



## SUSHILA BIRLS GIRLS' SCHOOL

### ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

#### NABET

The School has received an accreditation certificate from the Quality Council of India in February 2023 and from that time the school has constantly aimed at improving various domains. Additionally, the feedback mechanism has been strengthened. These measures have collectively contributed to the continuous improvement and smooth operation of the school.

#### VALUES

The school has prioritized balancing modern needs with traditional values, identifying five key principles: honesty and integrity, discipline, respect, empathy, and self-esteem. Efforts have been made across all classes to instil these values through various activities.

#### ACADEMICS

The New session began from 3rd April 2023. Online classes were conducted for the students (Classes I-XII) as and when required.

Keeping the NEP in mind, the school is now focusing on AI, CODING and DESIGN THINKING

In the entire school several AI tools are being used to ensure that classroom transaction becomes interesting and this year 20% or more of lesson plans across all classes have been integrated with AI. 30 teachers have recently been trained in 'AI Implementation' by Coding and More.

Orientation sessions were conducted in the month of March and April for the parents of Classes Nursery to XII.

Formative Assessments took place throughout the year to ensure continuous learning. The Half yearly and Annual Examinations were conducted as per schedule.

Open House for both terms were held physically in school with the class teachers as well as the subject teachers.

Learning gaps are being identified for all students in the school and the data is being recorded by the teachers. Along with remedial measures the teachers are also devising strategies to bridge the learning gap.

The management organized a medical check-up for all students, teachers and staff members in collaboration with AMRI Hospital.

Fire drills were carried out successfully twice in the year.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

The wall in front of gate no. 3 and the school logo wall were redesigned and reconstructed. A new art room has been created and therefore our canteen had to be relocated.

Regarding drinking water our school has taken proactive steps and installed a new underground water tank and switched to KMC drinking water.

## **BOARD EXAMINATIONS**

For any educational institution the Board results are an affirmation of the dedication and sincerity shown by the students and teachers.

AISSE and AISSCE 2023 commenced from 15th February 2023. The results were declared on 12th May. For AISSE, (X) all 116 candidates have passed and Aishee Majumder was the school topper with 97.80%. Perfect scores have been obtained in two subjects --- one in Hindi and one in French. The mean percentage was 86.95. 56 students have scored 90% and above and received scholar badges from the school.

For AISSCE (XII) 174 students had appeared for the examination and all have passed. The mean was 85%. The school topper was Nitya Mall with 98.8% (Commerce). There were 12 cases of a perfect score in various subjects.

The high achievers in AISSCE 2023 were felicitated in Vidya Mandir auditorium on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Mrs. Birla handed over a gold coin embedded in a silver medallion to the high achievers. The school alumni also felicitated the awardees.

Other than this Taaza TV , Prabhat Khabar, All India Marwari Mahila Samity , Sanmarg Hindi daily newspaper and the The Times of India also honoured our high achievers of AISSE and AISSCE .

## **OLYMPIADS**

A large number of students from Classes I to XII participated in various National and international Olympiads and were recognized for their efforts.

### **Spell BEE**

Students also took part in WIZ National Spell Bee, India Spell Bee (Hindi)and 'The ISB Spelling Bee Bangla'. Students will ultimately get a chance to compete at the Regional and National levels.

### **LogIQids**

LogIQids the International Mental Aptitude Olympiad was conducted by IIT IIM alumni in partnership with Techfest IIT Mumbai. More than 1000 students from Classes KG- IX took part out of which 589 have qualified for the final round. Results are awaited.

## **LIBRARY**

Reading Day was celebrated in the library through various interactive sessions like the CBSE programme 'Read and Grow'. The highlight of the Reading Month was the Budding Authors Programme, wherein the school took pride in celebrating the success of the young authors. Like last year this year too 10 more Kindles have been added senior library bringing the total up to 20.

## **BAGLESS DAYS**

In keeping with the NEP, the school introduced bag less days when the students from the primary and middle school were engaged in various activities that are related to the curriculum.

Various activities integrating Art with the curriculum were conducted in class. Activities relating to them were uploaded on the CBSE portal from time to time.

## **VIRTUAL NEWSLETTER**

The school newsletter SBGS PULSE was released in each quarter on the school website and in the last quarter, of course the school magazine, VIGNETTES, which will be released virtually.

## **LITERACY PLANET**

Literacy Planet is a language enrichment tool, sponsored by the Management for students of K.G.-VI Wordmania- is a worldwide competition that is organised by Literacy planet.

While all the classes secured ranks within the top 10 Internationally, Class III secured Rank 2 (won a free subscription of Literacy Planet worth £ 750 for 6 months) and Class V secured Rank 3 (won a free subscription of £ 375 for 3 months).

## **FINLIT**

Last year, IFEA, a Chennai-based company, introduced "FinLit," a programme sponsored by the management, aimed at enhancing students' financial literacy. Students of Classes IV and V participated in this programme in the session 2023-24.

## **SCIENCE FIESTA**

Science Fiesta, a vibrant celebration of scientific inquiry and creativity, took place in school from October 16th to 18th, catering to students from Classes II to XII. Throughout these three days, participants engaged in a diverse array of activities aimed at fostering scientific curiosity and innovation.

## **CAREER GUIDANCE**

Various programmes were conducted for Career Guidance.

- A Career Talk was conducted by Mr Abhishek Gupta on 2nd August, in Vidya Mandir for Classes XI and XII.
- A Career Fair for the students of Classes XI and XII was also organized by the school on 4th August where as many as 74 Indian and foreign universities took part.

- On 19th September, France Alliance had a session with students of Class XI on the benefits of studying in France.
- Apart from this a Career Guidance Cell has been set up in school where the teachers guide students every Wednesday.

### **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES**

A diverse range of accolades and recognitions were received by the school across academics, sports, cultural activities, environmental initiatives, and individual achievements. These are some of the awards

- Ranked No. 1 among CBSE schools in Central Kolkata for outstanding performance in 'The Times School Survey'.
- Ranked in the Diamond Band with Grade A by Reform India School Rankings 2023 for 'Excellence Towards Offering Outcome Based Education'.
- Received the Best CBSE School in India and Excellence in Co-Curricular activities at the 'Asia Education Conclave Network in Bangkok'.
- Received Best School for Co-Curricular Activities from West Bengal at the 'National School Awards 2023'.
- Ranked 2nd in West Bengal and 10th in All India in the category of Girls' Day Schools by 'Education World India School Rankings 2023-24'.
- Received Certificate of Honour for Excellence in Social Service and Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities, by 'The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence 2023'.
- Sushila Birla Girls' School was awarded with the prestigious 'Education Excellence - Empowering India Awards 2024' by Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Honourable Minister of State for Education, Government of India on 8th February 2024 at The Claridges, New Delhi. The school has been recognized as the winner in the state of West Bengal in the category of Private School (Unaided).

### **TEACHERS' AWARDS**

Teachers have worked tirelessly throughout the year and mere words could never express the gratitude that the school feels.

On 9<sup>th</sup> September, Vidya Mandir Society organized a programme to honour teachers of all the institutions under its umbrella at Park Hotel. Mr. Dhruba Mukherjee, CEO of ABP Group was the Chief Guest and he addressed the teachers on this occasion. 8 teachers who received awards in various categories are as follows:

<b>BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE BY A TEACHER</b>	RANJANA DAS	
<b>100% ATTENDANCE</b>	VRITTI KHOSHLA	JYOTI AGARWALA

<b>CONTRIBUTION TO CO-CURRICULR ACTIVITIES</b>	SANIKA NUNDY	
<b>BEST CLASS TEACHER</b>	SANGITA PAN	AMRITA MANDAL
<b>MOST INNOVATIVE TEACHER</b>	AMRITA GAUR SWAROOP	
<b>OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE BY A TEACHER</b>	RUBENA CHATTERJEE	

### **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

Details of these are as follows:

SNU SHIKSHAK SAMMAN AWARD, 2023

PRINCIPAL PAR EXCELLENCE 2023 AWARDED BY IIHM

OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP 2023 BY EDUCATION GROWTH NETWORK

GURUKUL AWARDS 2023

INDIA K-12 AWARDS, 2023

### **WEBINARS FOR/ BY TEACHERS**

Continuous professional development sessions were conducted for all teachers by CBSE, professional organizations and even by our in-house faculty. To mention a few.

- Mrs. Shraddha Jain the senior school coordinator attended a course entitled ' Leadership 4.0' in IIM Khozicode. Mrs Panja, Headmistress and Koeli Dey, Principal also completed a certificate training course conducted by Harvard Business School Online on Management Essentials and Organizational Leadership respectively. These were sponsored by the Management.
- Bushra Ansari (Primary) and Saheli Ghosh (Mathematics) were in Birla Public School, Pilani attending a training programme from 15th -18th May organized by Birla Educational Trust.
- All teachers have registered for Nishtha Module a capacity building programme. Over and above this they also attended many other workshops initiated by CBSE both online and in person.
- Training sessions were also conducted for teachers by the departmental heads throughout the year.

A Staff Development Programme was organized at the Vedic Village Resorts on 10<sup>th</sup> February. A session entitled 'Mental Health First Aid' was conducted by Deboshila Bose, Counseling Psychologist, Fortis Hospital.

Our Director Ms. Sharmila Bose, was a speaker at a panel discussion entitled 'Leadership And The Future Of Education' organized by Madhuban Books. The other 2 panelists were Mr. Sourav Ganguly and Mr. Amitabh Mohan. She was also invited for the Third Edition of School Leaders Edulogues, as a speaker at a round table.

Nabanita Sen the outreach coordinator was a facilitator for an English Language Workshop for a Switzerland based NGO.

Senior coordinator Sumana Sanyal and Bengali teacher Sukalpa Guha Majumder were a part of the CBSE Bengali Committee that looked into the creation of curriculum and marking scheme for the Board examinations.

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

Webinars and workshops are an effective way for students to enrich their learning experience. There were plenty of workshops and training sessions that were conducted for all students throughout the year.

Students have also benefitted from internship programmes offered by Disha Foundation, Little Contribution to Society, Luneblaze, Ecoholics, IAS Origin, Project Life Force and Fortis Hospital.

### **WEBINARS FOR PARENTS**

Apart from this multiple sessions were also conducted for the parents.

The school counsellors conducted a series of parenting sessions throughout August, covering topics such as Effective Parenting, Exploring Childhood, Mindful Parenting, and Stress-free Parenting.

On 17<sup>th</sup> August, Mr. Amitabh Mohan led sessions titled 'Breaking Free: Regaining Control of the Digital Era' for parents of Classes IV to VII with participants attending both in-person and virtually.

In addition to this the students and the parents from Classes Nursery to XII are being counselled on an individual basis by our counsellors on various emotional and academic issues.

### **SUSHILA BIRLA MEMORIAL DAY**

Sushila Birla Memorial Day was celebrated on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> October with 'The Roll of the Dice' which was a unique interpretation of the Mahabharata from the perspective of the women characters. The cast comprised 305 students from Class IV-XII along with some teachers.

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTION** The school has always aimed at creating leaders of tomorrow. The student council members were elected and their badges were handed over to them at the Investiture ceremony

### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Students are regularly reminded to count their blessings and to spare a thought for those who are less fortunate.

### **DAAN**

This Year, Daan utsav in SBGS was conducted in many phases. In October, teachers and students went to Thakurnagar, Nanda Mahila Vidyapith in East Midnapore to donate essentials to the inmates.

Jiling Sereng, a village in Purulia was adopted by SBGS. On 6<sup>th</sup> of December and 12<sup>th</sup> of January, teachers, students, alumni members and parents took an initiative to handover survival kits to the villagers and the inmates of Siddho- Kanho Mission orphanage.

Apart from this infusion pumps, oxymeters, a syringe pump, laptops, tablets and a desktop were donated to various organisations.

### **BLOOD DONATION**

The annual Blood Donation Camp was organised by the members of SNEH (Social Service unit) in the school premises on 21st November in association with Project Life Force. The total number of donors was 90.

### **SMAYAN**

Smayan 2023, a fest for children with special needs, was organized on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December. 112 students from 8 institutions were a part of this unique fest.

### **EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**

The Vision of the school is to empower the girl child and the exchange programmes contribute greatly to the process of empowerment.

Two in-person exchange programmes were conducted last year, one national and the other international. While 39 students and 3 teachers participated in the exchange with the partner schools in France, 16 students and 2 teachers participated in the one with Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani.

Currently there is a virtual exchange that is going on with students of Ogawa High School, Japan. Talks are also on with another school there, Omiya Kita High School.

The students of the primary section have been involved in various virtual exchange programmes with schools in Columbia, Malaysia, France and Italy.

## **FINLAND AND JAPAN**

The Principal was privileged to be a part of a group of educators who travelled to Finland in May and Japan in September. These were enriching visits as they gave her an insight into their educational system , code of conduct and sense of discipline.

Currently in school, all students spend the last few minutes of the day cleaning their classrooms and the surrounding area.

## **ART/PHOTOGRAPHY AND ROBOTICS EXHIBITION**

Exhibitions showcasing the work of the students with regard to Sustainable Development Goals, Art, Photography and Robotics took place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## **FIELD TRIPS**

Fields trips are an excellent way to promote experiential learning. Several field trips like the ones to the Indian Museum, Reserve Bank of India Museum, Indian Institute for Cultivation of Sciences and St. Paul's Cathedral to name a few were organised for the students throughout the year. The most significant educational trip was the one to Sriharikota where a group of forty-nine students from Classes VIII-XII and four teachers went to witness the historic launch of the Chandrayaan-III .

## **SPORTS**

Annual Sports Day was organized on 22<sup>nd</sup> December at Geetanjali stadium. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. P. B. Salim, an IAS officer who holds multiple esteemed positions in the State Government. Students, teachers, ex- students, parents and support staff participated in the various events. Maurya House lifted the Best March Past trophy while The Championship Trophy for the Best Athletic Performance was conferred on Pallava House.

Apart from this The Nursery and Kindergarten Sports Day, held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. was filled with joy and energy as young participants showcased their enthusiasm through vibrant drills and races. It also included the debut march past by the junior student council and some members of the Bulbuls.

## **PICNIC**

Students of the middle and senior school went for their annual picnic to The Divine Resort on 24<sup>th</sup>January.

## **CO-CURRICULAR**

Cocurricular activities have always kept students engaged and motivated in school. Two new clubs were introduced in this session. Robotics for Classes IV-VIII and Archery for Classes III-VIII. 4 students represented our school in the State Level Archery Championship.

Throughout the year students participated in various intraclass, inter house and inter-school competitions.

They took part in a number of fests with lot of enthusiasm and won several accolades.

Students also celebrated special days, Birth anniversaries and festivals. Like every year special assemblies were also conducted in the CT period.

### **Meraki**

'Meraki' a fest for the students of the primary section was held for the first time on 19<sup>th</sup> January. 8 schools participated in this event which had a Disney theme.

### **Magical March**

As spring ushered in a season of happiness, colour and bounty, school life at Sushila Birla Girls' School got exciting with the advent of Magical March 4.0. Young minds were exposed to an array of creative activities like pottery,eco printing,news reading,sholapith and kalaripayatu

### **Media coverage**

Many of the school events, programmes and celebrations were covered by the media and as well as published on the website. This helped to reach out to a wider audience and receive positive publicity.