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A SVIS Newsletter

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WE ARE...

Sri Vidyaranya International School (SVIS), is a CBSE school established with the purpose of imparting academic excellence and instilling ancient wisdom, cultural values and scientific temperament among its students.

SVIS is established by Vidya Bharathi Akhila Bhartiya Siksha Sansthan, the biggest non-profit organization in the field of education, with over six decades of experience in providing value-based education all over India. Vidya Bharathi has carved many leading personalities in several walks of life who have been serving the society relentlessly.



The foundation Stone of SVIS was laid by Parama Pujaneeya Sarsanghchalak Maananeeya Dr. Mohan Bhagwat on December 29, 2019, during the Poorva Vidyarthi Mahasammelan organised by the Vidyapeetham at Bandlaguda Jagir. Nearly 20,000 alumni have attended the event.

**Laying of the foundation stone by
Parama Pujaneeya
Sarsangchalak Mananeeya
Dr. Mohan Bhagwat**



The school has a unique system of education with an optimum blend of ancient wisdom, traditional values and modern outlook for integrated development of the child

OUR VISION

SVIS aims to provide holistic education in order to nurture the inner potential of children through self-inquiry, experimentation, innovation and find the truth to pursue their dreams with indomitable spirit, in a collaborative & co-operative environment.

Sri Lingam Sudhakar Reddy's Message

Organising Secretary, Vidya Bharathi, Dakshina Madhya Kshetra

We Ourselves Need to Become an Example

Sri Vidyaranya International School (SVIS), Hyderabad has been set up by Sri Saraswathi Vidyapeetham. There are numerous International schools across the country and we need to understand whether this school is like all the other International schools or if it has something unique to offer. We first have to understand the ethos and philosophy of its founding Organisation, Sri Saraswathi Vidyapeetham.

Sri Saraswathi Vidyapeetham has been functioning in our state for the past five decades. It is affiliated to Vidya Bharathi Akhila Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan, New Delhi. Vidya Bharati has been running 24,000 educational institutions all over the country. It is the world's largest non-profit organisation in the field of education.

Vidya Bharati's mission is to see that education is for the improvement of the society and aids in teaching moral and ethical values. The foundation of education must be centered in our Indian values and nurture the social, emotional and intellectual needs as well as contribute to the holistic development and enlightenment of the child. It should also be affordable and accessible to all.

Many of our senior honourable members, having seen the functioning of our schools in comparison to the various International schools, have understood what the students are learning in our schools and what the others are losing while studying in those International schools. Based on these observations, feedback, advice and help of all these great educationists and respectable members, SVIS has come into being.

The thought process permeated in the society today is that International education can be imparted only if the American system of education is adopted.

This feeling that international means American has penetrated to such an extent that we have westernised even our education. Every country has its own philosophy of education which is based on their way of living, culture and tradition. Only if a person leads his or her life in that way will he or she be true to that essence-happy and successful.

June 21st is celebrated as International Yoga Day. America and the West have understood that the essence of Yoga can be imbibed only through learning it from India's ancient system of yoga, the authentic Patanjali Yoga.

Amongst all the countries and cultures of the world, India is one of the oldest. In history we read of the ancient civilizations of Greece, Rome, Egypt, Mesopotamia and various others; yet today they are extinct. One of the only other existing ancient civilizations is China but the China of today is not Gautama Buddha's China but a Communist China; an American China. History has proved that Bharat has no death. We have seen that leading our lives according to our culture makes us immortal. Our responsibility is to propagate to the world, that if they lead their lives in the Indian way, they too can become immortal. India is the only country that has a universal vision which can be seen in its shanti (Peace) mantra.

*"Sarve Bhavanthu Sukhinaha
Sarve Santhu Niramayah
Sarve Badhrani Pasyanthu
Ma kaschith dukkha bhagbhaveth"*

We have to prove to the world that internationalism and globalism are not western trends alone but have been a way of life propagated by India since times immemorial. Our school was started with this vision and I seek your cooperation in fulfilling this vision.



Message from Academic Advisor, SVIS

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil. - *C.S.Lewis*

The purpose of education is to create men who are not only self-sufficient but are also helpful members of the society. Today this seems to be a misnomer. Not only have we, as the educated become self-serving we have also become as C.S. Lewis says 'a clever devil'.

Education in India was considered a 'tapasya' - an austerity and a way to 'moksha', enlightenment. Schools or Gurukuls were temples where the students came to learn academic content as well as moral values. The glory of India rested in this and this was also why so many foreign scholars flocked to the many universities like Nalanda and Takshashila to receive education.

If India has to be restored to its past glory, the same value education should both supplement as well as complement the academic practices. This vision was envisaged by the Management of Sri Vidyanarya International School as is seen in the school's motto itself 'Ancient Wisdom with Global Competence' which tells us its objective.

The success of the school in the first year itself in spite of the COVID-19 tells us that this value system is what parents want and as we trudge ahead, we look forward to many more successes in terms of giving our country, citizens, who will help in nation building.

Jai Hind

- *Smt. Sree Devi*



Message from Principal, SVIS

Where there's a Will, there is a Way

When Covid times threw challenges, we took them as opportunities to bring in a paradigm shift in the way we reach out, connect and educate our students.

Online classes have helped us all to embed technology into traditional teaching methodology and the result has been absolutely amazing and gratifying. Moreover, co-hosting for other teachers' classes has substituted the regular subject enrichment workshops that are conducted every year, because all our teachers are great resources themselves.

When we are open to learning from each other, there's no limit to the possibilities. Needless to say, team work has never been this fruitful and fun.

We can see a natural bond developing in a very short period of time with our children and parents. Of course, a great share of this success goes to the parents for their willingness to adapt and cooperate. While we miss going to school and interacting with the children, as educators we are optimistic that students will come out of this situation successfully having learnt valuable life skills.

The Pandemic has taught us the biggest lesson - **'Accept Challenges!!'**

If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow.

- *Smt. Vijaya Tipparaju*



Parent Orientations

Sri Vidhyaranya International School believes in partnering with parents to create the best schooling experiences for its students in an endeavour to expound the School's Philosophy & Vision, pedagogical practices and the curriculum. We have conducted the 1st parent meeting on 5th March, 2020. Teachers were introduced formally and FAQ's of parents were addressed. The session gave parents, the much-needed clarity and confidence to make the big decision.

On 25th and 26th of July, the 2nd PTM was conducted. Guidelines and expectations for online classes were explained and parents' opinions and concerns were discussed. Further, the online class schedule was redesigned taking the parents inputs into consideration.

C.B.S.E Term End Assessment pattern, schedule and guidelines were discussed during the 3rd PTM on the 26th and 27th of September. Sample papers with the blue print, answer key and the marking scheme were discussed. The revision classes enabled the students to get well prepared for the assessments.

On 7th of October, the 4th PTM was conducted to discuss Term-I results followed by a Google survey to take the feedback from the parents on School's performance. Parents' feedback was delightful and encouraging.

On 2nd January, the 5th PTM was conducted and parents' feedback was noted to create individualised action plan. Childwise result analysis was done for remediation through one on one sessions.

School Updates

- The school was started with classes up to Grade 7, as per the plan. Curriculum is designed to include academic and co-curricular activities. Sadacharam, Yoga, Art, Sanskrit and Classical Dance were introduced alongside academics from the beginning and they are being pursued earnestly by students of all grades.
- Qualified and well-trained teachers were recruited. They were oriented on the lines of Saradadhamam philosophy and pedagogy to build competence and team spirit.
- Despite the constraints during the Pandemic, school strength has consistently increased in number. By word of mouth, the good work of the school is spread across the neighborhood and the nearby areas.
- New joinees are accommodated in the regular classes and extra hours of teaching, personal guidance and care by the teachers is given to ensure that they don't feel left out.
- Since 2nd week of June, online classes are being conducted for classes L.K.G to Grade 7 with varied timings and duration.
- Teachers are given necessary training in using technology and through determination and practice they have now become very familiar with digital teaching. Student attendance and participation has always been nearly 100% on all days.
- As per the C.B.S.E assessment pattern, Formative Assessments 1, 2 & 3 were completed in July, August & December respectively and Summative Assessment-I was conducted in October. The first term has come to an end on 16th October.

Teacher's Training and Workshops

Workshop on 'Blooms Taxonomy and Learning Outcomes' was conducted by Academic Advisor of Sri Vidhyaranya International School, Smt. Sree Devi, in the months of March and April.

Teacher training in Vidyapeetham philosophy is ongoing since the inception of the academic year on alternate Saturdays. Various modules on 'Pancha Koshas' and the need to align the teaching methodology for their enrichment - were conducted. Our School Teachers are being trained through these modules to design the curricular and co-curricular activities to include the practices that help in the refinement of Pancha Koshas.

First workshop of the Vidyapeetham training series on 'Incorporation of Moral and Spiritual Values (Sadacharam)' into Curriculum was conducted by Sri Ayachitula Lakshmana Rao, Dakshina Madhya Kshetra Secretary of Vidya Bharathi, on 17th October.

74th Independence Day



Sri Vidyaranya International School celebrated the 74th Independence Day with great patriotic fervor. The event was conducted with a limited gathering in the school premises and it was live-streamed on our school portal to facilitate student and parent participation.

The celebrations included flag hoisting and a cultural program. Dakshina Madhya Kshetra Organising Secretary, Sri L. Sudhakar Reddy; Secretary of SVIS; Sri P. Malliah; Treasurer, Sri A. Rangayya Charya; Academic Advisor, Smt. G. Sree Devi and Principal, Smt. Vijaya graced the occasion.

A soul stirring message was delivered by Sri L. Sudhakar Reddy on the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, with special reference to the unsung heroes of the movement. In his address he emphasized on the role of parents and teachers of present generation, in instilling and nurturing such values and patriotism displayed by those great men. He also urged the parents to take the responsibility of raising their kids to be self-reliant, committed, disciplined and zealous, so that they stand up for the cause of nation building.

Republic Day Celebrations

Address by Sri Mallaiah Pasarti on Republic Day

India is a Sovereign Democratic Republic. 'Sovereign' in the sense, Sarva Swatantra Praja Swamyam. 'Swatantra' implies that our policies and practices should be Indian. To enjoy freedom and independence forever, citizens of our country have to perform their duties and follow the principles laid in the constitution. The Constitution has given us many rights and responsibilities. Rules were formed on how every citizen must behave in the country. However, even to this day, our judiciary is following some of the acts like Cr.P.C., C.P.C. etc., framed by the British before independence. That has to be transformed into swadeshi.

In today's schools, focus is only on Intelligence Quotient (I.Q.). In Sri Vidyaranya International School (SVIS), emotional quotient is also addressed through the curriculum developed by Sri Saraswathi Vidyapeetham. The thought, "Be happy along with me and lead a happy life" is an indicator of an emotionally developed person.

An I.A.S. Officer and his son went for an outing. His son saw a bird's nest on a branch and wanted to get the same and keep at home. The officer ordered a small boy herding his cattle nearby, to bring down the nest from the tree but the boy refused stating that, when the mother bird would return in the evening it would be heartbroken to find its home gone and the eggs missing. He not only refused to uproot the nest, but also firmly hugged the tree to prevent the officer's son from doing the act himself. This is called 'Samvedana' - Empathy. SVIS is committed to inculcate this empathy amongst the students. The role of teachers is of prime importance here.

Lokmanya Sri Bal Gangadhar Tilak, when asked about the portfolio that he would like to handle in Independent Indian Government, said that he would prefer to go back to the school where he had been a teacher, to continue with the task of grooming the children into eminent leaders. Values can be easily incorporated by teachers into their regular subjects. Rather than seeking and fighting for rights, citizens must be willing to place nation's interest above one's own interest. Such attitudes must be created by teachers and it is in the classroom that the future of our country is being made. I sincerely appeal to the teachers, to take up this task earnestly and create such individuals from our school, who will stand out as custodians of our nation.



An evening of Cultural extravaganza!!

Devi Navaratri

16th October 2020

Dussehra, live online cultural program for a duration of three hours, was conducted with great pomp and pageantry. About 130 students from Classes L.K.G to Grade VI had participated in various performances. Traditional and semi classical dances - Mahishasuramardhini, folk dances - Dandiya, Lambada and Batukamma; Dramas titled, **Durga - The Universal Consciousness** and **Ram Leela** and a Musical Soiree depicting the theme **Shakthi** were eye captivating and informative. The program ended with a message that we have the innate power called 'Durga', which can be invoked to fight the darkness and the weaknesses within us. When this power is rightly used, every individual will attain his/her true potential.



Vaasthu Puja and School Building Inauguration

Sri Vidyaranya International School celebrated the School Building Inauguration on 26th October, on the auspicious tidhi of Sri Sarvarinama Samvatsara Nija Asweeyuja Sukla Dasami, with great joy and festive spirit. The traditional Vaastu Puja and Homam, followed by Veda pathanam and the consecration of Maharshi Vidyarnya Statue marked the highlights of the occasion. Sri J.M. Kasipathi, (All India Organising Secretary, Vidya Bharathi Akhila Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan), Sri L. Sudhakar Reddy (Organising Secretary, Vidya Bharathi, Dakshina Madhya Kshetra) and other eminent people who have contributed towards the establishment and successful running of the school had participated.

The program was live streamed for the parents and students and a staff meet was conducted on the same day to mark the formal beginning of school activities in the premises.



Children's Day Celebrated with fun and frolic

Teachers of Sri Vidyaranya International school have put up a surprise online show for the students, on the eve of Children's Day. Children were thrilled to see their teachers perform dances and skits that celebrated childhood and the innocence of children. 'Yashoda Krishna' - a musical ballet depicted that children, though naughty at times like Krishna are endearing to their parents. Popular children's songs and poems like Nanna Munna Rahi Hoon and Baar Baar Athi Hai Mujhko Madhur Yaad Bachpan... had left the students in awe at the talent of their teachers. The famous children's story, 'Giving Tree' by Shel Silverstein was adapted and narrated using placards and puppets, to convey the message that parents are like the giving tree, ever willing to sacrifice their lives for their children. Children were made to acknowledge their parents' sacrifices and the show culminated with a strong message for the children to honour and obey their parents.

The show was a great entertainer and was appreciated by the parents and students alike.



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