

Day Schools: Regional league tables

FOR DAY SCHOOLS IN PARTICULAR, RANKS OF HONOUR IN regional or zonal (north, east, south and west) league tables tend to be of greater significance than high rank in the national table. That's because competition to attract the brightest students and best teachers is likely to be more intense between schools in the neighbourhood than with institutions spread across the country. Moreover, respondents who constitute the sample base are generally more knowledgeable about schools in their own region than with education institutions further afield. In the case of day schools, it's also important to bear in mind that they tend to have parochial rather than national or even regional reputations.

For instance, for parents and students in Patna, the administrative capital of the state of Bihar (pop. 104 million), the modest national ranking (116) awarded by the sample respondents to the city's St. Michael's School is of far less importance than the knowledge that it is Bihar's No.1 day school. Likewise resident citizens in the north-eastern state of Meghalaya (pop. 3 million) would be more interested to learn that Loreto Convent, Shillong is the most admired day school in the state. With this awareness in mind, the EW-C fore survey of India's most respected day schools also offers readers regional league tables from which they can derive more localised rankings, going all the way down to municipal wards. Therefore for the first time the EW-C fore Survey 2011 also features a revealing 'Best in States' table (see p.84).

Northern Region

UNSURPRISINGLY, THE NORTH INDIA DAY SCHOOLS REGIONAL league table is dominated by primary-secondaries in Delhi and NCR (National Capital Region which includes Noida, Ghaziabad and Gurgaon). In the Top 20 headed by **The Shri Ram School (TSRS)**, **Vasant Valley**, **Springdales**, **Dhaura Kuan** in that order and **Sanskriti**, **DPS**, **R.K. Puram** and **Mother's International** co-ranked No. 4, the only schools from beyond this penumbra are **St. John's High** (13) and **Carmel Convent** (16) both in Chandigarh. But even within the Top 20, there's been a rearrangement of the seating at top table presided by TSRS. The most spectacular entries into this elite list are the **Heritage School, Gurgaon** ranked 11th this year (*cf.* 48 in 2010), **Salwan Public School, Gurgaon** at No. 12 (42) and **Mirambika, Delhi** at 14 (unranked) with **Amity International, Noida**, **Springdales**, **Pusa Road** and **Lotus Valley, Noida** among others improving their rankings this year.

"It's wonderful news that despite our policy of maintaining a low public profile and focusing our attention on innovations within the school campus, information about our continuously improving teaching-learning standards in the school has filtered to the general public. It's particularly gratifying that we have been highly ranked on the parameters of teacher welfare and development, and faculty competence, and recognised as an institution which is friendly towards disabled and challenged children, because these are areas in which we have invested heavily in terms of time and money," says Arun Kapur, the founder-director of **Vasant**



Vasant Valley's Arun Kapur (right foreground)

Valley School, Delhi (estb. 1990).

In the next 30, among the primary-secondaries which have moved up to be ranked among the Top 50 are Strawberry Fields, Chandigarh 21 (unranked); Hansraj Public, Panchkula 22 (unranked); Blue Bells, Delhi 23 (53); DPS, Faridabad 24 (43); City Montessori, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow 29 (68) — the top-ranked day school in Lucknow; Tagore International, Delhi 27 (55); Apeejay, Pitampura (Delhi) 30 (56); G.D. Goenka, Vasant Kunj 35 (unranked); Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Delhi 37 (unranked); Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Chandigarh 38 (unranked) and Somerville School, Noida 44 (unranked) among others.

Further down the northern region league table, several hitherto unranked schools have done well to be included in the Top 100 list. Among them: DLF Public School, Ghaziabad 53; Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh (Delhi) 71; Indraprastha School, Paschim Vihar 71; Bal Bharati Public, Rohini and Bal Bharati, Dwarka co-ranked 80; Ryan International, Chandigarh 82; Ryan International, Mayur Vihar (Delhi) 87; Heritage School, Jammu (92) and Amity International, Ghaziabad 91. Also included among the Top 100 in the north are several Central government-promoted Kendriya Vidyalayas sited in Gole Market and Andrews Ganj (both in Delhi) ranked 98 and 99; Kendriya Vidyalaya – IIT Kanpur campus 100 and KV, Jabalpur 102.

Springdales Dhaura Kuan choir. Inset: Principal Jyoti Bose



North Zone league table

Rank				Total score	School Name	Total score
2008	2009	2010	2011			
1	1	1	1	1293	The Shri Ram School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi	1148
5	8	5	2	1279	Vasant Valley School, New Delhi	1146
4	4	3	3	1254	Springdales School, Dhaula Kuan New Delhi	1145
2	2	4	4	1251	Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri, Delhi	1139
3	3	4	4	1251	DPS, R.K. Puram, New Delhi	1138
3	4	2	4	1251	The Mother's International School, New Delhi	1135
NR	9	6	5	1246	Step by Step, Noida	1134
NR	NR	7	6	1245	The Shri Ram School, Aravali, Gurgaon	1134
8	7	9	7	1236	Amity International, Noida	1133
NR	41	11	7	1236	Springdales Public School, Pusa Road, New Delhi	1133
7	6	8	7	1236	Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi	1132
NR	NR	13	8	1232	DAV School, Sector 14, Gurgaon	1132
5	5	6	9	1214	Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Delhi	1132
NR	NR	15	10	1213	DPS, Ghaziabad	1128
NR	NR	48	11	1210	Heritage School, Gurgaon	1128
NR	NR	42	12	1209	Salwan Public School, Gurgaon	1127
15	37	14	13	1206	St. John's High School, Chandigarh	1127
NR	NR	NR	14	1201	Mirambika, New Delhi	1126
17	26	23	15	1185	Lotus Valley International, Noida	1126
NR	NR	NR	16	1177	Shikshantar School, Gurgaon	1126
14	16	19	16	1177	Carmel Convent School, Chandigarh	1123
16	11	12	17	1175	DPS, Mathura Road, New Delhi	1123
9	12	16	18	1170	DPS, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	1123
11	15	17	18	1170	Modern School, Vasant Vihar, Delhi	1119
NR	21	32	19	1168	Ahlcon International School, Delhi	1119
24	28	10	20	1167	DPS, Noida	1117
NR	NR	NR	21	1166	Strawberry Fields, Chandigarh	1117
NR	NR	NR	22	1165	Hansraj Public School, Panchkula	1117
NR	NR	53	23	1164	Blue Bells, New Delhi	1116
NR	38	43	24	1156	DPS, Faridabad	1116
NR	NR	20	25	1155	St. Francis De Sales School, Janakpuri, New Delhi	1116
NR	NR	22	25	1155	Air Force Golden Jubilee Institute, Subroto Park, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	34	26	1154	Montfort School, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	55	27	1150	Tagore International, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	33	28	1148	DPS, Rohini, New Delhi	1115
21	27	68	29	1146	City Montessori School, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow	1115
NR	NR	56	30	1145	Apeejay, Pitampura, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	27	31	1139	Laxman Public School, New Delhi	1115
12	13	21	32	1138	Carmel Convent School, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	NR	33	1135	Suncity School, Gurgaon	1115
NR	NR	48	34	1134	Bal Bharati School, Pitampura, Delhi	1115
NR	20	27	34	1134	Loreto Convent High School, Lucknow	1115
NR	NR	46	34	1134	Vivek High School, Chandigarh	1115
NR	NR	NR	35	1133	G.D. Goenka, Vasant Kunj, Delhi	1115
NR	NR	31	35	1133	DPS, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	1115
NR	NR	32	36	1132	Gyan Bharati, New Delhi	1115
25	29	26	37	1128	Amity School, Saket, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	NR	37	1128	Mata Jai Kaur Public School, Delhi	1115
NR	NR	57	38	1127	Mount St. Mary's, Delhi Cantt	1115
NR	NR	NR	38	1127	Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Chandigarh	1115
13	17	26	39	1126	St. Columba's School, New Delhi	1115
NR	31	28	40	1123	Mater Dei Convent School, Tilak Lane, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	30	41	1119	DPS, Dwarka, New Delhi	1115
NR	46	50	42	1117	Hans Raj Model School, Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi	1115
NR	30	27	43	1116	Apeejay School, Noida	1115
NR	NR	44	43	1116	Ahlcon Public School, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	NR	44	1115	Somerville School, Noida	1115
6	10	37	44	1115	Sacred Heart Public School, Chandigarh	1115
NR	NR	65	45	1114	Modern Vidya Niketan, Faridabad	1115
NR	NR	43	46	1112	Shaheed Rajpal DAV Public School, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	NR	46	1112	V.V. DAV Public School, Vikaspuri, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	51	47	1108	Salwan Public School, Rajender Nagar, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	28	48	1106	Kothari International School, Noida	1115
NR	NR	58	49	1105	DPS, Chandigarh	1115
NR	19	25	50	1104	St. Thomas School, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	36	50	1104	Manav Sthali, Rajender Nagar, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	NR	51	1103	Salwan Public School, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi	1115
NR	39	18	52	1102	APS, Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi	1115
NR	NR	34	52	1102	Apeejay School, Faridabad	1115
NR	NR	NR	53	1100	DLF Public School, Ghaziabad	1115

2008	2009	2010	2011	North Zone league table	Total score	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total score	
NR	36	49	53	Venkateshwara International, Dwarka, New Delhi	1100	NR	NR	NR	78	Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave, New Delhi	1056
NR	NR	44	54	DAV Public School, Shrestha Vihar, New Delhi	1098	NR	NR	41	79	Brightlands School, Dehradun	1049
NR	NR	NR	55	Mira Model Sr. Sec. School, Janak Puri, New Delhi	1097	NR	NR	NR	80	Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini, New Delhi	1044
NR	NR	NR	56	St. Mark's Public School, Meera Bagh, New Delhi	1093	NR	NR	NR	80	Bal Bharati School, Dwarka, Delhi	1044
18	25	40	57	La Martiniere High School, Lucknow	1091	NR	NR	NR	80	K.R. Mangalam School, GK, Delhi	1044
37	18	21	58	Convent of Jesus & Mary, Bangla Sahib Marg, New Delhi	1090	NR	NR	NR	80	DPS, Jammu	1044
NR	NR	NR	58	Ryan International School, Rohini, New Delhi	1090	NR	NR	NR	81	N.K. Bagrodia Public School, Dwarka, Delhi	1043
40	22	37	59	St. Stephen's School, Chandigarh	1089	NR	NR	NR	82	Ryan International, Chandigarh	1042
NR	NR	54	60	St. Anne's Convent School, Chandigarh	1085	NR	NR	50	83	DAV Public School, Sector 14, Faridabad	1041
NR	NR	40	61	St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun	1084	NR	NR	NR	83	Convent of Jesus & Mary, Dehradun	1041
NR	NR	NR	61	DAV, Sector 8, Chandigarh	1084	NR	NR	NR	84	DAV Public School, Pushpanjali Enclave, New Delhi	1040
NR	NR	38	61	St. Kabir Public School, Chandigarh	1084	NR	NR	NR	85	Summer Fields School, Gurgaon	1031
NR	47	39	62	Ramjas Sr. Secondary School, New Delhi	1083	NR	NR	NR	86	Burn Hall School, Srinagar	1030
NR	34	31	63	DPS, Sector 45, Gurgaon	1082	NR	NR	NR	87	Ryan International, Mayur Vihar, New Delhi	1029
10	14	29	64	Air Force Bal Bharati School, Lodhi Road, New Delhi	1077	NR	NR	NR	88	Jodhamal Public School, Jammu	1028
19	24	30	65	Birla Vidya Niketan, New Delhi	1074	NR	NR	NR	88	Silverline School, Ghaziabad	1028
NR	NR	48	66	Seth MR Jaipuria School, Lucknow	1073	NR	NR	62	89	Govt Sr. Model School, Sector 35, Chandigarh	1026
NR	NR	NR	67	Indraprastha School, Dwarka, Delhi	1071	NR	NR	63	89	Govt Sr. Model School, Sector 16, Chandigarh	1026
NR	45	60	68	Doon International School, Dehradun	1070	NR	NR	NR	90	Bhavan's Vidyalaya, Panchkula	1023
NR	NR	NR	69	The Indian School, New Delhi	1069	NR	NR	NR	91	Bal Bharati Public, Ghaziabad	1022
NR	32	52	70	The Gurukul, Panchkula	1068	NR	NR	NR	92	Heritage School, Jammu	1014
NR	NR	35	70	Apeejay, Shekh Sarai, Delhi	1068	NR	43	59	93	Guru Harkishan Public School, Purana Quila Road, New Delhi	1012
NR	NR	NR	71	Jaspal Kaur Public School, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi	1065	NR	NR	NR	93	Amity International, Ghaziabad	1012
NR	NR	47	71	Amity School, Sector 46, Gurgaon	1065	NR	NR	NR	94	Sunbeam School, Lahartara, Varanasi	1011
NR	NR	44	72	Eicher School, Faridabad	1063	NR	NR	64	94	Ryan International, Faridabad	1011
NR	NR	49	73	Manav Rachna International School, Faridabad	1062	NR	NR	NR	95	Cambridge School, Ghaziabad	1002
NR	NR	NR	74	Indraprastha School, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi	1061	NR	NR	NR	96	Mount Carmel, Dwarka, Delhi	987
14	23	45	74	Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi	1061	NR	42	67	97	Lovely Public Sr. Sec. School, Krishna Nagar, New Delhi	984
NR	NR	NR	75	Vishwa Bharati School, Noida	1060	NR	NR	NR	98	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gole Market, New Delhi	982
NR	NR	NR	75	Uttam School, Ghaziabad	1060	NR	NR	NR	99	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Andrews Ganj	978
NR	NR	NR	76	Shivalik Public School, Mohali	1058	NR	NR	NR	100	Kendriya Vidyalaya - IIT Kanpur	970
NR	NR	66	77	Blue Bells Public School, Gurgaon	1057	NR	NR	NR	101	Kendriya Vidyalaya - JNU campus, New Delhi	968
						NR	NR	NR	102	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jabalpur	952
						NR	NR	NR	103	RD Rajpal Public School, Dwarka, Delhi	949

Western Region

BEARING IN MIND THAT ESPECIALLY FOR DAY SCHOOLS, regional and parochial reputation and ranking is more important than national rank, the slippage on the all-India league table from No. 4 and 6 in 2010 to joint No. 9 of Mumbai's **Campion** and **Bombay Scottish** schools shouldn't bother their principals or parents since the two schools have retained their ranking on the Western India regional league table this year.

The jokers in the pack of Western India's Top 10 day schools in the EW-C fore India's Most Respected Schools Survey 2011 are the **Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane** which has risen spectacularly in public esteem leapfrogging into the second position from No. 11 last year; **Eklavya School, Ahmedabad** to No. 5 (9 last year); the **Hiranandani Foundation School, Powai (Mumbai)** to No. 6 (17); **Bombay International** No. 6 (14) and **Utpal Shanghvi, School, Mumbai** at No. 10 (21). In the Top 10 list dominated by Mumbai schools headed by **Cathedral and John Connon** ranked second nationwide, **Riverside, Ahmedabad, Ryan International, Goregaon (Mumbai)** and **Jamnabai Narsee** more or less retained their positions with Riverside the only non-Mumbai school making it into the Top 10 list.



Revathi Srinivasan: encouraging endorsement

"Given that we have always been a low profile institution, to be awarded the status of second most respected school in all of Western India by a knowledgeable database of respondents is undoubtedly an encouraging endorsement of this school's processes and output of well-qualified students," says Revathi Srinivasan, director and principal of **Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane** (estb.1968), which has impressively impacted the consciousness of sample respondents in Western India to be ranked No. 2 in the regional table (cf. no.11 in 2010). "The high ranking awarded to us under the parameters of teacher development and welfare, sports education and quality of leadership confirms that we are now well qualified to share our expertise in providing balanced, holistic K-12 education with neighbouring and other schools which may wish to learn from our experience," adds Srinivasan

Further down the Western India days schools league table,

major gains in public reputation have been recorded this year by the previously unranked **Birla Public School, Pilani** ranked No. 13, emerging as the No.1 day school of the state of Rajasthan (pop. 68 million); **DPS, Ahmedabad** ranked 17 (24); **Apeejay, Nerul** 19 (33); the previously unranked **DPS, Jaipur** 19 and **Sharda Mandir, Panjim** which is the No. 1 school of the western seaboard state of Goa (pop. 1.4 million). Other notable movements in the western regional league table 2011 are **Convent Girls High, Mumbai** 25 (unranked); **St. John's Universal, Goregaon (Mumbai)** 27 (unranked); **Children's Academy, Malad (Mumbai)** 27 (54); **New Tulip International, Ahmedabad** 28 (unranked) and **St. Anthony's, Chembur (Mumbai)**, 29 (unranked).

Ranked among the Top 50 day schools in Western India are new entrants **Auxilium Convent, Wadala (Mumbai)** at 31, **Arya Vidya Mandir, Bandra (Mumbai)** 35; **Rachna High, Ahmedabad**; **G.D. Somani, Mumbai** (38); **Symbiosis International, Pune** (39); and **Navrachna, Vadodara** (40) although all these three schools have yielded a few ranks in the regional day table in which the hitherto Gundecha Education Academy (39) has made an impressive entry. Ranked for the first time is the well-reputed **Kendriya Vidyalaya at IIT-Bombay** (61) and **Atul Vidyalaya, Valsad** which has also debuted in the Western India day schools league table 2011.

West Zone league table

Rank				Total score
2008	2009	2010	2011	
2	1	1	1	Cathedral and John Connon School, Mumbai 1292
NR	NR	11	2	Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane, Mumbai 1248
3	3	2	3	Campion School, Mumbai 1247
1	2	3	3	Bombay Scottish School, Mahim 1247
NR	NR	4	4	The Riverside School, Ahmedabad 1241
NR	NR	9	5	Eklavya School, Ahmedabad 1237
9	11	17	6	Hiranandani Foundation School, Powai 1224
7	7	5	7	Jamna Bai Narsee School, Mumbai 1215
5	7	6	8	Ryan International School, Goregaon, Mumbai 1201
10	14	14	9	Bombay International School, Mumbai 1195
NR	NR	21	10	Utpal Shanghvi School, Mumbai 1152
14	8	10	11	JB Petit High School, Mumbai 1141
NR	11	7	12	St. Mary's High School, Mazgaon, Mumbai 1128
NR	NR	NR	13	Birla Public School, Pilani 1123
10	9	13	14	Birla Public School, Pune 1121
4	4	8	15	St. Xavier's High School, Mumbai 1118
NR	10	16	16	St. Mary's School, Pune 1114
NR	NR	12	16	Arya Vidya Mandir, Juhu, Mumbai 1114

2008	2009	2010	2011	West Zone league table	Total score	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total score	
NR	25	24	17	DPS, Ahmedabad	1110	NR	NR	NR	40	Mahindra Academy, Malad (E), Mumbai	1058
NR	NR	15	18	Don Bosco High School, Matunga, Mumbai	1107	21	21	31	40	Ryan International School, Kandivali, Mumbai	1058
NR	NR	NR	19	Apeejay School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai	1102	NR	NR	42	41	St. Anne's Girls High School, Kalbadevi, Mumbai	1057
NR	NR	NR	19	DPS, Jaipur	1102	NR	34	51	41	Children's Academy, Kandivali (Ashok Nagar), Mumbai	1057
NR	NR	NR	20	Sharda Mandir School, Panjim	1096	NR	NR	NR	41	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Vidyashram, Jaipur	1057
NR	12	24	21	Villa Theresa High School, Mumbai	1092	NR	NR	NR	41	Rustomjee Cambridge International School, Dahisar (W), Mumbai	1055
13	33	34	22	St. Kabir School, Ahmedabad	1086	NR	NR	NR	42	St. Anthony's School, Andheri, Mumbai	1054
NR	NR	20	23	Gopi Birla Public School, Malabar Hill, Mumbai	1084	NR	20	37	43	Christ Church School, Clare Road Mumbai	1049
NR	NR	22	24	DPS, Vashi, Navi Mumbai	1083	NR	NR	43	44	Radha Krishna High School, Malad, Mumbai	1045
NR	NR	NR	25	Convent Girls High School, Prabhadevi, Mumbai	1081	NR	NR	39	46	Udgam School, Ahmedabad	1040
NR	22	32	26	DPS, Vadodara	1078	NR	32	45	46	St. Helena's, Pune	1040
NR	NR	54	27	Children's Academy School, Malad, Mumbai	1077	NR	NR	41	47	St. Stanislaus High School, Mumbai	1038
NR	NR	NR	27	St. John's Universal School, Goregaon, Mumbai	1077	NR	NR	44	48	New Era School, Breach Candy, Mumbai	1037
NR	NR	NR	27	Don Bosco High School, Panjim	1077	NR	NR	47	49	Swami Vivekanand School Sindhi Society, Chembur, Mumbai	1034
NR	24	25	28	Loyola High School, Pune	1076	NR	NR	47	50	Abhinav Vidyalaya High School, Pune	1032
NR	NR	NR	28	The New Tulip International School, Ahmedabad	1076	NR	NR	NR	51	Avalon Heights International School, Navi Mumbai	1026
NR	NR	NR	29	St. Anthony's School, Chembur	1075	NR	31	38	52	All Saints High School, Pune	1024
10	15	29	30	Maneckji Cooper School, Mumbai	1074	NR	NR	49	52	St. Gregorious High School, Chembur, Mumbai	1024
NR	NR	NR	31	Auxilium Convent, Wadala, Mumbai	1073	NR	NR	52	53	Holy Family School, Mumbai	1019
26	16	26	32	Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS), Chembur, Mumbai	1072	NR	NR	52	53	St. Anthony's, Santacruz, Mumbai	1019
NR	13	18	33	St. Joseph's, Pune	1071	NR	NR	NR	54	SBOA Public School, Navi Mumbai	1014
NR	NR	27	33	Fr. Agnel, Navi Mumbai	1071	NR	NR	50	55	Sacred Heart, Navi Mumbai	1012
NR	NR	36	34	Podar International School, Navi Mumbai	1070	NR	NR	NR	56	DAV School, Navi Mumbai	1009
NR	17	31	35	St. Vincent's School, Pune	1067	NR	27	40	56	St. Ann's High School, Mumbai	1009
NR	NR	NR	35	Arya Vidya Mandir, Bandra	1067	NR	NR	NR	57	Bal Bharti Public School, Navi Mumbai	995
31	29	28	36	Ryan International School, Khargar, Navi Mumbai	1065	NR	NR	57	58	South Indian Education Society's High School, Matunga, Mumbai	993
NR	NR	NR	37	CNM School, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai	1063	NR	36	57	59	SS Mody International School, Jhunjhunu	992
NR	18	23	37	Rachna High School, Ahmedabad	1063	NR	NR	53	60	Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Sion, Mumbai	991
32	26	33	38	GD Somani Memorial School, Mumbai	1062	NR	NR	NR	61	Kendriya Vidyalaya - IIT Bombay	989
24	30	30	39	Symbiosis International School, Pune	1060	NR	NR	NR	62	Atul Vidyalaya, Valsad	950
NR	NR	NR	39	Gundecha Education Academy, Kandivali, Mumbai	1060						
30	23	30	40	Navrachana School, Vadodara	1058						
NR	19	26	40	St. Anne's, Pune	1058						

Southern Region

TWO NOTABLE FEATURES OF THE SOUTH INDIA DAY SCHOOLS regional tables are that unlike the situation in the north and western regions where the Top 10 regional lists are dominated by schools in Delhi/NCR and Mumbai, down south the region's Top 10 schools are fairly evenly distributed across the peninsula. Secondly, the reputedly conservative informed public of south India values alternative-style new age school education to a far greater extent than parents and educators in other parts of the country.

Thus the Top 3 day schools — **Mallya Aditi, Bangalore, PSBB, Chennai** (jointly ranked first); **Vidya Niketan, Bangalore** ranked second and **Gitanjali, Hyderabad**, ranked third — are distributed across peninsular India. Moreover three new age schools with liberal education, environment friendliness and spiritual learning characteristics (**Valley School, Bangalore; Centre for Learning, Bangalore and KFI, Adyar, Chennai** are included in the Top 20 table, suggesting rising sentiment in favour of new age pedagogy and processes notably developed by the late seer-educationist Jiddu Krishnamurti (1895-1986) whose most notable contribution to primary-secondary education was promotion of the Rishi Valley School, Chittoor (Andhra Pradesh) in 1926. Not entirely coincidentally, Rishi Valley is



CFL students: different focus. Inset: Kamala Mukunda

ranked India's No. 1 traditional/legacy boarding school in this year's EW-C fore India's Most Respected Schools survey (see p. 102), indicating that popular opinion even beyond south India views new age school education favourably.

"While we didn't expect to be awarded this recognition, it's good to know that your knowledgeable sample respondents feel the work we are doing in school education is of value. It's very encouraging that alternative schools with different focus and intention have been recognised and appreciated in this survey. People are becoming aware that education can play a much larger role than preparing children to fit into society as it is," says Kamala Mukunda, senior teacher at the non-hierarchical, small-scale (80 students) **Centre for Learning, Bangalore** (estb. 1990).

Among the schools which have risen to higher places well above the salt at the southern region top table are the **Valley**



Inventure Academy, Bangalore class in session

School, Bangalore ranked No. 4 (*cf.* 28 in 2010); **Centre for Learning, Bangalore** 6 (unranked); **Sishya School, Adyar, Chennai** 7 (13); **Inventure Academy, Bangalore** 7 (10) and **CHIREC Public School, Hyderabad** 9 (14).

The sun is clearly setting on southern India's once famous missionary schools which dominated the *EW* league tables in 2008 and 2009. Bishop Cotton Boys, Bangalore (estb. 1865) which was ranked No. 1 among southern day schools in 2008 and 12 last year, is ranked 14 in 2011. Likewise, St. Joseph's Boys, Bangalore ranked No. 2 in 2008 and 8 last year is currently ranked 23. Heavily adverse teacher-pupil ratios, and resistance to new pedagogies (in Bishop Cotton's case a highly-publicised wrangle between the governing board and principal) are suspected to be behind the declining reputations of these hitherto highly respected vintage institutions, Bishop Cotton Girls (17) and Baldwin Boys (55) included.

ASSIDUOUS MINING AND INVESTIGATION OF THE SOUTHERN regional day schools table and parametral ratings will yield important information. For instance **Gitanjali, Hyderabad** is the most respected day school in Andhra Pradesh (pop. 84 million) and **Pallikoodam School, Kottayam** is the No. 1 day school of Kerala (pop. 33 million) routinely ranked in all official surveys as India's most literate (99 percent) state. Moreover it may interest readers to learn that **DAV Boys, Chennai** is ranked No. 1 in peninsular India on the parameter of academic reputation and **NASR School, Hyderabad** is rated No.1 for sports education, followed by the Inventure Academy, Bangalore.

Further down the league table of the top day schools down south, the hitherto unranked **Glendale Academy** (18) and the reclassified **Oakridge International** (19) both sited in Hyderabad, and **Greenwood High, Bangalore** (20) are ranked among the Top 20. Moreover the hitherto unranked **Ebenezer International, Bangalore** promoted in 2009 by former Bishop Cotton Boys principal Dr. Abraham Ebenezer has debuted at an impressive No. 25 followed by the P. Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad at 26, and DRS International, Hyderabad at 28.

Also included among South India's top 50 day schools are Ryan International, Whitefield, Bangalore (38); Bethany High, Bangalore (40); Shishu Griha, Bangalore (41) and the low-profile Gear Foundation School (49). Readers may also be interested to know that the most respected day school in the engineering and textiles hub Coimbatore, is the Central government-run Kendriya Vidyalaya.

South Zone league table

Rank				Total score	School Name	Total score
2008	2009	2010	2011			
NR	NR	1	1	1291	Mallya Aditi International School, Bangalore	1105
9	8	3	1	1291	Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan School, Nungambakkam, Chennai	1102
41	38	5	2	1249	Vidya Niketan Academy, Bangalore	1102
3	3	4	3	1248	Gitanjali School, Hyderabad	1101
40	28	28	4	1246	The Valley School, Bangalore	1101
4	1	3	5	1242	DAV Boys Senior Secondary School, Chennai	1092
NR	NR	NR	6	1225	Centre for Learning, Bangalore	1091
30	35	13	7	1214	Sishya School, Adyar, Chennai	1090
23	16	10	7	1214	Inventure Academy, Bangalore	1089
NR	NR	6	8	1209	Sloka School, Hyderabad	1087
36	22	14	9	1207	CHIREC Public School, Hyderabad	1085
30	33	7	10	1201	Vidyashilp Academy, Bangalore	1079
NR	NR	9	11	1182	Pallikoodam School, Kottayam	1079
8	15	2	12	1177	National Public School, Indiranagar, Bangalore	1076
24	9	14	13	1170	The School KFI, Adyar, Chennai	1073
1	2	12	14	1168	Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore	1071
15	7	11	15	1164	SBOA School and Junior College, Annanagar, Chennai	1067
14	11	18	16	1157	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad	1066
21	23	21	16	1157	P.S. Senior Secondary School, Chennai	1065
5	5	16	17	1152	Bishop Cotton Girls School, Bangalore	1061
NR	NR	NR	18	1146	Glendale Academy, Hyderabad	1061
NR	NR	NR	19	1143	Oakridge International, Hyderabad	1057
NR	NR	NR	20	1142	Greenwood High, Bangalore	1056
32	30	15	21	1141	National Public School, Rajajinagar Bangalore	1054
NR	NR	NR	22	1136	Srinidhi International School, Hyderabad	1047
2	4	8	23	1123	St. Joseph's Boys High School, Bangalore	1039
NR	NR	17	24	1115	National Public School, Koramangala, Bangalore	1033
NR	NR	NR	25	1113	Ebenezer International School, Bangalore	1032
NR	NR	NR	26	1112	P. Obul Reddy Public School, Hyderabad	
38	26	24	27	1107	The Ashram, Chennai	

2008	2009	2010	2011	Total score
NR	NR	NR	28	DRS International School, Hyderabad
18	19	22	29	NASR School, Khairatabad, Hyderabad
10	19	25	29	HPS, Begumpet, Hyderabad
14	13	20	30	St. Ann's High School, Hyderabad
NR	NR	32	30	Vidyaranya High School, Hyderabad
NR	NR	38	31	PSBB Millennium School, Chennai
33	20	31	32	Jubilee Hills Public School, Hyderabad
NR	NR	28	33	National Academy for Learning (NAFL), Bangalore
25	29	26	34	Air Force School, Hebbal, Bangalore
26	17	19	35	Oasis International School, Bangalore
22	24	29	36	Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School, Chennai
7	12	17	37	Little Flower High School, Hyderabad
17	18	23	37	Don Bosco, Egmore, Chennai
12	10	22	38	Ryan International School, Whitefield, Bangalore
30	34	21	39	Kendriya Vidyalaya - IIT Madras, Chennai
13	11	34	40	Chettinad Vidyashram, Chennai
NR	NR	NR	40	Bethany High, Bangalore
NR	NR	35	41	Shishugriha, Bangalore
NR	43	39	42	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai
44	40	40	43	Chinmaya Central School, Hyderabad
28	31	33	44	St. Germain High School, Bangalore
37	42	35	44	Swaminarayan International School, Bangalore
NR	NR	30	45	St. Georges Girls Grammar School, Abids, Hyderabad
19	27	38	46	Johnson Grammar, Hyderabad
34	36	37	47	St. Mary's High School, Hyderabad
26	25	27	48	All Saints High School, Hyderabad
NR	NR	40	49	Gear Foundation, Bangalore
NR	45	43	50	Sacred Heart Matriculation High School, Churchpark, Chennai
43	39	42	51	The Frank Anthony Public School, Bangalore

2008	2009	2010	2011	South Zone league table	Total score
NR	46	44	52	Holy Angels Matriculation Higher Sec. School, Mogappari, Chennai	1028
27	32	46	53	Sacred Heart Girls High School, Bangalore	1026
NR	NR	NR	54	Lourdes Public School & Junior College, Kottayam	1024
6	6	36	55	Baldwin Boys High School, Bangalore	1021
NR	47	48	56	Rosary Convent, Hyderabad	1019
NR	NR	NR	57	Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Thiruvananthapuram	1011
NR	NR	NR	58	Sujaya School, Bangalore	1007
NR	44	49	59	Good Shepherd High School, Nungambakkam, Chennai	1002
47	41	45	60	St. Paul's High School, Hyderabad	1001
35	37	47	61	Sophia High School, Bangalore	995
NR	NR	NR	62	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Coimbatore	959



Game on at Modern High. Inset: Devi Kar

in our diamond jubilee (60th) year that Modern High is ranked east and north-east India's No.1 day school. It's a very welcome anniversary present and vindication of the hard work we've put in, especially in teacher training and development which is reflected in our top rank under the parameter of faculty commitment and competence. I am also pleased that our emphasis on co-curricular and life skills education is reflected in the survey," says Kar, whose experience and managerial competence shows up ably in **Modern High's** No.1 ranking under the parameter of leadership and management quality.

In Eastern India, the DAV and DPS schools are fast establishing good reputations with the discerning public. Apart from the previously unranked **DAV, Chandrasekharapur (Bhubaneswar, Orissa)** springing a surprise to be ranked second in the region, **DAV Public, Bhubaneswar** is also ranked among the Top 10. And further down the league table the previously unranked **DPS, Kalinga, Bhubaneswar** and **Bhilai** are ranked among the Top 20. Quite obviously, under the stable rule of the Biju Janata Dal party led by the Doon School-educated Naveen Patnaik who was re-elected chief minister for the third time last year, primary-secondary education is receiving top-level attention because **KiiT International, Bhubaneswar** is also ranked among the Top 20, holding out the possibility of Bhubaneswar emerging as a competitive centre of education to Kolkata in the Eastern region.

KiiT International, Bhubaneswar students



Eastern region

FOR HISTORICAL REASONS, THE REGIONAL TABLE OF EASTERN India's day schools is dominated by institutions based in Kolkata which until the 1960s was the industrial and corporate capital of India. But over 30 years of rule by the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM) from 1977 onwards until the CPM was ousted in the state assembly elections earlier this year, has taken its toll on Kolkata (formerly Calcutta)'s once famous schools. Therefore unsurprisingly, **Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata** ranked first in the Eastern region is ranked a modest No. 16 in the national league table and **DAV School, Chandrasekharapur (Orissa)** ranked second this year in the zonal league table, an even more modest 28 nationally.

La Martiniere for Boys (estb.1836) which hitherto figured high in the national league tables (2 and 3 in 2008 and 2009) lost its national reputation after a highly publicised student suicide case in 2010 following which the CPM government of West Bengal hounded its principal and top management, a persecution which rubbed off on **La Martiniere for Girls** as well. Nevertheless despite having lost rank and caste elsewhere, in Eastern India and Kolkata these vintage schools are still highly regarded and continue to be ranked among the Top 5. The fifth ranked day school in the Eastern region is **St. Xavier's Collegiate School** (the alma mater of test cricket star Saurav Ganguly) which is the regional No.1 on the parameter of sports education for the fourth year in succession.

Against this backdrop, the Modern High School (MHS) has been steadily moving up the Eastern India league table. Ranked No. 17 in 2009 and 6 last year, under the leadership of the school's highly respected principal Ms. Devi Kar, MHS has risen high in public esteem to be ranked No.1 in Eastern India and rated highest on the parameter of competence and commitment of faculty and leadership. "It's marvelous news

East Zone league table

Rank				Total score	
2008	2009	2010	2011		
12	17	6	1	Modern High School, Kolkata	1234
NR	NR	NR	2	DAV, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar	1199
1	1	2	3	La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata	1191
2	2	4	4	La Martiniere for Girls, Kolkata	1188
3	3	1	5	St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata	1166
5	13	3	6	St. James School, Kolkata	1159
6	4	5	7	Loreto House, Middleton, Kolkata	1119
4	6	7	8	Don Bosco School, Park Circus Kolkata	1100
NR	NR	23	9	DAV Public School, Bhubaneswar	1085
4	5	10	10	Loreto Convent, Darjeeling	1076
21	12	7	11	Sacred Heart Convent School, Jamshedpur	1070
9	16	11	12	Loyola School, Jamshedpur	1067
NR	NR	20	12	DPS, Bokaro	1067
8	9	16	13	Calcutta Boys School, Kolkata	1066
NR	NR	22	14	Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Bhubaneswar	1064
NR	22	9	15	St. Michael's, Patna	1063
NR	7	13	16	Loreto, Shillong	1062
NR	NR	24	17	DPS, Kalinga, Bhubaneswar	1059
NR	NR	61	18	DPS, Bhilai	1058
NR	NR	12	18	DPS, Ruby Park, Kolkata	1058
NR	NR	18	19	DPS, Patna	1056
NR	NR	17	20	Assam Rifles School, Shillong	1055
NR	NR	NR	20	KiiT International School, Bhubaneswar	1055
18	10	16	21	MP Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School, Kolkata	1054
NR	15	14	22	Don Bosco, Bandel, Kolkata	1052
10	20	8	23	Ashok Hall Girls Higher Secondary School, Kolkata	1050
NR	NR	NR	24	Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Bokaro Steel City	1045
NR	8	15	25	St. Pauls, Agartala	1041
NR	NR	19	26	The Heritage School, Kolkata	1040
NR	20	25	27	Auxilium Convent, Bandel, Kolkata	1019
14	19	21	28	Salt Lake School, Kolkata	1018
13	24	27	29	Calcutta Girls School, Kolkata	1004
NR	18	26	30	Assembly of God Church, Kolkata	1003

Best in states: Day schools

Restricted to national and regional ratings and ranking, the EW-C fore India's Most Respected Schools 2011 league tables offer a wealth of additional information. A modest national or even regional rank is not necessarily reflective of reputation of a school in a narrower geography.

For instance, ranked No.50 on the all-India league table and 29 in the north zone, City Montessori School is Lucknow's top-ranked day school and ranked fifth in Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state (200 million). Influenced by this revelation, this year we offer tabulated information highlighting the top-ranked day and boarding schools in India's states.

States	School	All-India Rank	Region Rank
Delhi/NCR	The Shri Ram School, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi	1	1
Punjab	St. John's High School, Chandigarh	26	13
Haryana	Hansraj Public School, Panchkula	40	22
Uttar Pradesh	Step by Step, Noida	10	5
Uttarakhand	St. Joseph's Academy, Dehradun	96	61
Jammu & Kashmir	DPS, Jammu	131	80
Madhya Pradesh	Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jabalpur	174	102
West Bengal	Modern High School, Kolkata	16	1
Orissa	DAV Public School, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar	28	2
Jharkhand	Sacred Heart Convent, Jamshedpur	109	11
Bihar	St. Michael's, Patna	116	15
Meghalaya	Loreto, Shillong	117	16
Chhattisgarh	DPS, Bhilai	121	18
Tripura	St. Paul's, Agartala	134	25
Maharashtra	Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai	2	1
Gujarat	The Riverside School, Ahmedabad	13	4
Rajasthan	Birla Public School, Pilani	65	13
Goa	Sharda Vidya Mandir, Panjim	87	20
Karnataka	Mallya Aditi International School, Bangalore	3	1
Tamil Nadu	Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, Chennai	3	1
Andhra Pradesh	Gitanjali, Hyderabad	8	3
Kerala	Pallikoodam School, Kottayam	33	11