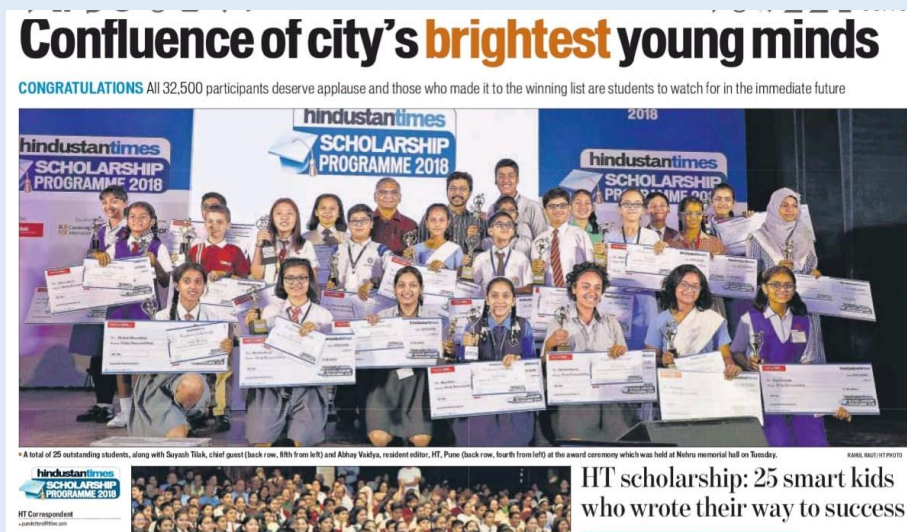


Gina Patel, Class VII bags Hindustan Times Scholarship Programme 2018.



Out of 32,500 participants from 80 schools in Pune city, 25 young, vibrant and dynamic children made it to the winning list of the Hindustan Times Scholarship Programme 2018. All the students had to write an essay on " Are we too dependent on our computers and mobile phone. If Yes, how can we reduce the addiction? "The top 100 students were shortlisted who were then interviewed by the Editor of HT Mr Abhay Vaidya. The top 25 students were then selected based on their essays, academic scores, communication skills and extracurricular achievements.

Gina Patel, student of Class VII Coral wrote the essay and from the beginning was a front runner. Being an avid reader, Gina found it very comfortable to write an exhaustive essay on the topic. Further more her communication skills and sports activities also helped her edge through the others in the different rounds. She truly deserves this scholarship worth Rs 30000.





Abhay Vaidya, resident editor, HT, Pune (back row, fourth from left) at the award ceremony which was held at Nehru memorial hall on Tuesday.

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gaming and social media addiction.

issue of... I am not completely dependent on it. I find that you wait in a lot of time on the phone and hence I have very few open tabs," he said.

GIRL POWER ROCKING
The award-winning women write. "I think, proved to be very interesting with several students making about the virtual world, gaming and social media addiction. In his speech, the co-deep Singh, vice president and Regional Sales Manager, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. observed, "This time there are many girls winning the scholarship and all their are each here again. This is the new India."

HEARD ABOUT 'NOMOPHOBIA'?

One of the issues by a Class 9 student, topic of issue like Nomophobia which is the fear of being without your phone. Some students have even argued that technology was not built to be a sign of progress and that we should not become slaves of technology. The children were eager to get distracted by smart devices but to consciously develop a hobby.

extracts from winning essays

- Cyber bullying is a major cause for depression in children. Many people have lost their lives due to constant gaming.
- **Kaia James, Class V**
- Playing outdoor games is a really good way to forget those phones for a long time and have a great fun. Your body will also stay healthy by playing.
- **Anwar Parthasarade, Class V**
- Just a small change in the normal things will help us lead a happier and peaceful life. Electronic devices and mobile phones must be used as tools and not as a means to waste time. If we use them much, it makes everything if it is teachers, then it makes everything blind.
- **Disha Chaudhary, Class IX**
- Devices are from social media and engage in some other activity. Right down your thoughts, feelings and emotions in a diary and preserve it rather than knowing it. Make a list of books.
- **Akshita Singh, Class VII**
- Reading books, thinking, traveling and listening to music are some good hobbies we can do in our spare time. Participating in sports and games can help us to stay fit and healthy.
- **Ashika Bhatnagar, Class VII**
- If we don't have entertainment, then we search for it. But what did our predecessors do, they read. They developed curiosity because they read.
- **Shreya Chaudhary, Class VI**

