

# ACHIEVING MILESTONES IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

**P**ankaj Sharma, president of The Lexicon Group of Institutes, talks to us about their school being ranked the #1 in East part of Pune City by The Times Group – Education Icons.

## How did you achieve this?

Honestly, this title has not come to us overnight; we have worked for many years with an indefatigable determination. Even amidst the less successful days of our journey, we chose to believe in our hard work, integrity, and ourselves. Today, achieving this title of being the #1 brand is the cumulative reward for the endless days and years, which the entire team has dedicated to Lexicon.

## Given the huge demand for admissions, tell us about your admission policy...

Our admissions policy is certainly one of kind! We conduct an entirely anonymous lottery system of admissions, where students are granted admission on the basis of a lottery draw, held in the presence of all the applicants' parents. This allows us to be absolutely unbiased and impartial in our admissions.

## What is the vision for the future of the group?

While I am immensely humbled by the recognition we have received, it has only made me want to expand The Lexicon Group to even greater horizons. I believe we have the capability to provide premiere education



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to every single child, and empower these children with the skills and knowledge to achieve success in the real world and become the leaders of tomorrow.

## Did you ever imagine that the group would be able to come this far?

Oh, I had certainly hoped so! (laughs) Seriously though, I just knew we had to keep working until we could achieve our goal of setting up a school that made a difference. We started with just 19 students in a school building, and today, we have a combined enrollment of over 15,000 students across the group. It makes me feel immensely blessed.

## What is the driving force behind your success story?

Success cannot be accomplished by a single man's vision or hard work; it takes a team to achieve victory. I am fortunate to have a family that shares my vision for the group. My father, SD Sharma, is the foundation upon which the school has been established, and my brother, Dr Neeraj Sharma, vice chairman of the group, is the irreplaceable force that drives it forward. Additionally, the entire credit of leading the schools and kids goes to Dr Monisha Sharma and Deepti Sharma.

Furthermore, the group is a product of the contribution of all the teaching and non-teaching members. They all form a highly skilled and dedicated team, who work tirelessly to make a difference in our students' lives.