

# NAVY CHILDREN SCHOOL, KOCHI

## NES CONFERENCE -2017



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## INSPIRATIONS SPARK HIGH AT THE NES CONFERENCE 2017

The NES Annual Principals' Conference of the Academic and Administrative Heads of 11 Navy Children Schools across the country was held at Kochi on 7, 8 and 9 November, 2017. The three day brainstorming session witnessed austere academicians from around the country sharing their ideas and working hand in hand towards the betterment of the student community. The Conference, held annually under the auspices of Navy Education Society, motivates moral leadership, highlighting the role of education and re-establishing the status of the teaching profession by influencing positive attitude change. The conference brings together a core group of learned faculty and provides a platform for the exchange of novel and path breaking ideas.

The distinguished delegates of the conference:

VAdm R. Harikumar, AVSM, VSM	CPS, NHQ	Cdr S Ramanathan	Director, NCS Portblair
RAdm R.J.Nadkarni, VSM	Chairman NCS, Kochi	Lt Cdr Majji Sampath Kumar	Director, Karanja
Cmde Rohtas Singh	PDNE	Lt Atul Viswas	Director, Porbander
Cmde KS Norr	Vice Chairman, VZG	Ms Ruma Purkayastha	Principal, Delhi
Cmde AA Abhyankar	Vice Chairman, Mumbai	Ms Anita Devi	Principal, Port Blair
Cmde M L Mathew NM	Chairman, Karanja	Dr Nellie Paul Verghese	Principal, Kochi
Cmde Sandeep Chakravarti	Vice Chairman, Kochi	Ms Chanda Bhattacharjee	Principal, Goa
Cmde Kamlesh Kumar	Chairman, Ezhimala	Dr Parul Kumar	Principal, Vizag
Capt R K Sharma	DNE, NES	Ms Mallika Subramaniam	Principal, Mumbai
Capt GB Varadaraju	Vice Chairman, Goa	Ms Raajyashree	HM, Arakkonam
Capt P J Singh	Director, Kochi	Ms Ritu Dhillon	HM, Karwar
Capt Rakesh Mattas	Vice Chairman, Arakonam	Ms Sonia Vikram	HM, Ezhimala
Cdr D Senthil Kumar	Director, Coimbatore	Ms Sasi Rekha R	HM, Coimbatore
Cdr Prabha Lall	Vice Chairman, Karwar	Ms Shruti Deshpande	HM, Karanja



Seating:- (L - R) Cdr Prabha Lall, Capt Rakesh Mattas, Capt GB Varadaraju, Cmde Kamlesh Kumar, Cmde ML Mathew, Cmde KS Noor, RAdm RJ Nadkarni, VAdm R Hari Kumar, Cmde Rohtas Singh, Cmde AA Abhyankar, Cmde Sandeep Chakravarti, Capt RK Sharma, Capt PJ Singh, Cdr D Senthil Kumar,

Standing:- (L - R) Lt Atul Viswas, Mrs Sasi Rekha R, Mrs Ritu Dhillon, Mrs Mallika Subramaniam, Mrs Chhanda Bhattacharjee, Mrs Anita Devi, Mrs Ruma Purkayastha, Dr Nellie Paul Verghese, Dr Parul Kumar, Mrs Raajyashree, Mrs Sonia Vikram, Mrs Shruti Deshpande, Cdr S Ramanathan



## CELEBRITY SPEAK

The students of NCS Kochi had a rare opportunity to interact with the visiting team of academicians. They spent time with the dignitaries, conversing with them on numerous issues that concern them and the academic milieu. Excerpts from the interaction.



**Ms. Ruma Purkayastha**

**Principal, NCS Delhi**

Maehal Bharatwal & Joseph Marvin Oliver

**Q.** Why is that art, music and drama always alien to class 11 and 12? How important is art education in secondary schools?

**Art education is not alienated as such. Periods have been allocated for it but it is not stressed upon. There is a general feeling that students of class 12 have a lot of portions to cover and if they indulge in extra-curricular activities too much, there is a possibility of them getting distracted. However in NCS, we give equal importance to all the subjects.**

**Ms . Anita Devi**

**Principal, NCS, Port Blair,**

Fiona Joseph & Pratyush Singh

**Q.** Like in developed countries where students are given part time jobs, is it possible for us to explore such possibilities in India? Do you think the overprotective nature of Indian parents is a hindrance in exploring the unexplored?

**It is possible to do so but there is a need to bring about a change in the mind set of the parents. The over protective nature of Indian parents will make it tough to experiment with such an idea. I completely support and understand the benefits of such a venture. Parents need to change their mind set and who knows it might just happen in the near future.**



**Dr. Nellie Paul Verghese**

**Principal, NCS Kochi**

**Vivek Maurya & Angha Nair**

**Q.** With the Annual NES Conference being hosted at Kochi, how excited are you in this regard? What are your dreams for the school in the years to come?

**The Southern Naval Command and Navy Children School, Kochi are privileged to host the NES Conference. As a part of this vibrant and lively team, it is an honour beyond words, coordinating the resources towards a fruitful execution of this three days session. NCS has been taking giant leaps of development and progress. My dreams for the schools are always in tandem with our dreams for the future. Whatever the schools has achieved is with the collaborated efforts of all the stakeholders. Navy Children Schools will continue to grow**

**under the guidance and directions of the Indian Navy.**

**Ms. Chanda Bhattachrjee**

**Principal, NCS Goa**

Nakul Nair & Achal Barkataly

**Q.** Many a times, teachers are unable to connect with the students. Is it not important for teachers to use compassion to tackle such problem?

**When correcting students, it should not be onerous that instead of having a positive impact, the child has a negative impact. This hampers the understanding between the student and the teacher which leads to a lot of distancing between them. Teachers then would not be able to connect with the students and vice versa. If we can put an effort towards developing a good relation between the teacher and the student, I am sure there will be no need for punishments.**



**Dr. Parul Kumar**

**Principal, NCS Visakhapatnam**

Shloka Pandey & Govind Balachandran

**Q.** As a principal, what is your take on how the business minded 'entrance classes' have been affecting the traditional schooling system?

**The role of entrance classes is highly dependent on the perspective of the child. If the child is passionate about the field then engaging the child with extra classes for training them to crack the entrance exams should be taken positively. If children are sent to these classes just for the sake of earning a title, it could adversely affect the child. They have a tendency to change the education system from theoretical to mechanical.**



**Ms. Mallika Subramaniam**

Principal, NCS Mumbai

Emil Sam Thomas and Lia Samaara Swaminathan

Q. Many times we're just trying to get to the next thing, people are so busy, even children are busy. Very few of us are able to cherish and appreciate the miracle called life. What is your take on this?

**In today's dynamic world, we are stretched for time; every small task seems to be a chore. But the beauty of life lies not in the task but in the journey towards it. What is important is to carry a lot of memories. People need to change their approach, because if you enjoy your school, it hardly seems like a burden anymore.**

**Ms. Rajyashree**

Principal NCS, Arakkonam

Teesta Mohan and Aditya Krishnan

Q. In numerous developed countries, students are encouraged to take up part time jobs. This gives students a realistic view of the world and an extra skill set. Do you think it's time we explore these possibilities in India?

**The culture in our country is such that children and their parents have a very close knit relationship. Indian parents support their kids in every way possible and are also very protective. So, taking up jobs at a young age may not find approval from parents. Students in India should use the best of their resources and work hard for a bright future.**



**Ms. Ritu Dhillon**

Headmistress, NCS Karwar

Adithya Prakash and Aditi Kudalkar

Q. What is that one message that you would like to give the children?

**Innocence speak volumes. Children should not have the hurry to grow up at all. They should enjoy their school life, because all this, the stage, the classroom, playgrounds, won't come back. They should not miss out all these in their life. This is the stage of life that you enjoy the most. So, be a child, enjoy your time at school because there is no turning back.**

**Ms. Sonia Vikram**

Headmistress, NCS Ezhimala

Alphonsa Mary Joseph & Kapish Naithani

Q. What is your stand on the need to make our students media literate?

**Media literacy is an important aspect of a person's life. Students must be taught to differentiate between real and fake news. They should develop a habit of reading the newspapers. This is for sure an old habit in a fast paced world, but it would help students get a wide perspective on things. It is also important to read more than one newspaper to get a diverse view on happenings around them.**



**Ms Shashi Rekha**

Head Mistress, NCS Coimbatore

Souparnika & Adithya Joshi

Q- Are you a stern administrator or a dear friend to your students? Was it challenging to form friendships with students?

**When children come to me, I am there as a mentor and a guide to support them. I am friendly with my children and treat them as my own kids. I am always a helping hand for them through their hard times.**

**Mrs Shruti Deshpande**

Vice Principal, NCS Karanja

Pranav Somashekhar & Stuti Pant

Q. What is your opinion on punishments in schools? Do you think the recent decisions prohibiting corporal punishments have worked against or in favour of students?

**I personally feel that no student should be penalised. I believe in correcting students by appealing to their conscience and helping them realize their mistakes. Teachers should make efforts to know the child better.**





## NCS KOCHI - A CHRONICLE



Indian Navy standing guard, adorning the queen of the Arabian Sea, is the Navy Children School, Kochi. An educational institution that took wings in a naval barrack in 1986 at Kataribagh, Kochi, the school, under the able tutelage of Mrs. Indira V James, an eminent visionary, has grown in leaps and bounds. Celebrating 31 years of incessant scholarship and erudition, this temple of learning has stood the test of time. Having given direction, over the years, through prodigious personalities, the school has flourished and completed three decades of excellent education.

The school now has a credit of more than 2000 students, efficient faculties, innovative class rooms and numerous remarkable achievements on its cap. Bearing the radiant beacon of enlightenment, with Dr. Nellie Paul Verghese at the helm, NCS Kochi continues on its enchanting journey of distinction with the able and comprehensive support of the Southern Naval Command.



The school has always been a front runner in both academic and co-scholastic arenas. The numerous accolades that adorn the school mantles are a proof of the laurels that the school has won in numerous fields.



Navy Children School, Kochi played host to 20 students of St. Peter's Higher Secondary school, Kadairippu, Kolenchery in the first of its kind student exchange program as a part of its Diwali celebrations. Students of NCS, Kochi took lead in entertaining the team calling in at the Naval Base with various games and a cultural extravaganza spreading the message of camaraderie.



Vibrancy is the mantra of NCS Kochi. The School works relentlessly towards the holistic development of each student, making use of all the opportunities, engaging in activities that promote the overall development of the children. We look forward to the NES Conference as a platform for enrichment of teaching learning process in NCS all over the country to prepare citizens who will render great services to the nation.



Learning is critical, Utilize the curiosity,  
Unlock the doors of enlightenment  
The world is your oyster  
Be the brightest pearl ever.