## **Report: How NEP/NCF Competencies Help Students Learn Better**

## 'When one teaches, two learn.' -Robert Heinlein

On 10 September 2024, The **Eblity School Success Team** hosted a highly informative online webinar titled "**How NEP/NCF Competencies Help Students Learn Better.**" which our school teachers at **The Air Force School, Subroto Park** registered. This session was led by **Ms. Smita Tripathi**, an expert in educational frameworks and policies. The webinar was designed to provide educators with valuable insights into how the competencies outlined in the National Education Policy (NEP) and the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) can significantly enhance student learning outcomes.

Ms. Smita Tripathi began the session with an overview of the National Education Policy 2020 and its focus on a competency-based learning framework. She explained how NEP seeks to shift from rote learning to holistic development by promoting critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication among students. The webinar delved into the specific competencies outlined by the NCF and its vocational components, along with skills such as cognitive, social-emotional, and ethical skills. She highlighted how these competencies help foster well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. She emphasized the need for teachers to identify the challenges, design learning experiences that go beyond traditional subject boundaries, encouraging real-world applications of knowledge and strategies to help students. By focusing on skill-building rather than content memorization, students are better equipped to retain knowledge, develop problem-solving abilities, and apply their learning in new contexts. This approach also promotes inclusivity, catering to different learning styles and abilities.

Overall, the webinar provided a solid foundation for educators to move toward a more holistic and student-centric approach to teaching, in line with the goals of the NEP 2020. Teachers left with a deeper understanding of how the NEP and NCF frameworks can positively impact student learning, along with actionable strategies to integrate competency-based learning into their classrooms.

