

Annual Reports: 2020-21

Ladies and gentlemen, good evening! We, Aruna M Visvessvar and Rincy Jose, stand before this august assembly, proud and privileged to present the report of two successful years of Adhyapana School.

Academics at Adhyapana

- Board exam results for the academic year **2019-20** - **R K Raaga Nandhini** of **Std XII** from the Science group scored **486/500** and was the school topper.
- In **Std X**, **C.Akshadha Angel 489/500** was the school topper. Akshadha Angel has been awarded CBSE Board's **Merit Scholarship** for her outstanding results.
- **AKS Education's School Toppers' Award** was bestowed upon Std X School Topper Akshadha Angel and **Subject Toppers** V Jaswanthni for English, R Akshara for Sanskrit and P Tejomathy for Science.
- 119 out of 125 students in grade XII received above-75% distinction, as did 91 out of 119 students in grade X. Once again, the outcomes were absolutely fantastic, with **six students achieving centum** in various subjects.

General Activities at School:

- Our School has been rewarded for its STEM teaching (STEM being Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) by NITI Aayog of the Central Government by way of a **Grant of Rs.20 Lakhs for setting up the Atal Tinkering Lab**. This lab has been since inaugurated and caters to the teaching of Robotics, AI, Bio and Nano Technologies.
- It gives us great pleasure to announce that Adhyapana School is the **proud recipient of SASTRA-CNR RAO Lab**. We are one among 10 schools only selected out of more than a hundred competitive entries from India by Sastra Deemed University.
- The School is now entirely **Solar Power Generated**. In keeping with our tradition of Energy Conservation and Environmental Protection giving us the **National Green School award**.

Despite the sudden outbreak of pandemic that forced all the educational institutes to remain closed temporarily, Adhyapana is the first school in Madurai to succeed in shifting entirely to online teaching - A panacea in the time of Covid-19 crisis.

From April 2020 onwards until the reopening of school for all Standards, general activities at the school underwent a paradigm change from offline to online using Google Meet and G-Suite.

1. In support of the Government's efforts to combat Covid-19, all our Staff members lit the **candles and lights** to spread the message of stay home stay safe. **2019-20 batch** shared the corona awareness messages through a **collage work**.
2. A **Tamil skit** on Corona Awareness ably guided by the Heads of the Primary School along with our Tamil teacher Mr.Baskara Pandian was enacted by our Primary students.

3. A **Corona Awareness Song** well-executed by Mrs. Rincy Jose, directed by Mr. Godson Jerone, Music by Mr. Franklin Nickson, Recording assistance by Mr.Suresh and written by me with our Dean sir's support was released and is on YouTube.
4. Std VIII students performed **Voice and Vision** on this Song choreographed by Dance Master Sam.
5. Adhyapana School contributed Rs.25000 towards our **C.M relief fund** for Covid operations.
6. '**Away from Books**'- Non-academic activities on different value based topics was conducted every day to engage all the students during the lockdown days. The school and staff went beyond their call of duty to conduct diverse and engaging classes such as **Healthy Cooking, Singing, Dance, Simple Hair-do, Pattern Drawing, Cookery, Learning Thirukural, Spoken Hindi, Spoken English** and many more. Course completion certificates were issued too.
7. **Career Guidance Online** session was conducted exclusively for the students of Stds IX to XI. Students also received their E-certificate for attending the session.
8. Pongal, International Yoga Day, Father's Day, Quit India Movement Day, National Sanskrit Day, World Photography Day, Teacher's Day, Gandhiji and Sastriji's Birthday, Children's Day were all celebrated – **online and over Google Meet.**
9. **Student Elections** were conducted for the Student Council under the supervision of the School Heads.
10. For the 1st time, in the history of any educational institution, Sports Day was conducted on-line and received much publicity on the media and newspapers. **12th year Sports Day** was inaugurated by our **life trustees Mr.Praveen Visesh and Mrs.Aparna Praveen** from Singapore for the Primary Sports Meet. Mrs. Bubbles, CEO, Zadokz Institute inaugurated the Senior Sports Meet. The telecast of the same was done on many **TV channels** like Polimer NEWS, J NEWS &Thanthi TV. NEWS about our on-line Sports meet was published in **Malayala Manorama** paper, Chennai Edition.
11. **Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club** was held virtually and their first launch was **Toy Bank and United We String projects**. Also, distributed **hand sanitizers and masks** to the support staff of our school as its charity project.
12. The **Installation ceremony** of the first-ever team of office bearers of the **Early Act Club** was done online and as the First Project, **a story-telling workshop** was organized for Std V. Organised '**The Camlin Abstract Painting Workshop**' for the students to learn the techniques of drawing. To commemorate Mental Wellness week a webinar on '**A Roadmap To Life Skills & Mental Wellness**' was organized by Early Act Club.
13. The **74th Independence Day** was observed in two parts with a slight twist. Both the first and second parts were live broadcast on **YouTube and Google Meet**, respectively. **Mr. Michael Block**, the Principal of Kananook Primary School, Melbourne, Australia served as the Chief Guest. Additionally, Our Independence Day news was included in the **Chennai edition of Malayala Manorama.**

14. On **Hindi Divas** - I inaugurated virtual Hindi class and assigned Mrs. Rugmini V Menon as teacher-in-charge for one of our partner schools - Kananook Primary School, Melbourne, Australia.
15. **School reopened** after 10 months of lockdown with all the safety protocols put in place for Std X & XII on **19th January 2021**. Stds IX and XI commenced on **8th Feb 2021**.
16. **National Science Day** and **Fit India School Week** were celebrated with gusto.

Subject Week Celebration

A transitory setback like COVID19 couldn't halt us from presenting the most awaited subject week events.

- **ALCHEMY** from the Department of Science was the first to start the subject week celebrations online in **June 2020** - the most important topic highlighted being Covid-19.
- **ART AND ARTISTS' WEEK** saw the talents of the students through various art forms like Dance, Music, Drawing and Painting in **2020**. **Mr. Arvind Sriram and Mrs. Sapna Arvind** our School Life Trustee from New York were the chief guests of "**ADHYAPANA'S GOT TALENT**". **3 Students** from Adhyapana School, along with **Master Aniketh Arvind, creator of "United We String", USA, 2 more students** from abroad collaborated to deliver meaningful music.
- **BEACON** week of the Commerce and CS Department gave an insight into the potential **career options** in **2020** and '**The Impact of Covid Pandemic on Indian Economy**' was highlighted. **Banking Services** was the theme for the Grand Finale.
- **A-MUSE Week** unfurled the curtain on a family musical play **Mary Poppins** in its shortest version.
- **SOCIAL STUDIES'** Dept. showcased the **History of Adhyapana** 2009 till 2020. The much-desired **Star Adhyapana Quiz - Season 9** was a live stream on YouTube.
- **SAHITA** week representing Sanskrit, Hindi and Tamil department presented a skit on importance of right diet, 'Suno Draupadi' Hindi poem, and a street play. The **grand finale** witnessed the **Mahishashuramardhini** dance.
- Every year, we commemorate **Shri. D. R. Iyer**, a renowned mathematician, by holding the Math Week "**INFINITY**" in his honour. It is intended to raise awareness of the fact that the fundamental goal of math is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple!

Co-curricular Competitions: There is no dearth of competitions in Adhyapana. We are indeed proud to say that our children emerge as winners wherever they participate – whether they are sent from school or they participate on their own.

- In **SOF Olympiad 2019-2020**, our students won 5 Gold, 4 Silver, 2 Silver in **Science Olympiad**, 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in **English Olympiad**, 5 Gold, 3 Silver, 4 Bronze in **Math Olympiad**.
- 3 of our students M. Swasthika, Thomas Jose and K. Adithya from **2019-20** batch secured top 3 positions in the **SOF Commerce Olympiad**.
- Sresuja of 2019-20 batch was placed **1st in Star Olympiad Commerce online competition**.

- **3 of our students** have clinched **International and Zonal Ranks** in **SOF International Olympiad 2019-20**. R Sathvikka in **Science**, Yojith Bisaj in **GK**, and S Ishwarya Lakshmi in **Mathematics Olympiad**.
- In **ISRO EXPO and Competition 2020**, our students Biswayan Chakravarthy, U. Roshini, and V. K Bhoopesh Balaji won **3rd prize for the innovative ideas in the field of “Robotic Space Explorer”**.
- **4 of our students** R. Hari Ragavendra, B. Swastika, C. Subhiksha, and Manisha Choudry were placed in the **top three** of the **All India Camel Colour Contest 2020**.
- In **2019-2020**, many of our Std XII students obtained **merit-based scholarships** in the Pre-Board International Scholarship Examination (**PBISE**) offered by **BITS- Pilani Dubai Campus**. Tejaswini Dee of the 2019–20 batch chose to pursue her higher education at BITS Dubai Campus.
- M Sanjetha of 2019-20- Std 12 batch was adjudged as the **topper in an online quiz series Biotechthon** conducted by Kamaraj University.
- In **TATTVA A PSYCHOLOGICAL COLLOQUIUM** conducted by Cauvery Global Senior Secondary School, Trichy Keerthana M, A Varsha Antony, V.Preethika and K. Madhusudhanan of 2019-20 batch bagged second prize in Power Point Presentation on Body image and State of Mind. G. Mercy Deborah of 2020-21 batch got third prize in Quiz.
- At **“PARAMPARA 2020 - an Annual Inter School Cultural Fest** hosted from Chennai, S Gayatri of XI secured **1st Prize in Tattoo**, and S R Vanaj Kalyan of Std XI, won **3rd Prize in Photography**.
- In an **online Essay Writing Competition** conducted by **Rotary Club of Madurai Elite** on account of the **Teachers’ Day Celebration**, Adhyapana is the only School to get the award for the maximum number of awards and participants from grades V to XII.

Year after year, it has now become a customary event to not only participate but also get prizes in various **carol singing competitions**. This year too our school triumphed with **6 prizes in all the music competitions** that we set foot in.

- At **“Michael Eve- Ring O Bells’** State Level Carol Singing Student’s team got first prize. Teacher’s team too got top honour – the first Prize.
- **1st Prize in “Chiming Bells”** Choir Singing held at Velammal Bodhi Campus. **1st Prize in Tinkling Bells** Choir competition conducted by Vijay Millennium School, Krishnagiri.
- In **Feliz Navidad** International Competition, out of 72 entries from different countries we bagged the **3rd Prize**.
- With more than 43 entries from across the world, we bagged the **3rd Prize in VOX Assisi- International Online Competition**.
- Our students also did us proud by winning **National Level prizes** at the **Multi Talent Contest** conducted by **NVM School, Delhi**. Akshaya of Std XI won the **FIRST PRIZE in MONO ACTING**.

Prizes in different categories - S Hasen Cyrus of Std 1 in Fancy Dress, M Karpagalakshmi of Std VIII in Mono Acting, Shivonne Maria Woolridge of Std VIII in English Declamation, Kevin Danny of Std XI in Hindi Declamation, M Keerthika of Std X in English Declamation, S Gayathri of Std XI in Painting and P Mathushree Std XII of 2021-22 batch in Singing.

- **In SOF Math Olympiad 2020-21**, Karpagalakshmi bagged **Gifts worth Rs 500/-, Medal and Certificate of Distinction**, Aditi Mrinal clinched **Gold Medal of Excellence** and S Ishwarya Lakshmi won a **Medal and Certificate of Distinction**.
- Ilakkiya Sai Shree secured **3rd Place in NTC's All India Talent Search Examination**.
- Under the Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research' (INSPIRE) scheme Std XII student Rithik Bala has been sanctioned **cash prize Rs 10000 for his innovative model work in Science**.
- Ishwarya Lakshmi of Std XII , on accomplishing **2 stages of NTSE** – a National Scholarship Program to identify and recognize students with high academic talent – **is the proud recipient of NTS Award**. She is one among the 1000 qualifiers out of 5 lakh students who wrote this exam across 50 cities in India.

Apart from being sent from the school, the following students participated in various competitions on their own and won prizes:

- Sushmitha of 2020-21 – Gold in South India Karate Championship
- S Jayakumar of Std IX - Gold medal in the District level Silambam Competition.
- Sri Hari Ragavendar of Std IX - 3rdplace - Canada Tamil Sangam Drawing competition
- Kamala Swaminathan of Std X - 3rd Place and a cash reward of Rs.1500 - Online Essay competition
- Kishore Kumar of Std VIII - Gold - Online Debate competition -
- S Harshith of Std X– 1st Prize - All India Drawing and Photography Contest
- N.S.Ilakkiya Sai Shree of Std VII - 1st Prize - - Math Art and Craft competition
- M. K. Jagesh of Std VIII – 1st Prize - STATE LEVEL Essay Writing
- AL Soundarya of Std VIII - 'A' GRADE - Drawing & Painting competition by NEHRD
- S.Raam Arravind of Std V - Silver Medal - National Level Drawing/Painting Competition
- S.Dhanyaa of Std V- State Level Trophies in Chess and Abacus.
- D.R.Vithun of Std V- State Level Trophies in Skating and Chess.
- P M Arjun Krishnaa of Std II - in best creative fancy dress competition
- Mohanachelvi of Std IX - Gold in an online Debate competition
- S. Iniyashree of Std VII - Silver for online Abacus Competition

Learning Away from Classes / Books:

- ❖ Students of Class VI, VII and VIII visited the PSY farmhouse.
- ❖ Our students took part in an awareness creating online quizzing session about the COVID-19 pandemic in the AarogyaSetu App.

- ❖ An enlightening session on **Life is eternal** was presented by Dr Kishore R Iyer – the Director of adult and pediatric intestinal rehabilitation and transplantation at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, Surgical Director of pediatric liver transplantation.
- ❖ A brainstorming session on **Risk Management** was presented by Shree Jaidev Iyer, Co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Risk counts and President of J-Risk Advisors, a consulting firm focusing on Enterprise/Operational risk, based in New York. Both the sessions were addressed to students of Std XII of 2019-20 and 2020-21 Batches.
- ❖ **Dr Danny Devasy**, Ayurveda Consultant and **Mr Biswajit Chakravarthy**, Engineering Head of Amway, India addressed all our students to mark the celebration of **National Youth Day**.
- ❖ A special session on the topic “**Skeleton System**” was arranged online for the students of grade 5 with **Dr. Senthil Kumar**, Ms.Ortho, Senior Asst. Professor, Consultant Spine and Trauma, Madurai Medical College.

Teachers in Action:

Upskilling and motivating teachers and students are some of the important measures taken by us during the pandemic. Truth be told teachers were busier than ever during the lockdown period attending all the value based training programmes such as CBSE’s online training sessions on **CBP, NEP 2020, MSSC Webinars, Subject enrichment workshops and Atal Training workshops** were attended by teachers even during the holidays to equip themselves with up to date knowledge of their subjects and with the emerging technology to teach students effectively.

- ✓ **CBSE Annual training cum Orientation Programme on Examination** was attended by **Vice–principal Mrs. Karuna Krishnan**.
- ✓ **A training session on Board Exams 2020** was conducted by our **Vice Principal Mrs. Karuna Krishnan** for the members from 9 different schools.
- ✓ Our **Principal Mrs Rincy Jose** was the **observer for Board Exams** in the year 2019-20 in Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan’s Gandhi Vidyashram –Kodaikanal.
- ✧ **Our Sr. Principal**, was invited as a speaker and an awardee to grace the **32nd Edition of Women Economic Forum** held in Madurai on 25th & 26th January 2020 on the theme “Women, Sculpting & Restructuring the world, shine”. She received the **Exceptional Woman of Excellence** award.
- ✧ Our school received the prestigious award under the category of “**Best New Entrant Green School Programme**”.
- ✧ In recognition of leadership qualities and path-breaking initiatives for the cause of education “**The Best District Principal**” award by the Science Olympiad Foundation was bestowed upon our **Sr. Principal Mrs. Aruna M Visvessvar** in the year 2020.

- ✧ Sr. Principal was invited as a **speaker at the MSSC online Webinar** on the topic - **Listen to the Heart of Resilient Leadership** to address the teaching fraternity to get accustomed to the New Normal during the lockdown.
- ✧ And by **Amirta College of Engineering** where she addressed a **seminar on 'IMPOSSIBLE HAS POSSIBLE'**.
- ✧ Our school was adjudged the **No. 1 CBSE School in Madurai** under the **India School Merit Awards** by the **Education Today group** in Bangalore, received by our Sr.Principal and Dean Sir on 24th Jan 2021 in Bangalore.
- ✧ **Women's Achievers Award** by Madurai Management Association affiliated to All India Management Association was awarded to Sr.Principal Ma'am in February this year.

We shall now take you through the **2021-22 Annual report**For that, it is now over to our Sr. Principal Mrs. Aruna M Visvessvar .