



## **SUSHILA BIRLA GIRLS' SCHOOL** **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022-23**

### **NABET**

A team comprising Dr Meenakshi Bana and Ms. Raka Kaul came to inspect the school on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November. These assessors interacted with the stakeholders and checked all the evidence as per the 50 parameters given in the accreditation manual of QCI. We have just received the accreditation certificate. We are now a NABET accredited school.

### **ACADEMIC MATTERS**

#### **BOARD EXAMINATIONS**

Both AISSE and AISSCE results were declared on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. The total number of candidates who appeared for the AISSE (X) was 113. The mean percentage was 89.30. There were 20 students who secured 100% in various subjects. The highest score was 98.60% and it was secured by three students, Hritika Agarwal, Ridhima Doshi and Shradha Kedia .

There were 186 students who appeared for AISSCE (XII). The mean percentage was 87.60. There were 35 perfect 100s in various subjects. Vanisha Khemka was the school topper with 98.8% and these were our stream toppers from the 3 streams.

Vidya Mandir Society felicitated the high achievers of AISSCE on 6th September.

Vanisha Khemka, Garima Sekhsaria , Akanksha Kedia and Swati Agarwal were awarded the L.N.Birla medal for Excellence. On the same day the alumni members also felicitated these students.

The high achievers of AISSCE, were also felicitated by the West Bengal government on 5th September.

8 meritorious students with an enviable percentage in AISSE and 13 in AISSCE were felicitated by Prabhat Khabar in Pratibha Samman 2022.

Shruti Agarwal and Kashvi Agarwal received the Sanmarg, Ram Avtar Gupt Hindi Protsahan Award for being amongst the top scorers in Hindi in AISSE.

Regular assessments throughout the year have helped us to identify the Learning gaps. This data is being recorded by the teachers. Along with remedial measures strategies are being devised to bridge the learning gap.

### **ASSET**

Asset tests were conducted in three subjects- English, Mathematics and Science for Classes III-VIII. Participation was compulsory for the students of Classes III, V and VIII and the cost was borne by the Management. However, it was made optional for students of Classes IV, VI and VII.

- The performance of Classes IV, V, VI, VII and VIII was better than the National Average range in all participated subjects.
- We are in the above average range for all three subjects in Classes IV to VIII.
- We are in the top one-third category nationally for all three subjects in Classes V and VIII. For Class III we are in the top one-third category nationally in English and Mathematics.

Through these results we have been able to identify some learning gaps and measures are being taken to mitigate them.

## **OLYMPIADS**

A large number of students from Classes I-XII participated in various National and international Olympiads and were recognized for their efforts as you can see on the screen.

Akriti Mazumdar of Class III was the winner of the SOF Academic Excellence Scholarship for examinations conducted online during 2021-22.

## **LOGIQIDS**

LogIQids the International Mental Aptitude Olympiad was conducted by IIT IIM alumni in partnership with Techfest IIT Bombay. 941 students from Classes KG- IX took part in it and Aarya Agarwal of Class 7D attained the 1st rank internationally.

## **INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

A good infrastructure encourages students to attend school regularly and makes the school warm, comfortable and welcoming for them.

The Chemistry laboratory in the senior section was renovated and its capacity increased. We acquired new furniture for Classes XI and XII.

Over and above this artificial turf was laid on the basketball court. The wall in front of gate no. 3 and the school logo wall were redesigned and reconstructed.

In the new building, a total of 57 air conditioners were installed making the entire school air conditioned. The washrooms for students were completely overhauled and 12 more water purifiers installed.

## **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

On 3rd September the school received the Telegraph School of the Year Award.

We also received Certificates of Excellence in Academics and Cocurricular Activities along with a Certificate of Appreciation for being a School that Cares.

At the Economic Times Award in Mumbai, Vidya Mandir Society received the award for the Best Educational Group and our Secretary General, V. N. Chaturvedi was felicitated with an award for being a Visionary Leader.

Sushila Birla Girls' School received the "Mental and Emotional Well-Being Support" award for its exemplary contribution in the field of education in the Prestigious School Jury Awards organized by Education Today on 11th October.

We were ranked 2nd in Kolkata and West Bengal in the Girls Day School Category by Education World.

The school was awarded with a certificate of recognition for Best Co-curricular Activities, at the 10th Gurukul Awards Ceremony held on 19th of November .

SBGS was bestowed with the Rashtriya Nirman Ratan Award for Education Excellence by Intellectual Peoples Foundation (I.P.F).

On January 13th we were given an award in the category of 'Most Consistent Leadership in Girl Child Empowerment' by News 18 Bangla.

The school received the India K-12 Award for, 'Excellence in Providing Sustainable & Holistic Growth Programs' at the Eldrok India K-12 Summit.

Sushila Birla Girls' School also secured the prestigious CED INDIA Star Rating School Award in the category of 'Experiential Learning School'

Rupkatha Chatterjee of Class V D won a bronze medal in the Kata event at the 24th State Karate Championship.

## **TEACHERS' AWARDS**

Our educators have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that no learner is left behind. Mere words could never express our gratitude.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September, Vidya Mandir Society organized a programme to honour teachers of all the institutions under its umbrella. Dr Amrita Dass, Educationist and Career Consultant, was the Chief Guest. She addressed the teachers on this occasion and spoke on 'Reimagining Education with Value Creation'.

A total of 12 teachers received the awards. We had three categories Extraordinary Contribution during the Pandemic, Best Integration of Technology into the Curriculum and Extraordinary Effort during Online Teaching.

Other organisations too recognised our teachers for their incredible performance. Rubena Chatterjee (Cocurricular Coordinator) was felicitated on the occasion of Sampriti Utsav for her contribution in the field of cultural and social activities.

7 teachers were acknowledged and awarded for their contribution in the field of education by Punjabee Bradree.

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, CSAW organized a Global Conclave on Emerging Trends in Computer Science Education, Dorothy Nair was among the top 50 teachers out of 800 nominations globally for implementing a progressive Computer Science curriculum in school.

Laxmi Srinivasan. (H.O.D., Commerce) was selected as a Champion Teacher in the Literacy Planet 2022 Educator Wall of Fame.

On 30<sup>th</sup> October, Olympia Saha, our Economics teacher and Sukanya Dhar our Commerce teacher received a Certificate of Merit in the International Teachers' Olympiad for being placed among the top10 and 30 respectively.

Julie De our Biology teacher received several awards from various organisations as you can see.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September, Ms. Bose was felicitated by IIHM as "Director Par Excellence", Ms. Niti Pasari as "Teacher Par Excellence" and yours truly as "Principal par Excellence" in a grand ceremony.

Mrs Koeli Dey was also felicitated on 25<sup>th</sup> July with the Bharat Bangladesh Samman at the Bharat Bangladesh Sampri Utsav and also received the Guru Samman 2022.

This was organised by Prabhat Khabar on 27th August at the National Library.

At this juncture, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to our teachers who retired this session. Thank you. Mrs. Soma Chatterjee, Mrs. Soumitra Kapur, Mrs. Sangeeta Sanghvi,

Mrs.Sumita Sarkar and Mrs. Mahasweta Bose for your invaluable contribution. You will continue to inspire us for many years to come.

### **CBSE ACTIVITIES**

We participated in the CBSE Far East Zonal Meet in basketball, skating and badminton tournaments and you will be happy to know that we reached the National Finals in basketball and skating.

- In basketball Juhi Bansal was named the Player of the Match for the final match and Ipshita Pugalia was the Player of the tournament.
- In skating Devyanshi Lakani (Class 5 D) Chahek Malpani (Class 6 D) and Drishti Malpani (Class 9 B) won Gold and Silver medals in various categories which made them eligible for the National Finals.

### **VIRTUAL NEWSLETTER**

Our news letter SBGS PULSE was released in each quarter on our school website and in the last quarter, of course we have our school magazine, VIGNETTES, which will be released virtually.

Our senior students also put up articles on the school blog.

### **CAREER COUNSELLING**

At SBGS we have a comprehensive career guidance programme which aims at enabling students to identify their areas of interest and make informed career choices.

In the academic session 2022-23, there were 2 Career Fairs organized for the students - one in July and the other in November where we hosted 53 Universities from all over the world. Other schools of the city had been invited to be a part of this event. Career Counselling was conducted by a team of counsellors from Institute of Career Studies. A total of 116 students of Class X benefitted from this management sponsored programme. A Career Assessment Test for all 174 students of Class XII was conducted in collaboration with Global University System. Apart from these, representatives from various universities met and spoke to the senior students throughout the year.

### **WEBINARS FOR TEACHERS**

Our teachers attended innumerable webinars and training sessions in order to upgrade themselves and adapt to the new format of school. Continuous professional development sessions were conducted for our teachers by CBSE, professional organizations and even by our in-house faculty. To mention a few.

- All our teachers registered for Nishtha Module a capacity building programme. Over and above this they also attended many workshops initiated by CBSE both online and in person.
- As you can see on the screen training sessions were also conducted by various professional organisations - One such interesting workshop 'Upskilling the Skill Programme', conducted by Gagandeep Kaur was organized by our management for all teachers at the end of the term.
- Training sessions were also conducted for teachers by our various departmental heads throughout the year.
- A Staff Development Programme was organized at Lilabati Devi Reort. The day long training session had a vast array of activities.
- I attended a week long training programme at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad on Strategic Leadership for Schools in the Changing Environment.

### **WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS FOR STUDENTS**

Webinars and workshops are an effective way for students to enrich their learning experience.

We would like to mention the session on Cyber Security which was organised by Vidya Mandir Society for students of Classes VI-IX and XI. The facilitator was Dr. Rakshit Tandon, a Cyber Crime Expert.

On 8<sup>th</sup> February an outdoor photography workshop in Alipore Zoo was organized by Ahava Communications for 24 students of the Photography Club. Renowned photographer Mr. Partha Pratim Saha was the expert.

### **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS**

Multiple sessions were conducted virtually for you dear parents as we consider you to be a part of the SBGS family.

- Webinars were organized virtually from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May, for parents across all classes by the school counselors - Mrs. Ranjana Roy and Dr. Sutapa GuhaRay Datta. And these were the topics selected (look at slide).
- In addition to this the students and parents from Classes Nursery to XII are being counselled on an individual basis by our counsellors on various emotional and academic issues.
- Mothers along with their daughter from Classes XI and XII, attended a virtual training session on Financial Literacy in the month of July. Teachers from the commerce department conducted this session and Nirvay Singh an investment advisor answered queries from the audience.

Students of Class IV are being trained in Financial Literacy and these sessions are being conducted by IFEA, Chennai.

We were a venue for a CBSE workshop on 'Financial Literacy and the use of Digital Tools' where there were 73 teachers across schools from our HUB group in Kolkata.

### **SUSHILA BIRLA MEMORIAL DAY**

Sushila Birla Memorial Day was celebrated in school on 29<sup>th</sup> September through a Ted X platform on 'Isms and Schisms : A Divided Society'. The speakers were Mr. Atri Bhattacharya, Dr. Reena Sen, Mr. Kounteya Sinha, Ms. Sohini Sengupta, Ms. Swati Gautam and Ms. Sharmila Bose.

This was streamed live on Facebook in order to reach out to a wider audience. We have started a TED ED Club in school which has been supported by TED-ED student talks. This enables students to discover, develop and share their ideas in the form of TED style talks.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION**

Our school has always aimed at creating future leaders. These were our student council members who were elected.

### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Our students regularly count their blessings and spare a thought for those who are less fortunate.

- A Social Work Project named 'Mera Sapna Mera Basta' was organised in collaboration with the NGO, 'Mera Sapna'. A total of 250 bags were handed over to the NGO for distribution to children.
- A drive was organized in school and essential items were collected for Prathamik Vidyalaya and 500 inhabitants of Uttar Chandan piri village in Sundarban. On 23<sup>rd</sup> September 38 students along with 7 teachers handed over the items collected.
- Over and above this a social service project was announced in collaboration with PUKAAR, a public charitable trust. Through the trust, the school donated an almirah full of books to the students of a small girls school, situated in Purba Medinipur.
- All students and teachers participated in the Secret Santa drive where each one was encouraged to spread kindness and love by acting as 'Secret Santa' to the less fortunate, anonymously.

## **VACCINATION CAMPS**

Sushila Birla Girls' School, in collaboration with K.M.C , organized a free vaccination camp on April 7<sup>th</sup>. 181 Students in the age group of 12– 15 years were administered the first dose of Corbevax by the medical team from Bellevue Nursing Home. On 6<sup>th</sup> May, 164 students got their second dose and 24 more got their first dose.

Another free vaccination camp for students of Classes Nursery to X was organised in school in keeping with the State Government's initiative for prevention of Measles and Rubella on 28th January 2023. A total of 609 students were given the vaccine.

## **OUTREACH PROGRAMMES**

Our vision, is to empower the girl child and we find that our outreach programmes contribute greatly to the process of empowerment.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMMES**

### **1. STUDENT INTERNSHIPS**

Students of Class XII went to various NGOs for underprivileged children like Future Hope, Disha Foundation and A Little Contribution and organised workshops for the students there, taught them to perform scientific experiments, solve Sudoku and conducted dance and music therapy sessions. They also participated in several subject based internships with organisations like Fortis Hospitals for Psychology and High School Moms for Economics.

### **2. LABORATORY USAGE BY STUDENTS OF EKTARA**

In an outreach activity designed to instil a sense of social responsibility in students, multiple sessions in the Physics, Chemistry and Biology laboratories were conducted for 110 students of EKTARA, an NGO for children by the teachers and students of the Science Department in school.

## **OUTREACH PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARENESS**

### **1. GLOBAL SCHOOL ALLIANCE**

Students at various levels participated in a plethora of Sustainable Development Goals related activities pertaining to climate change, education, water management and plastic control organised by the Global School Alliance, an international conglomeration of schools from across the world.

### **2. GLOBAL SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM**

Sudiksha Chakraborty, Laksshha Khanna and Aishee Mazumder, students of Class X, represented the school and the country at the Global School Symposium, a platform created by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), an initiative of the United Nations. They spoke about SDG5: Education, Gender and Inequality.

## **EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL OUTREACH: COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WITH PARTNER SCHOOLS**

### **1. FRENCH EXCHANGE**

We continued with our exchange with our partner schools in France in the virtual mode where a presentation on the role of women in the French Revolution exchange of recipes and creation of riddles were some of the activities. This will culminate in an in-person exchange as 39 students and 3 teachers are gearing up for their trip to France in May.

## **2. GERMAN EXCHANGE**

The exchange with our partner school in Germany has been revived, albeit in the virtual mode this year. Students of both the schools meet periodically to present the cultural diversity of their respective countries.

## **3. YOUTH OUTREACH @ INDIA-UK TOGETHER AT 75**

Manya Kapoor and Dipta Kundu, students of Class XI, attended a six-day photography and conservation training programme for young people at the Victoria Memorial Hall in June which was conducted in partnership with the Natural History Museum, London. This has been funded by British Council under the bilateral partnership 'India-UK Together at 75.'

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips are a way of improving learning in the classroom by creating links to the real world. The teaching learning process is not confined to the classrooms or textbooks or even national boundaries. Our students travelled all around the globe virtually and acquired knowledge from such field trips. This year our students went on numerous in-person field trips too to places like the Alipore Jail Museum, Vivekananda Museum, Netaji Bhawan Museum, BITM, Victoria Square and Antara Hospital.

## **CO-CURRICULAR**

Our students have taken part in a number of fests and competitions with a lot of enthusiasm and have won several accolades.

Our school was adjudged the winner at the 23rd L. N. Birla Memorial Invitational Debate. Madhunisha Majumder of the Proposition bagged the Runner-up Speaker Trophy and Noyonika Ghose from the Opposition was declared the Best Speaker.

Students from Classes IX and XI on 17<sup>th</sup> March participated in the Global Schoolpreneur Summit where they won a full scholarship for a summer camp organized by Metamorphosis and many cash awards. Our students have done us proud in many other events.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December, the Annual Sports Day of the school for students of Classes I to XII was held at Gitanjali Stadium. Students, teachers, ex- students, parents and support staff participated in the various events. Maurya House won the trophy for Overall Performance while Pallava House won the trophy for March Past. Mr. Rahul Banerjee, Olympic athlete and Arjuna awardee was the Chief Guest for the event.

Apart from this the Nursery and Kindergarten Sports Meets were held on 7<sup>th</sup> February, in school. It was a red letter day for the tiny tots as they participated in the Annual Sports Day curated just for them.

SMAYAN a fest for children with special needs was organized by the members of the SNEH Club on 26<sup>th</sup> November. 192 students from 10 institutions catering to children with special needs were a part of this unique fest.

Magical March is an annual event which includes workshops conducted by experts and also inter house activities and competitions. This year it was an offline event. Students of Classes VI to IX and XI attended sessions on music, beatboxing, acapella, chhau dance, make up and stage management, patachitra, tie and die, block printing, mask painting, health, zumba, yoga and many more. Inter house competitions were also conducted. Students of the Primary Section also attended workshops on Music, Mask Painting, Theatre, Rhythmic Yoga, Clay modelling and Zumba.

An Art, Photography and Science Exhibition was organised to portray the work of the students of Classes VI to IX and XI on 24th March 2023.

Various hands-on activities performed throughout the year culminated in the Sustainable Development Goals exhibition on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

On the same day our students from Classes I to V showcased their artistic talent in a display of various forms of art work done by them in the session 2022-23. Details of these events were uploaded on our official facebook page.

## **NEP**

The National Education Policy 2020 focuses on the honing of skills. As a school we stress on the sharpening of critical thinking, problem solving, leadership, communication and a host of other 21st century skills. Skill modules on CODING, AI and DATA SCIENCE have been introduced in Classes VI, VII and VIII. We already have skill subjects like Fashion Studies and Financial Markets Management in Classes XI and XII. From the session 23-24 we have introduced Artificial Intelligence as a skill subject in Class IX to give students the benefit of a 6<sup>th</sup> subject. Several AI tools are also being used to ensure that classroom transaction becomes interesting. The NEP refers to internship opportunities and in my report you have already found details of these. Moreover, we are also going to introduce a new class in the Primary to ensure that eventually students in Class I are 6 years of age.

We are grateful to the parents for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the year.