The Shri Ram Universal School, Bagla, Samba Annual Report 2020-21

Every progressive futuristic school shoulders a great responsibility of grooming future leaders, as it is a place wherein all children grow, not just in size, not just in knowledge; but in curiosity, courage, confidence, independence, resourcefulness, resilience, patience, competence, accountability and wisdom." How to groom children for all the future needs?

The Shri Ram Universal School Samba has been doing extremely well right since its inception in 2018. In a short span of 3 years, it has emerged as a trendsetter, a model of excellence in 21st Century value-based education; nurturing and empowering curious Shriites to emerge as a competent, compassionate and responsible global citizenry.

Academics:

Maintaining the tradition of previous years, this year too the result of the exams has been exemplary. Our academic excellence is every year endorsed by our students through their outstanding results. Every class witnessed 100% result with flying colours.

For preparing our promising Shriites to take on the future challenges of the professional world, we are modifying and upgrading the teaching methodologies and syllabus to produce an exciting and vibrant curriculum under the guidance of SEL along with the aid of modern technology. Now we are laying greater emphasis on "application based learning". Right from the primary classes, we are preparing students for benchmarking exams, so as to evaluate their understanding of the core subjects. In days to come, they will reap the benefits of this curricular initiative and make us feel proud with their performance in Competitive exams.

Conduction of Online Classes over Microsoft Teams: TSUS Samba conducted brilliantly the online interactive classes over the portal MS Teams and with the help of Shri Educare Ltd, Gurugram made the online programme extremely user-friendly. Throughout the pandemic year 2020-21, SEL Group conducted regular workshops for teachers, parents & students for doubt-clearance. Several workshops were taken by Team SEL regarding Online Assessments. Variety sessions were conducted for Shri Educators to use more TOOLS (namely, Kahoot, Padlet, Use of White Boards etc). Online exams were successfully conducted for all Classes and brought appreciation from parents. Besides taking offline classes in the school premises for the students of classes 1 to 8 in the month of February, online classes were also conducted for those students who didn't attend the school on account of any reasons.

<u>Co-curricular activities</u>: Good grooming in academics prepares a child for a job but a holistic grooming in co-curricular and cultural activities prepares a child for the life. This year we have introduced 10 clubs for the students of classes VI to IX.

In today's world, where blogging, social networking, MUNs, discussion forums and debating and mobile phones are part of the day-today affairs, it is imperative that Futuristic schools give much more attention to these than has been in vogue so far. Such an endeavour will not only keep our products in good stead at University level activities but also help produce smarter citizens who may well become a part of a team of nation builders.

<u>Communication skills:</u> Debating, for example, improves critical thinking, research, exploration and communication. For challenging their grey cells as well as to sharpen their debating skills, we organize regular interactions in the classrooms across the levels. We ask them probing questions, seek their critical opinion while offering them freedom to think: think absolute, think lateral, think divergent and think convergent. The kind of thinking skills our students need today are those which help them to adapt to a world of accelerated change – a space age, a computer society. Progressive schools can, of course, take the credit of producing some of the finest speakers of the country in the present 21st century.

Studies from renowned educators also establish a positive relationship between IQ and the learning in the domains of Visual & Performing Arts. Regular involvement with music/dance/Art results into better scholastic achievements. Today TSUS Samba boasts of a high caliber Art & Craft/ Music & Dance faculty, grooming children for different genres of performing & visual arts. Every achievement of students at Inter-House, Inter-School level adds to the collective spirit of grooming to them.

Online celebrations throughout the COVID year: An institution deeply rooted with the blend of Indian Culture and Ethics along with the spirit of National integrity, The Shri Ram Universal School Samba celebrates all major occasions and festivals, both religious and national, with great fervour & enthusiasm, offline as well as online. Rakshabhandan, Janmashtami, Independence Day, Ganesh Chaturthi etc. Each celebration had its own distinctive flavour and performances were widely appreciated by all. A celebration with a special significance, Teachers' Day, was organized by the students of Class VIII amidst a dazzling extravaganza of dances, game-shows, musical delights and cultural items.

Games and Sports

Sports along with co-scholastic activities are equally important in all round development of an individual. We have been grooming students in various sports disciplines, namely, Soccer, Cricket, Volley ball, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Karate, Chess, Carom board etc.

Training programme for the Teachers/Students & parents:

Meaningful education is the present need of the young and dynamic generation. In order to keep pace with the ever changing dynamics of time, new, innovative, advanced, research-based and effective teaching strategies need to be devised. Keeping in sync with the inquisitive and techno savvy students of the contemporary world, the teaching too has to evolve and upgrade itself regularly. We at TSUS Samba strive together to modernize teaching methods and understand the psyche of our students. Various in-house and online

workshops were conducted throughout the year for the teachers to update them, which definitely upgraded the scholastic as well as co-scholastic transactions in the classrooms.

Highlights of the SMC Meetings:

A brief presentation on "Implementation of Best Practices" by Mr. Rajender Shah Mr. Rajender Shah, Associate Vice President (Operations), SEL, made a brilliant reflection on the topic Importance/Implementation of Best Practices" He drew the attention of the SMC members towards the areas of innovative practices, like, out-of-the-box thinking, Book exchange, class library, Home library, Shri Innovation Lab, Mental health & well-being of students & staff, Psycho-social impact; shift from Marks-based education to Holistic education; Talk show by Eminent entrepreneurs/ Educational/Business leaders, setting Goals & aspirations in life, accepting failure with a positive perspective etc. He laid emphasis over keeping eyes and ears open and whenever we come across with any innovative practice from any school, we must try to imbibe that. His sage reflections on the topic were very well taken and applauded by the members of SMC.

Adoption of a Govt. School in a nearby village

This point was unanimously applauded by all the SMC members, as every progressive & futuristic Institution elevates the educational ecosystem of the entire region. Hence considering it a social responsibility, The Shri Ram Universal School, Samba ought to adopt a Govt school and empower it with its Midas touch. Every child of a Govt school must be given complete exposure of academics, Co-curricular activities, personality development programme, career counselling, motivational talks etc available to the students of TSUS, Jammu. Hence we have adopted Govt. Girls Middle School, Jakh, Samba & Govt. Higher Secondary School, Jakh, Samba

Briefing on observing the COVID Protocol on the Re-opening of Schools by Mr. KCS Mehta

Mr. KCS Mehta briefed the members of SMC regarding the re-opening of Schools on 21st September, 2020 for the doubt clarification session for the students of classes I - VIII.

He suggested various mandatory measures to be observed by all (teachers, employees and students) at all times. These include: (a) Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible. (b) Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory. (c) Frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be done wherever feasible. (d) Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue/handkerchief/flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly. (e) Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest. (f) Spitting should be strictly prohibited. (g) Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App may be advised wherever feasible. He concluded that without seeking the Consent letters from parents, no child should be allowed in the school for any purpose.

Herbal garden

TSUSJ has earmarked a place behind the Front-side Amphitheatre of the school and a Herbal garden is being reared there. We have with us variety of plants, namely, Aloe vera, Geloy, Cloves, Cardamom, Bay leaves plants, Carom seed plants etc.

Installation of Solar panels:

In order to meet out the energy needs of the Institution, we have installed 90 panel solar system in the school.

Vote of thanks

By the end of this most challenging COVID year 2020-21, I express my sincere thanks to the Chairman Mr. Sanjeev Gupta for his incessant support and guidance. I also acknowledge the creative inputs and untiring efforts from our committed n dynamic Director Mrs. Rajni Gupta for the grooming of Shriites and for taking the institution on higher echelons with every passing academic year.

I am thankful to all the members of my staff for their consistent and unflinching support in turning every stumbling block into a milestone, for showering their love n affection on children, while ensuring a holistic growth profile to every student.

I also thank the Administrative and support staff for their sincere and devoted services. I express my deep appreciation for the work done by our loving students in creating a joyful ambience in the school and for being so decent and lovable children.

And finally, I thank all our worthy parents who have been very supportive in all our endeavors, whose regular counseling and inspiration to their wards at home help us fetch the desired results. Thanks, dear parents, you are our most trusted support. You are our real asset.

Thank you, one and all.

Rajesh Rathore Principal TSUS, Bagla, Samba

