

Bharat Uday Gurukul Computer and Sanskar Camp



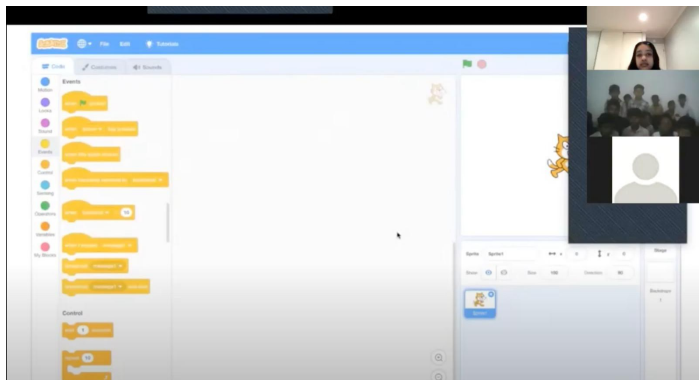
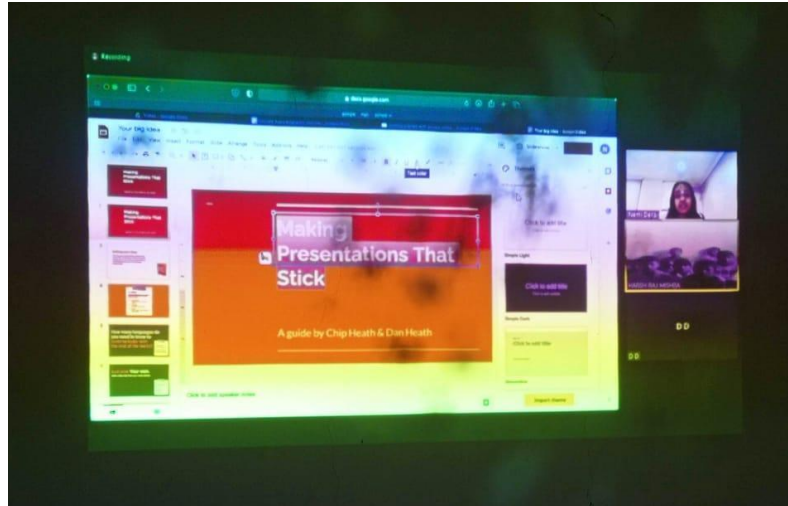
The SEED Foundation has hosted a computer and sanskar camp with a total of thirty students from local schools in the Hamirpur district. It was hosted at the Bharat Uday Gurukul from October 23-31. Through a curriculum created and taught by **Nemi Desai**, a high school senior from Fremont, California, students were able to learn modern skills like computer basics, Google Applications, block coding, and internet safety. Along with learning key computer purposes, the students were able to learn core virtues, participate in yoga, and explore organic farming.

Computer Camp

Each day of the camp, students learned vital technology skills that are necessary for them to fit into the modern world through a flexible curriculum created by **Nemi Desai**, a Girl Scout Ambassador. This camp was made possible due to the curriculum and the computer lab she developed at the school after fundraising and purchasing five laptops.

The first part of the computer camp curriculum is Google Applications.

Students learned about GMail, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides, and Google Drive, thus familiarizing themselves by creating visually appealing presentations, documents, emails, and more.



The next part of the curriculum involves block-coding. Students used the Scratch platform, an interactive programming language that would help them acquaint themselves with the basics of coding. Every child made unique Scratch games with different characters, music, quotes, and backgrounds, all while through block code.

The last part of the technology curriculum is internet safety. Students learned about how to be safe online, by going on secure websites, creating long, unique, and memorable passwords, not sharing private information to anyone on the internet and in person, and more.

Overall, thanks to the instructors and volunteers, this computer camp taught the students fundamentals about computers. The surveys demonstrate the significant improvement of all the children when it comes to technology.



Sanskar Camp

Along with learning modern skills, students were able to connect with their heritage and a more simplistic lifestyle by participating in non-technological activities. Each morning, the youth would recite prayers. They would also hear patriotic, motivational, and inspiring stories from the volunteers. They would participate in yoga and other mindfulness and peaceful tasks.

Students also learned about sustainable and organic farming. They visited local farms and learned how to thrive and live an environmentally friendly life.

Conclusion

This nine-day residential camp educated the kids about important skills that they will take with them as they progress with their lives. They will be useful as they go through more experiences and as they explore potential career paths.

On the last day of the camp, the Bharat Uday Gurukul held a ceremony where students were given gifts and a certificate for their completion of the camp.



The instructors and volunteers made a tremendous effort in inspiring, teaching, and training the younger generation. A big thanks to **Dr. Ravikant Pathak** for his leadership and guidance who made this camp a success.

Nemi Desai

Dr. Ravikant Pathak

