts to create an AI ecosystem in the schools, CBSE had introduced AI as a skill subject for grades VIII and IX in March 2019. While 883 schools applied to start this subject in their schools, eight schools such as Delhi Public School, Bangalore East; IITL Public School, Dwarka; Salwan Public School, Gurgaon, among others, were selected on a fast track mode to study the impact well in advance.

The 2-year curriculum for which CBSE has collaborated with Intel's AI4Youth initiative, was covered in six months as part of the pilot in which 100 students learnt the ropes of ML. They

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Anita Karwal

Some of the AI projects by CBSE students

Happiness Guru: Created by students of Salwan Girls Senior Secondary School, the project's AI model can predict the onset of depression among school children and notify teachers and guardians.

Ride Rater: Class VIII students of Royale Con-

corde International School, Bangalore, developed a tracking system to keep a tab on school bus drivers' speeding habits. The system provides analysed data for school management to take corrective action and address their students' safety issues.

created 15 projects based on computer vision, data and NLP to help solve day to day problems. "The children completing the curriculum have learnt coding and core competency skills. Their AI journey also gave them the courage to take risks," said Anita Karwal, chairperson CBSE, while felicitating the children at the Board's 'Celebrating AI rea-

diness' event held in New Delhi recently. Talking about the showcase, Biswajit Saha, director (Skill Education & Training), CBSE, said, "The projects-based approach gave the children the platform to solve real-world problems. Presently, the Board has plans to patent some of the projects."

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