

# Kids, have fun while learning

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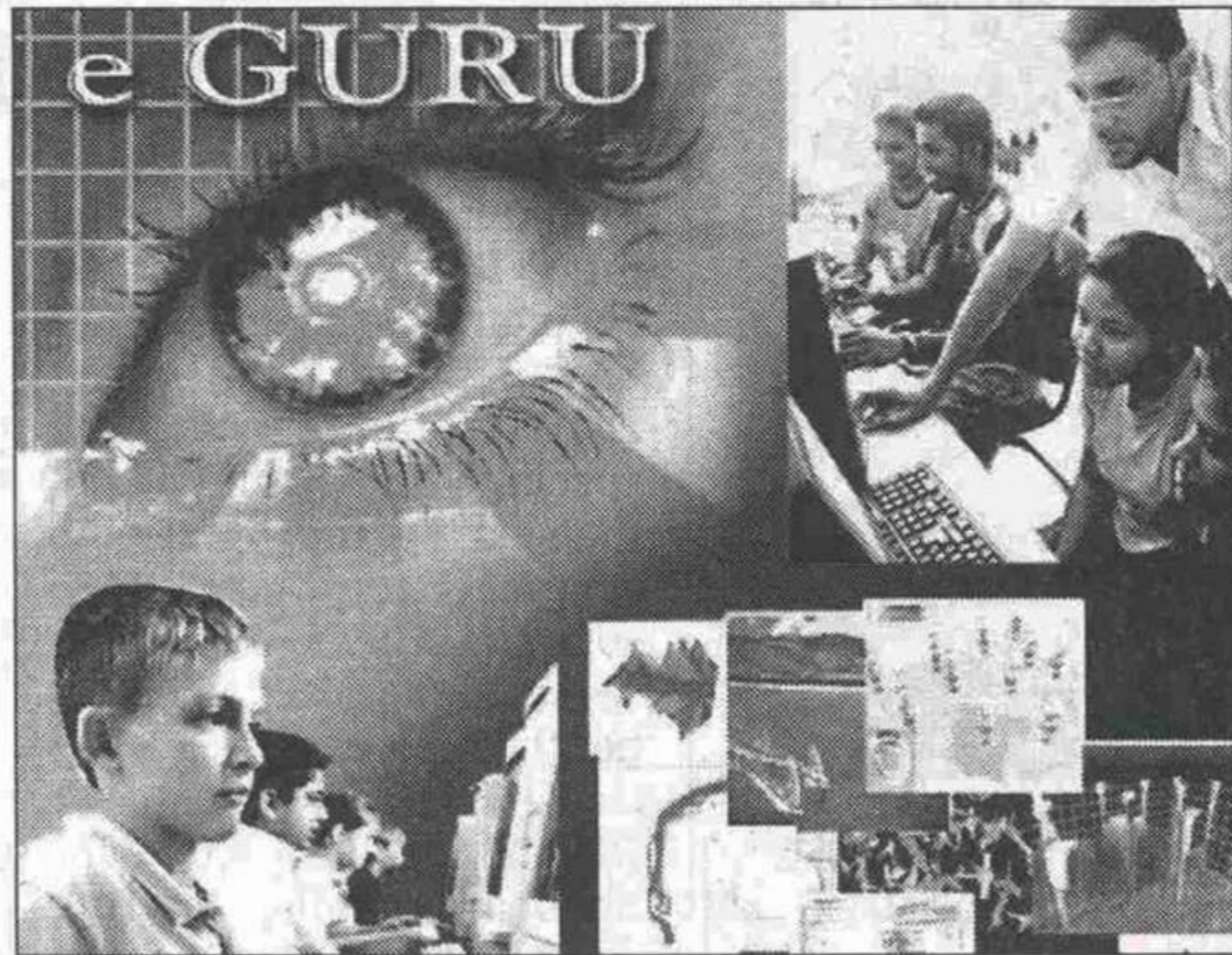
**NEW DELHI:** Dadabhai Naoroji was the first Indian to be elected to the British Parliament by a British constituency.

● A O Hume, was never a Congress President of any of its sessions, though he was the founder and the chairman.

● General Hugh Rose who defeated Rani Laxmibai said at her death that "here lay the woman who was the only man among the rebels".

These and many more nuggets, which can actually lure school children in loving their dull history books more than bedtime stories.

Good news for thousands of school students, who want to run away literally from their history books as with a new technology-enabled education solution they would no longer have to memorise dates and events, but could actually see history unfolding before their



eyes right in their classroom. For example, with the help of that unique technology they could see a map of India changing in different historical periods — right from the Indus Valley Civilisation to the modern times. And this would be possible through the eGURU solution launched for the schools by the NIIT in association with the Intel and the Microsoft.

The product priced between Rs 40-250 has been designed around the guide-

lines of the National Curriculum Framework, 2005, which had advocated a shift from rote learning.

"The solution would not only motivate students to go beyond textbooks and connect knowledge to life outside schools, it would help teachers to track individual student's performance in a big class and also update his or her skills," Vijay K Thadani, CEO NIIT told *Deccan Herald*.

He also claimed that it

would put an end to the practice of private tuition as the parents would be able to log on the system and track their ward's progress.

The school management would also be able to assess the teachers' performance and thus there would be accountability and transparency in the school management. The eGURU range for schools comprises of Interactive Classrooms for teachers, Maths Lab and IT Wizard for students and Quick School, an education resource planning solution for school management.

At the core of NIIT eGURU Interactive Classrooms is the embedded Teaching Learning Material, that enhances teaching and learning through elements of interactivity, automation, customization, web links library, and Teaching Learning Plan. The Math Lab enables school students to learn and explore mathematical concepts and verify mathematical facts and theorems using technology tools.