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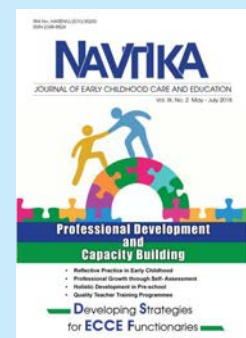
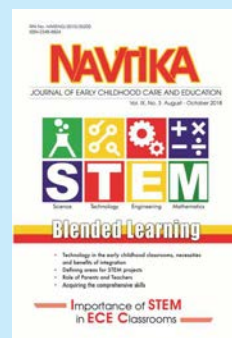
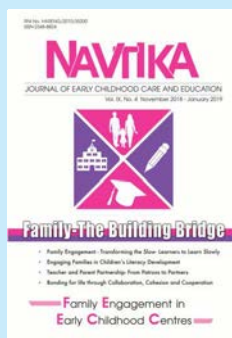
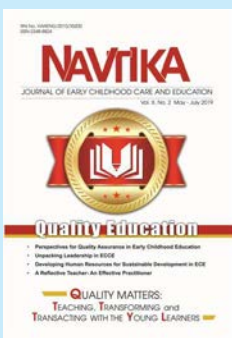
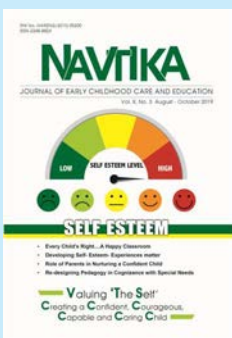
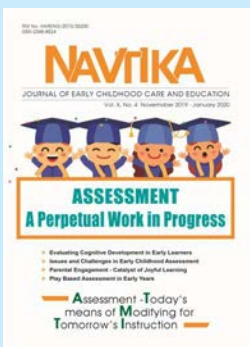
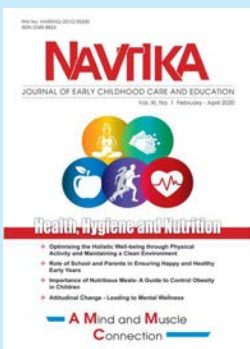
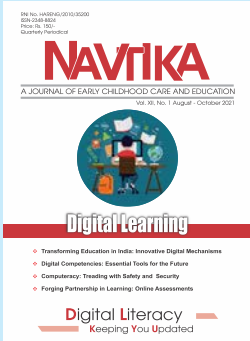
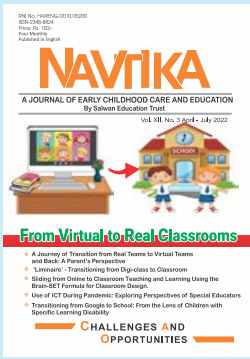
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Over the years our education system has evolved from gurukuls to schools to digital learning. Our education system has moved forward from Vedas and Upanishads, following teachings of Purusharth and Manusmriti to self-learning and self-realisation. Evolve or perish is nature's dictum. Thus, it is natural for the educators to work endlessly to innovate and to create strategies to facilitate learning for the changing times. Educators today have been successful to some extent, but we have miles to go before we sleep!

The present approach towards education has transitioned from content to concept. The chalk and talk method has been replaced with learning by doing or experiential teaching-learning system. The fact that the present generation does not face dearth of resources but requires the right guidance looms large. The traditional methods need to make way for technology-based learning. However, technology with its pros and cons needs to be handled with care. This makes the role of the parent and the educator crucial and critical.

With the advent of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the classrooms are required to be dynamic areas where learning happens through play. Research has proved that enriching experiences stimulate brain development. This indicates that investing in high quality early childhood education and care (ECEC) has the potential to offer endless opportunities necessary for their well-being and success in life. ECEC is essential for developing cognitive, social and emotional skills in children.

The teacher should not be a sage on the stage. Educator should play the role of the 'guide on the side' and put the students' learning at centre stage. As students gain greater access to information, it is the educator's role to guide the application and assimilation of that information for solving real-world problems. Instructional design should therefore focus on providing tools and environments for helping learners interpret the multiple perspectives while creating their own world.

The articles in this issue will provide the much-required guidance to understand the changing paradigm in the field of education and the evolution of a new education system to nurture the future global citizens. All articles have been peer-reviewed for academic authenticity.

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# Toy-based **Pedagogy** – A Key to **Explore & Learn**

**Bharat Bhusan Srivastava**

## **ABSTRACT**

For pre-schoolers, toys are used for getting children ready to learn. However, they can be used right from pre-school level to the higher secondary level as educational teaching-learning aid. Toy as a teaching-learning resource has the potential to transform classroom pedagogy. Storytelling, drama, enacting real-life situations and role plays can easily be done using toys by linking them with the themes in the syllabus. Toy-Based pedagogy can easily be used by parents as well to make their children's learning experience happier and more enjoyable. It is worth mentioning that the toy-based pedagogy is in alignment with the NEP 2020, highlighting the role played by toys in the cognitive development of children. This pedagogy can be used effectively for igniting creativity and developing problem-solving skills in learners.

According to NEP 2020, Pedagogy must evolve to make education more experiential, holistic, integrated, inquiry-driven, discovery-oriented, learner-centred, discussion-based, flexible, and enjoyable. NEP clearly articulates that in all stages, experiential learning should be adopted, including hands-on learning, arts-integrated and sports-integrated education- and story telling-based pedagogy. Further, it also gives autonomy to the teachers to choose the pedagogy. The basic aim of underlining the importance of the above-mentioned pedagogies is to ultimately shift, towards competency-based learning and education. Budget 2021 truly captures this spirit and propagates the unique indigenous toy-based learning pedagogy for all levels of school education.

Toys help in understanding social and cultural aspects of our country, and strengthen psychomotor and emotional aspects of a child's personality. But what should children learn in pre-school? The first answer would be that pre-school programs need to address issues related to social, emotional, and physical as well as cognitive development of learners. Much of the research based on young children's learning investigates cognitive development with regard to the learner's progress in language and literacy, mathematics, and science. Perhaps

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