

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

“Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of fire.”

William Butler Yeats

The year started on a challenging note as the entire country went down in lockdown. But the school prepared its path to deal with the crisis with some new tools. With these thoughts in mind, let me present the annual report of the year 2020-21. Remembering the fact that learning is not the product of teaching but it is the product of activity of learners, we completed yet another year full of challenges.

The year was marked with various competitions, celebrations, activities but with a new outlook. The various inputs of cognizant activities, workshops and seminars added to the improvement to bring quality education to the classrooms through virtual mediums and platforms. The committed efforts of the teachers, students, parents and other staff helped in achieving the goal we aspired for.

This year we did not have any particular theme that we could follow but definitely I vouch for the fact that when the pandemic brought the whole world to a standstill we tried to reach out to our students by platforms such as whatsapp , zoom, webex and Google Classroom.

As Government promoted Work from home situation, teachers were instructed to prepare videos, ppt and to be sent to students.

The teachers conducted various formative assessment techniques like oral and listening activities, written assignments, poem recitation. The scholastic and co-scholastic aspects of students growth and development provided a sound platform for active involvement of students in their own learning. School Coordinators for English [Mrs Bonita Fernandes] and for Science and Maths [Mrs Elizabeth Varghese] and Mrs Liza D'souza and Mrs Daksha Sorathiya [Activity coordinators] looked after the various activities, teacher's observation, planning of the academic session and such, to give a helping hand for the smooth functioning of the school.

Effective feedback and appreciative motivation helped in the growth of the teachers. It also helped them in upgrading their teaching methodology and make the teaching more student friendly.

❖ **Our Development :**

- ERP system was introduced for better functioning of administration. Different modules catered to different needs of the parents for easy dealings. This system helped a lot and benefits were known only when we faced this challenge of a lockdown.
- We were able to increase our Classrooms for being able to better manage our children according to the CBSE norms of ratio of student- teacher.
- We also started Nursery to cater to the needs of Early Childhood as per the New Education Policy. This came as a blessing for Rajkotioans as a large demand was there from the Parents to start Prep School.
- We also beautified our garden and Campus to make it more ecofriendly and Green.
- An entire Fire Safety Equipment was installed in all our buildings for the safety of Children and the entire Staff.

***Staff Enrichment Programme :**

- 29/4/20

The Learners Confluence – TLC from Banglore organized webinars with the resource person Dr. Senthil Kumaran. All the teachers of Std 1 to 10 participated. The pedagogies covered are:

1. Blended learning.
2. Student Led Learning.
3. Collaborative Learning.
4. Problem Based Learning.
5. Project Based Learning.
6. Learning Beyond Classroom.
7. Integrated learning.
8. Differentiated Learning.
9. Assessment and beyond.

09/05/20

- Ms. Niraksha Sharma conducted an informative session to the whole staff to equip them with the use of Cisco WebEx Meeting for the online classes.

13/05/20

- Ms. Leena Mathew, Ms. Archana Mehta and Ms. Dipti Raval attended a webinar based on the theme Online Learning Solutions.

16/05/20

- Ms. Leena Mathew and Ms. DiptiRaval presented the online modules developed by ENTAB Campus Care for the whole staff.

17/05/20 – 21/05/20

Webinars were conducted for the whole staff by subject wise teams to enlighten them about the pedagogies presented by TLC which was then presented by our teachers for the following schools:

-Holy Spirit School – Khandwa

-St. Raphel'sAcademy and St. Raphel'sPri School – Indore

-St. Raphel's Co Ed School – Bhopal

-St. Arnold School – Orissa

04/06/20

- Ms. BijalKhakhar attended a webinar conducted by Madhuban Publishers based on the topic 'Innovative ways of teaching Mathematics' with Ms. NamitaBasnotra as the resource person.

05/06/20

- SBI Creativita Arts Competitions (Quiz, Clay Craft and Drawing) were held online on the occasion of World Environment Day 2020. Schools from all over India participated.

17/06/20

- Ms. RupalMaru attended a webinar conducted by the oxford university based on the topic ‘Changes essential in Mathematics education in 21st century’ being the resource person Ashlata Badani.

20/07/20

- Ms. Dina Doshi and Mrs. Daksha Sorathia attended a webinar organized by Central Board of Secondary Education - Center of Excellence (Noida) on the topic ICT integration in teaching of English.
- Ms. Amita Patel has attended a webinar organized by Central Board Of Secondary Education - Center of Excellence (Noida) on the topic Integration of Arts in Mathematics.

30/07/20

- Mrs. Christal Geno has attended a webinar organized by Central Board Of Secondary Education - Center of Excellence (Noida) on the topic Enhancing practical skills/projects and map work in Geography.

08/08/20

- **Students of 8,9 and 10 attended the online Inauguration speech of the Prime Minister on the theme, ‘Gandagi Mukh Mera Gaon.’**
- **Students also participated in an essay and drawing competition based on it.**

10/08/20

- Ms. Elizabeth Varghese attended a webinar conducted by Mrs. Poonam Shekhavat based on the topic ‘Substance abuse and prevention for Adolescence.’

20/08/20

- Ms. Elizabeth Varghese attended a webinar organized by Central Board Of Secondary Education - Center of Excellence (Ajmer) on the topic –‘Integration of art in Science’ hosted by Ms. Shweta Gill.

26/08/20

- A webinar was conducted by CBSE on ‘Dramatics in teaching.’ It was attended by Ms. Leena Mathew.

30/09/20

- Saamarthya Teachers Training Academy of Research (STTAR)organized a webinar on the theme – Learn the process of harnessing ICT in education and integrating it into the curriculum. This webinar was attended by Mr. Alex Samuel, Ms. DiptiRaval, Ms. Leena Mathew and Ms. Archana Mehta.

21/10/20

- Ms. Liza D’Souza and Ms. Shriya Karia attended a webinar organized by Central Board Of Secondary Education - Center of Excellence (Ajmer) on the topic – English IX-X Analytical Paragraph Writing
- Mrs. Elizabeth Varghese attended a webinar organized by CBSE (Ajmer) with Mr. Arvind Srivastav as the resource person and the topic was ‘National Education Policy.’

***Academic Fountain :**

15/06/20

- Wild life quiz was organized by the CBSE for students of Std 6 to 8.

13/08/20

- CBSE conducted painting competition on the theme ‘Gandagi Mukta Mera Gaon for STD 6,7 and 8 and essay writing competition for STD 9 and 10.

14/08/20

- CBSE conducted an Essay writing competition in which 25 students participated. The essay of Payal Doshi from 10A was selected and sent for the National Level Competition.
- The Young Author Awards 2019 was declared for Inter School story writing Competition.
Rashi Raval and Satvi Vadodaria for STD 7 and Nishita Padalia from STD IX were among the list of honor.

08/09/20

- Ms. Aayudhi Kanabar was conferred with participation certificate by Charusat University in International Poetry Competition.

04/01/21 to 10/01/21

- The CBSE organized ‘Saksham’ National Competition -2021 for std 8-10. It included essay writing, painting and quiz. Its main goal was to promote awareness on conservation of petroleum products. The best two were selected and sent for the National level. They were:
 - Essay writing – Miss Kanan Vasani (8D) and Miss Nandini Jadeja (8C)
 - Painting – Miss Heer Bhalara (9D) and Satvi Vadodaria (8B)

Our highlights:

- **Our greatest achievement was that all 100% teachers were taught and equipped with the knowledge of using virtual platforms. Alex Sir and Leena Tr with other computer trs made this a possibility from probability.**
- **Sr Sini also with her vision made it possible to have digital assembly every Mon, Wed and Fri. Under her guidance and support all the classes from 7 to 10 participated in making assembly videos which was then uploaded in You tube.**
- **Janmashtami Competitions**
 - STD 4, 5, 6 – Make and decorate Krishna Flute
 - STD 7, 8 – Young Chef
 - STD 9, 10 - Janmashtami Theme Mehndi
- **Independence Day Competitions**
 - STD 4, 5 – The Tri Color Fashion Show
 - STD 6 – Patriotic Poetry Recitation
 - STD 7, 8 – Elocution
 - STD 9, 10 –Tri Color Delicacy
- **A staff meeting was conducted by the Principal and Ms. Elizabeth Varghese and Mrs Bonita Fernandes to discuss about online election of Head girl and about conducting online examination via google forms.**
- **The video of the declaration of the result of the digital election 2020-21 by the Principal was posted in the staff group. The School Council – (2020-21)**
 - Head Girl – MahekRathod
 - Vice Head Girl – Bhavya Mirani
 - Discipline – JanviKalaria
 - Cultural – Aayushi Dave
 - Cleanliness – ShrutiPopat
 - Sports – Delsy Shah

09/09/20

- **The digital Investiture Ceremony 2020-21 was conducted and attended by the staff.** For the very first time in the history of Nirmala, we conducted Election as well as the Swearing in ceremony digitally. Father Johnson, the Principal of St. Mary's School posted the photo of our school's Oath taking Ceremony in the AINACS group of Principals.
- Teacher's Day was celebrated online with short PPT and video made by the school council.
- Navrati celebration was online with a number of competitions.
 - Std 4 and 5: Garba pot decoration (online)
 - Std 4 to 10: Garba dancing competition (offline)
 - Std 4 to 10: Garba dressing competition (offline)
 - Std 6 and 7: Aarti thali decoration (online)
 - Std 8,9 and 10: Home temple decoration (offline)
 - Std 7 and 8: Garba dancing completion (perform on different songs they selected)
 - Std 9 and 10: Garba dancing completion (perform on the same song played by the judges)
 - Std 4 and 5: Nine avatars of Durga competition open for all students.
 - Nirmala Day was also celebrated with a video made by Sr and teachers. Kristina tr, Sr Sini and Leena tr had put in lot of Effort.
 - Christmas was also celebrated by a video made by teachers and some competitions.
 - Std 4 and 5: Christmas character role play (online)
 - Std 4 and 5: Christmas card making with a message (offline)
 - Std 6 and 7: Christmas theme poetry (online)
 - Std 6 and 7: Christmas puppet making (offline)
 - Std 8: Make and decorate table top Christmas tree (offline)
 - Std 8 and 9: Christmas theme dance (online)
 - Std 10: Christmas Speech (online)
 - Std 9 and 10: Christmas photo booth – family photo (offline)

03/02/2021

- **A fire drill demonstration was conducted for the whole staff by Mr. Atul Parekh and his team from Fire and Safety Company. They installed the Fire Hydrant System in the school. They practically exhibited the working of the system so that the whole staff could be aware and access it in times of need.**
- A webinar was organized for the students of classes 6 to 8 on the topics:
 - Vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat
 - Benefits of Entrepreneurship.
 - Entrepreneurial skills.Exposure to examples of Indian Student Entrepreneurs
- A grand actual celebration was arranged by the management in the school to mark the farewell of Mrs. Bhanu Chauhan and Mrs. Bela Pandya and the silver jubilee of Mrs. Shirly Gonsalves.
- Teachers, students and parents all participated in Pariksha Pe Charcha.
- **PTA Activities:**

Online zoom mtg was conducted every month with class teacher and students and parents. The student's difficulties with online educations was discussed and solutions too were discussed. How to bring normalcy in education was also discussed. Certain meetings Principal Sr Sini was also an active participant to convince parents to send students to school.
- **Covid awareness videos were sent to children to be aware and to take precautionary measures needed. During PTA few minutes were regularly used just to advise parents not to panic and not to believe in rumour.**

Conclusion:

This year too Nirmal Maria showered her innumerable blessings on her children. Though teachers and students faced difficulty in coping with the trying times, new mountains were discovered and new forts were won, it was a good year. The year brought a lot of changes which made our efforts all the more sweet to enjoy. The past year taught us many things, with a positive approach to learn from our mistakes and set better goals amid such uncertain times. I pray for healing of the world, peace and good health to all mankind.

- Elizabeth V