

# SVS REVIEW

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*"The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests."*

*- Epictetus*

## **Dear Parents,**

We know that the past few years have been an ordeal for all of us, both, as a community and as individuals. It had been especially challenging for the children to suddenly switch to an online life from the buoyant one they were relishing at school. However, extraordinary situations create extraordinaires.

It is important to look past the problem to find the solution and our dear children have shown marvellous resilience and performance even during these trying times. Their spirit and enthusiasm have kept us going and pushed us to give our best during online classes.

As teachers and parents, it is our responsibility to be empathetic and compassionate to the children irrespective of the situation. It is during these times that we as parents and teachers need to cooperate more than ever so that we can be the best support to our children.

We strongly believe that despite the circumstances, we can unitedly build a hopeful future for the students. As parents, you are now endowed with an opportunity and responsibility to be a mother/father, teacher, friend, and confidante all at once for your children. As teachers, we are here to employ every means and tool to provide the best and wholesome learning experience for our students. Together, we can work to keep the fire of curiosity, skill, and knowledge alive among these students. Together, let's turn this obstacle into a new learning opportunity.

Best wishes,

**S.P. Suresh**

**Director,  
Shiksha Valley School  
Dibrugarh**



# TRANSFORMATION TO ONLINE LEARNING- A NEW NORMAL

We are passing through the nightmare of Corona Virus, an invisible demon, has virtually engulfed human civilization in totality and threatened to stop wheels of human life to grinding halt. This is a crisis world never expected to encounter even in its remotest dream and the most people in this generation never experienced earlier.

Since the last few months, there has been a drastic shift in the way we have been conducting ourselves for many years now. The transitioning alterations in the way we live, observe, interact, and perform our duty has been reconstructed. The Corona virus pandemic has aggrieved our families, communities, the economy, organizational institutions, schools, and our perceived way of life. We share your anxiety and unanimously stand in solidarity with you and your family during these formidable times.

The first wave of COVID-19 cases started being registered in India around the first week of March and as a school, we were perceptive to realize the precariousness of the situation that was on the horizon.



We discerned that there is a possibility that schools may not open for an unprecedented time this academic year. Hence, normal classroom activities may be disrupted and continuing our engagement remotely might be our only possibility. We preemptively started working towards developing a strategy for continuing our children's productive learning process.

On 26th March 2020, two days after the national lockdown was announced, we were among the first schools in the country to have our online classrooms up and running. By April 2020, before the new session of 2020-21 was scheduled to reopen, classes from 6 to 9 were efficiently functioning online. Gradually Nursery to Class-5 also transformed to online mode.

Switching to online schooling comes with a steep learning curve, each 40 minutes session with students involves hours of pre-planning.

Starting May 25th, online classes began for yoga and physical exercise. These activities received an enthusiastic acceptance by the students with everyone involved actively at home.

Acquiring special government permissions to deliver all books and consumables to your doorsteps with strict precaution and safety concord set in place. This particular task involved exposure to a high-risk environment for the members of our team.

Online learning is an evolving process, we have come a long way in this journey, and yet, we have a long way to go. Gradually we have been into this "new normal". Hence, it requires adaptation from all of us to meet the needs of everyone involved.

# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



The school celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2020. On this occasion, students took part in many online activities. They made eco-friendly bags, posters and wrote slogans on the theme 'save environment'.

They also planted saplings at their homes. Director advised the children to protect the natural environment and take measures to engage in environment-friendly activities.

## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



International Yoga Day was celebrated by the students and teachers at Shiksha Valley School with great enthusiasm on 21st June 2020. Students demonstrated various asanas followed by Omkar chanting. Warm up exercises were taken and all the students performed sitting and standing asanas, importance of these were explained simultaneously. The celebration concluded with synchronized recitation of shlokas and speech by our director. He encouraged students to practice regular yoga to remain fit and improve concentration. Regular practice of yoga will surely help our students achieve a better life, physically, mentally and spiritually as well.



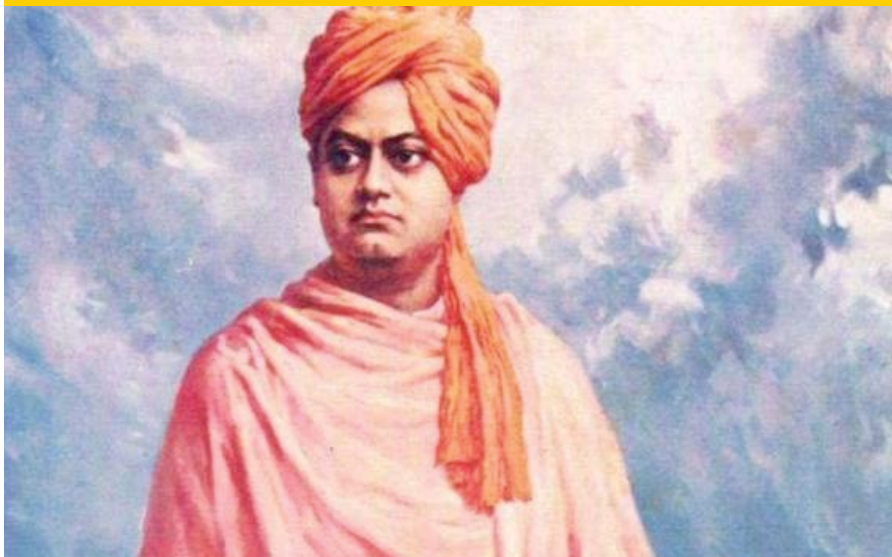
# DOCTOR'S DAY

Doctors have played an immensely crucial role in our lives. Especially since the beginning of the global pandemic, doctors have played the most difficult roles in keeping the countries afloat all around the world. Hence, the Shiksha Valley team put together a small effort to appreciate and acknowledge the sheer determination and hard work put forward by each and every health professional all around the world.

On Doctor's Day on 1st July 2020, teachers explained to the students on the importance of health and hygiene and the role played by the Doctors in our society. A presentation was shown to the students to give them an insight into the life of doctors & how it revolves around relief & saving lives all around them. Students showed their gratitude towards the doctors through their speeches, poems, and thank you cards.



## SWAMI VIVEKANANDA MAHASAMADHI ANNIVERSARY



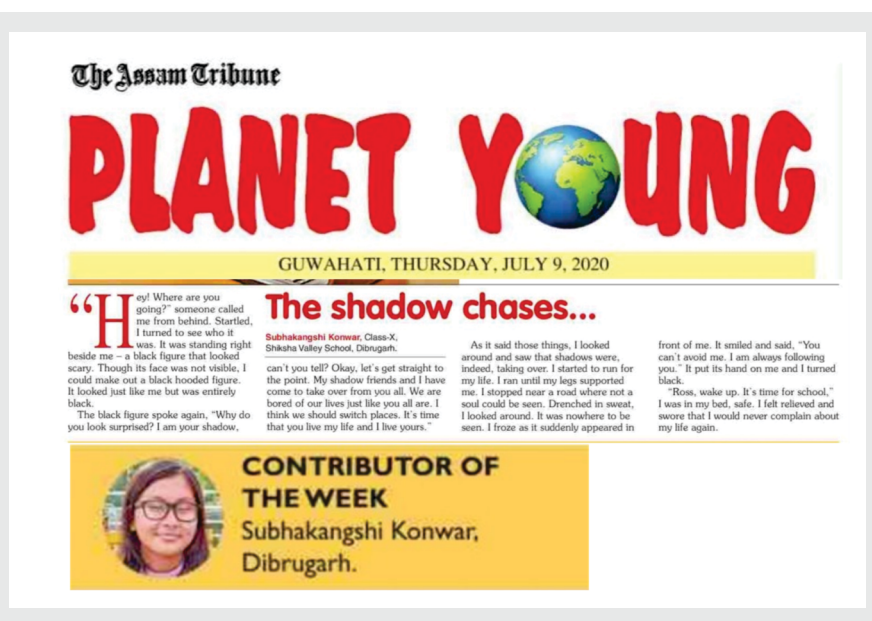
Swami Vivekananda was one of India's greatest patriotic monks who led a life of courage and purity that set an example for the youth. He inspired the youth of our nation to become better human beings and excellent leaders. His works and life are an inspiration for all in the country and beyond. On the occasion of Mahasamadhi day on 4th July 2020, Shiksha Valley School paid homage to the stalwart of Indian spirituality that he was.



# THE SHADOW CHASES-SHORT STORY

A short story "The shadow chases" written by our Class-X student Subhakangshi Konwar was published in Assam Tribune's Planet Young edition on 9th July 2020.

The story narrates her encounter with shadow of life in a dream with a unique blend of creativity and imagination.



## INTER HOUSE CHESS TOURNAMENTS



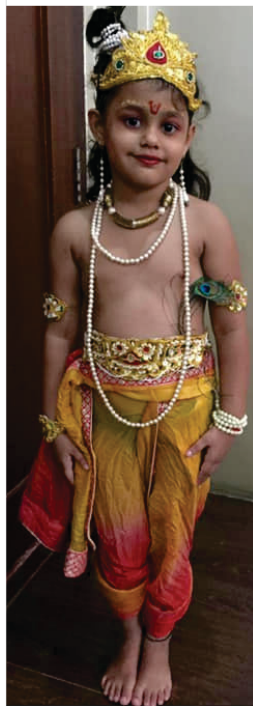
Chess Tournament is a way to provide a platform for students to sharpen their logical thinking, analytical reasoning, and problem-solving capacity. Hence, the school decided on conducting an Inter House Chess Tournament for the students on 9th August 2020 in the school auditorium. 56 participants turned up for the competition from various houses to participate in this brain game. The event was conducted under the leadership of the sports teachers.

The children's collected demeanor, rapt concentration, and stalwart moves were something we all reveled. It was a heartwarming experience for the Shiksha Valley team that allowed the students to push their mental boundaries and think out of the box. It also gave us the motivation to organize such events more often that allows the children to learn and play responsibly.

# JANMASHTAMI PROGRAM

Janmashtami is one of the festivals that we all look forward to celebrate. It was celebrated on 12th August 2020 with pomp and vigor. A splendid performance was put together by the students and teachers of the school. The students sang and danced to celebrate the day. They also performed a role play to represent the mythical stories of Radha, Krishna, and Kansa through plays and narrations.

The honorable Principal of the School, Dr Rajkumari blessed the students on this auspicious day with the message that looking ahead is more important than reminiscing the past. Her valuable message summed up the festival on a reflective note.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION PROGRAM



The eve of 74th Independence Day was filled with activities at the Shiksha Valley School on 15th August 2020. Wall magazine decoration competition was held on the theme "74th Independence Day".

Group dance, solo dance, group song, speech competitions were organized between six houses to mark the celebration.

Also, the school Principal, Dr Rajkumari hoisted the national flag in the school campus on Independence Day.

# INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY



Dance is surely the most basic and relevant of all forms of expression. At Shiksha valley too, we believe in appreciating all cultures and expressions.

Our multi-talented students showcased their unique talent through the "74th Independence Day" dance competition organized in school assembly. The participants turned out in huge numbers, clad in their beautiful tri color attire beaming with confidence to display their skills.

It was heartening to witness all the performances as the children delightfully put their best foot forward and brought out a smile on everyone's faces through their innocent expressions and preparation.

The Director congratulated each participant for their commendable performance and motivated them to continue the hard work, conveying the important message of each child being a winner.

# ADVIK KESHAN MEMORIAL INTER-SCHOOL ONLINE CHESS COMPETITION

In memory of our beloved student & chess lover LATE ADVIK KESHAN, Shiksha Valley School initiated a small effort to organize an Inter-School Online Chess Competition on 29th August 2020. 302 participants from across the country participated in the event. The result of the competition was as follows:

Vinayak Paraswar, GD Goenka public school, East Delhi, Winner  
Abhash Roimya Saikia, Salt brook school, Dibrugarh, Assam, 1st runner up  
Dhruv Phukan, VKV NEEPCO AGBPP Bokuloni, Assam, 2nd runner up



**Shiksha Valley School**  
Dibrugarh (Assam)

**Inter School  
Online Chess  
Competition**



**"ADVIK KESHAN"**  
Memorial Inter School  
Online Chess  
Competition 2020

**K.Gurudev- 9401567867**  
**S.Raju- 9706244864**





**1st  
₹5000  
WINNER**

**Cash Prizes -**  
2nd Prize - ₹3000  
3rd prize - ₹2000

**29th August**



# NATIONAL SPORTS DAY



Growth is stagnant if it's not comprehensive. At Shiksha Valley, we believe that all activities and sports deserve equal attention to academic courses. Therefore, even during the pandemic, we took to the virtual platform to acknowledge and uphold National Sports Day's importance. The occasion is celebrated on 29th August every year to mark the birth anniversary of legendary hockey player Major Dhyan Chand. The students of Shiksha Valley School shared their speech videos talking about different sports traditions in our country and paid a tribute to various national sports teams in India.

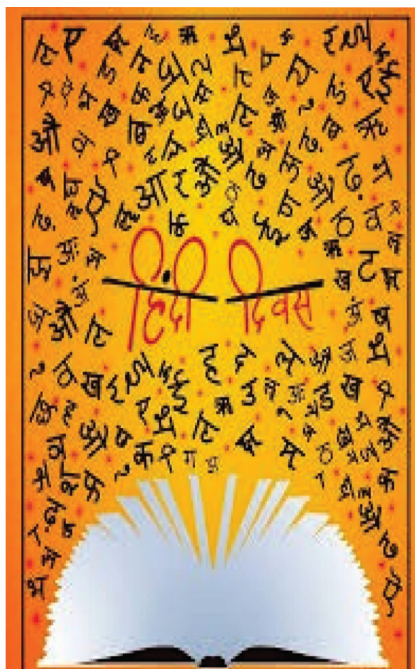
## IIT KANPUR - NATIONAL ANVESHIKA EXPERIMENTAL SKILL TEST



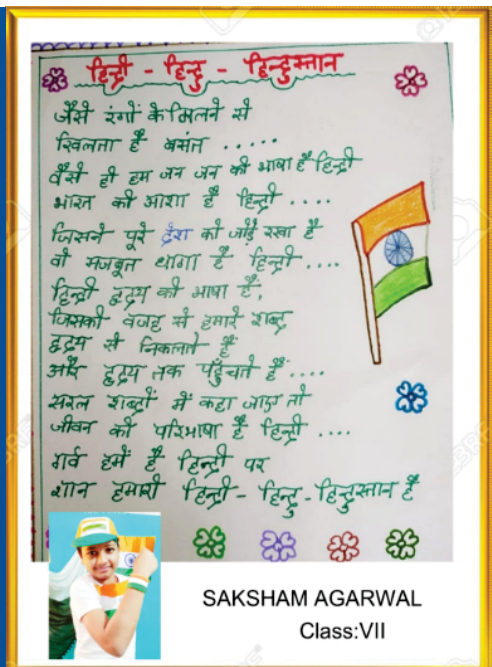
Experiments are an integral part of science and innovation. With careful observations and suitably designed experiments, the course of human development has changed in all aspects.

To promote these skills among students, the National Anveshika network of India (NANI) in collaboration with IITK organized the National Experimental Skill tests based on Physics experiments on 12th September. Mr. Kunal Choudhary of class 8 participated in this esteemed skill test.

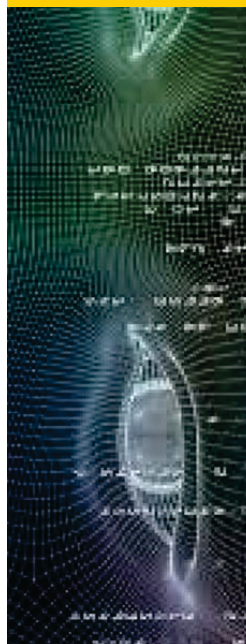
# HINDI DIWAS



Language is not just a mode of communication, it is culture, nation, tradition, and history all weaved into one symbol. Hindi is a widely spoken language in India and was declared as the national language on 14th September 2020. SVS observed Hindi Diwas virtually where the students delivered speeches on the importance of the language, recited poems and slogans.



## VIGYANTRAM WEBINAR ON AI AND CYBER SECURITY



Team *Vigyantram* in association with  
*Enactus -IIT Delhi*  
is organising *WEBINAR* on  
*Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security.*

*Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020*

*Time: 1.15pm to 2.15pm*

Link will be provided in Vigyantram Championship Whatsapp



Vigyantram is a national level championship with a series of technical workshops in association with the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. On 16th September 2020, the students of Shiksha Valley School attended a webinar on Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security. Each workshop and webinar were a catalyst to a deeper understanding of technology and its myriad app, preparing the participants for real-world challenges.



# DIGITAL LIBRARY

We believe libraries are a gateway to a wealth of knowledge, understanding, and experience and they should always remain accessible to children. It is through the library that the child learns to go beyond the syllabus to gain knowledge and learn the power of reading.

Hence, during the pandemic, a new initiative was taken by the Shiksha Valley family to allow children access to valuable digital resources from E-library. The E-library gives the students the opportunity to access academic resources and beyond from the school's library. Students can access the digital library from the school website.



## MAHATMA GANDHI JAYANTI

Mahatma Gandhi was the catalyst to Indian independence. His tremendous effort and non-violent approach to freedom are acknowledged all over the country on his birth anniversary, i.e., 2nd October. Shiksha Valley School celebrated Gandhi Jayanti virtually on 2nd October. Students paid their tribute to Gandhiji and performed patriotic songs, role-plays and delivered speeches.



# NATIONAL UNITY DAY

On the occasion of National Unity Day, on 31st October 2020, we have organized a poster making competition on the theme "Ekta Divas". National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated on 31st October every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was India's first deputy Prime Minister and is popularly known as the 'Iron Man of India'. He played a major role in persuading over 500 princely states to accede to the independent Indian Union. He integrated all princely states into the newly independent India, despite several hurdles.

## ASOM DIVAS CELEBRATED

Asom Divas also known as Sukaphaa Divas, commemorates the advent of the first king of the Ahom kingdom in Assam. The event was celebrated on 2nd December 2020 with full enthusiasm and zeal. Abhijit Sahu, a student of Class-8B gave a wonderful speech on the occasion of Asom Divas. Regional patriotic songs presented by students on the occasion.



**SHIKSHA VALLEY SCHOOL**  
Presents

**NATIONAL UNITY DAY 31 OCTOBER 2020**

**POSTER MAKING CONTEST**

**THEME: RASHTRIYA EKTA**

**SUBMIT BY: 4th Nov 2020 by 5 Pm**

Reach us by whatsapp no. 8486471846

**Gr-A : Class-III to V** **Gr-B : Class-VI to VIII**

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION POLICY BY AMITY UNIVERSITY

A two-day National Conference was held virtually on the topic "Strategies for Implementation of National Education Policy 2020 for schools and students' progression" on the 22nd and 23rd of December 2020 by Amity University, UP. Sri S.P Suresh, Director, Shiksha Valley School was one of the distinguished speakers at this conference. His wise words and his widespread knowledge and passion for transforming education added value to the session.

# NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

The youth is the powerhouse of a nation. They are the ones who carry forward the legacy to the next generation.

National youth day is celebrated every year on 12th January on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. An event was organized by Shiksha Valley School during the morning assembly paying tribute to the great patriotic saint and spiritual leader.



## MAGH BIHU CELEBRATION

Festivals bring joy, love, and serenity and the Shiksha Valley Campus celebrates every with the same vigor. The campus of SVS was filled with joy and serenity on the 14th of January 2021, as the hostellers and residential staff celebrated and performed the rituals of Magh Bihu by erecting a makeshift hut, known as "Meji" and burning it to kickstart the celebrations. The celebration was also marked with an offering of prayer, Bihu dance and Prasad distribution on the campus.



## WELCOME SALUTE TO HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF ASSAM

Shiksha Valley School band troupe offered welcome salute to the Hon'ble Chief minister of Assam Sri.Sarbananda Sonowal on the occasion of foundation laying ceremony of Dibrugarh Science Centre at Khanikar on 8th February 2020.



# SARASWATI PUJA CELEBRATION

Saraswati Puja, the festival to celebrate the goddess of learning and music, was celebrated with much enthusiasm and devotion by the students and staff of Shiksha Valley School on 16th February, 2021. Everybody came together on this auspicious day of Basant Panchami, which also marks the advent of Spring Season. Students, parents and teachers attended the puja and offered pushpanjali to seek blessings from the goddess. The entire campus had a festive look. The serene of ambience, the chants of the sacred mantras and melodious devotional songs filled the air of school. The celebration helped the students to stay in touch with the customs of our country.



# UPGRADATION OF THE SCHOOL TO SENIOR SECONDARY LEVEL

After a rigorous process of CBSE inspection, Shiksha Valley School has been upgraded to Senior Secondary this year by the Central Board of Secondary Education. School will be opening Science, Humanities and Commerce streams from the academic session 2021-2022. A press conference was arranged on 26th February to announce the news and the preparation for the Senior Secondary classes.

## BHARAT KO JANO QUIZ CONTEST

Master Krritin Keshan, Class-IX won the Senior category Quiz contest “Bharat Ko Jano” organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad in Dibrugarh Branch level and selected for regional level contest on 8th November 2020.

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Master Saksham Agarwal & Miss Tanisi Bajaj received outstanding achievement certificate for Clash of Pi competition 2020-21. It is a high order creative mathematics contest organized by Clash of Pi, New Delhi.





# EXPERT SPEAKS: LECTURE SERIES

## Mr.Kamakoty Krishnamoorthy (Career Planning & Placement)

Career Counselling is the pivotal cog in a student's journey. A good career counsellor makes the perfect roadmap for students to achieve their goals. Shiksha Valley School motivates a child by giving them the right direction alongside advising the parents to make progressive decisions. The launch of this career guidance session on 5th July 2020 by eminent Career Guru Mr.Kamakoty Krishnamoorthy, from Chennai proved to be highly successful and effective among parents and students. This guiding session highlighted that career is based on the aptitude and interest of the child.



**Career Planning & placement**  
Online session from Chennai  
by  
**MR.KAMAKOTY KRISHNAMOORTHY**  
On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Time: 10am to 11.30am  
Class: 9 & 10 students and parents are invited to attend the session.

## Mrs.Vidyavathi Vedavalli (Careers in Retail Industries)

Mrs.Vidyavathi Vedavallifrom Hyderabad highlighted the career prospects in Retail industries on 12th July 2020 for the students and parents of Class-IX& X of our school.Retailing is a dynamic industry, comprising a vast variety of sectors and home to some of the world's biggest companies. Candidates with the retail management can start career in supervisory, client communication, merchandise shipment, sales, management and administrative services. Retail management offers more than 2 million job opportunities across the globe. The retail industry offers diverse and unique career paths where you could work for some of the world's most recognizable brands. Many of the main goals of retail— be it sales and profitability, product innovation, or customer relationships—intersect with other career fields like marketing, finance, technology, loss prevention, merchandising and management. Whether in stores or corporate headquarters many of key roles in retail include internal coordination, planning and logistics, store operations, human resources / training, finance and administration, buying, marketing and logistics.



**Experts Speak!**  
**LECTURE SERIES-2**  
**FUTURE OF RETAIL**  
**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**  
**SPEAKER: MRS.VIDYAVATHI YEDAVALLI,**  
*Life coach, Hyderabad*  
**Topics**  
• Organised Retail Industry\* The Emerging Trends  
• Career Opportunities and growth\*Skills required  
*Class-IX & X students and parents are invited to attend the online session*  
*Date: Sunday, 12 July 2020 Link : Career planning Time: 10am to 10.45am*

## Mr. Arush Selvan (Insights of artificial intelligence)

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a wide-ranging tool that enables people to rethink how we integrate information, analyze data, and use the resulting insights to improve decision making—and it is already transforming every walk of life. Mr Aarush Selvan, Product Manager at Google, leads an Artificial Intelligence applied research team, works with engineers to improve Google's technology infrastructure so that Artificial Intelligence algorithms can be run more easily and efficiently. He had a very interactive and innovative session with the students on 5th August 2020. His knowledge and insight on Artificial Intelligence wowed everyone present in the session. Students also shared their interests and queries related to Artificial Intelligence with the guest lecturer.



**EXPERTS SPEAK**  
**ONLINE GUEST LECTURE**  
**INSIGHTS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
**Speaker: Aarush Selvan**  
*Product Manager, Google ,  
Mountain View, California, United States*  
*He leads the Artificial Intelligence applied research team at Google*  
**Date : Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 Time: 9am to 10am**  
• Class:8,9 and 10 students and parents are invited to attend the session.  
• Link will be available at Google Career planning Class room

### **Mr.Prasant Singh (Innovation in Governance)**

Mr.Prasant Singh from New Delhi who is the alumnus of IIT Kharagpur outlined the importance of innovation for good Governance on 19th July 2020.

His lecture provides an overview of innovations in governance and underscores the positive impact of knowledge-sharing in development efforts. It analyses tools and approaches to use and adapt innovations in governance. Accordingly, it explores conceptual issues related to best practices and innovations in governance; examines what makes an innovation transferable; analyses what capacities are needed for governments to absorb an innovation; and finally, looks at some methodologies and approaches for transferring/adapting innovations and best practices in governance.

### **Mrs.Jayanti Anand (Careers in Data analytics)**

Mrs. Jayanti Anand from Bangalore elaborated the career prospects in Data analytics on 26th July 2020 for the students and parents of Class-IX & X of our school.

Nowadays, Data analytics has become one of the most crucial parts of commercial industries. Data analytics enables organizations to take more-informed business decisions based on scientific data and research.

Data analytics helps improve a company's operational efficiency and customer service, gain a competitive edge and increase revenues. It helps the research and development team of an organization in approving or rejecting scientific models, theories, and hypotheses. Data Analytics tools use historical or real-time data to process and draw results.

### **Mr.Prabhat Shunglu (Career options in mass communication & journalism)**

Senior journalist and author Mr.Prabhat Shunglu presented a vast option of careers in mass communication and journalism on 27th September 2020.

Both Journalism and Mass communications are quite interchangeably similar fields but are slightly different in principle. Mass communication's main motto is to convey the relevant and appropriate information to the larger masses while Journalism's aim is to share the information about one particular issue to a larger group of audience. Both the streams have their utmost importance and opportunities in the real world.

With an increase in the number of television sets, news channels, radio stations, advertising, this field seems to be transcending into an unmatched growth and opens up the door towards a dynamic career. A degree in mass communication opens up opportunities in Journalism, Public relations and advertising, as a career. Mass communication course encompasses various streams.

# SPECIAL LAURELS AND ACCOLADES



## Niharika Sherin Qualified for the Wisdom Quiz 2020 Finals

Wildlife and nature are a part of the world that we humans are still learning to appreciate and honor. Hence, in an attempt to provide a unique opportunity for students to delve deeper into wildlife and natural diversity, CBSE announced the WWF- India Wild Wisdom Quiz for primary and middle school students.

With the changing world order due to the pandemic, the board took to the digital platform to conduct the quiz. The quiz was organized with the global participation of over 60,200 students. Niharika Sherin of class 5B qualified for the finals of WWQ on 27th August 2020.

## CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION BY - FIT INDIA

**“The only way to prove you are a good sport is to lose.”**  
– Ernie Banks

Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh has been certified by FIT INDIA to recognize the effort and for various activities organized in the school to promote physical fitness for a healthy Nation. Activities were conducted in November & December 2020 and certification was received in **January 2021**.





# SHIKSHA VALLEY SCHOOL IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS MAKING EVENT

There were a total of 1631 participants in "The Most People Assembling Sundial Kits Simultaneously Online" and was organized by Vijnana Bharti and the Ministry of Science and Technology (India), on 22 December 2020.

Science students across India took part in the online record attempt. 72 students from SHIKSHA VALLEY SCHOOL had participated in the India International Science festival 2020 and presented Sundial projects virtually. Ours is the only School from the Northeast that participated in this event, held on 22nd December 2020.



## SBI LIFE ART COMPETITION

On the occasion of 74th Independence Day SBI Life organized an art competition at Shiksha Valley School. The art competition held among the students at three group levels, namely-

- Group A- Classes Nursery and KG
- Group B- Classes I to III
- Group C- Classes IV to X

The results were announced promptly on 22nd August 2020 in an exclusive webinar conducted by SBI Life. The winners were-

- Riyansika Maiti, class KG 3rd prize
- Karan Poddar, class KG 3rd prize
- Lakshya Keshan, class III 2nd prize
- Akshat Todi, class IV 2nd prize
- Navangi Sharma, class V 3rd prize
- Chitransh Premchandani, class V 1st prize
- Shuhani Agarwal, class X 1st prize
- Harshiv Beria of class II was awarded the Certificate of Excellence.

The officials of SBI Life personally delivered the certificates and prizes to the winners at their respective residences.

## | A Poem |

When I begin writing a poem,  
I remember the ventures happened in my life  
A flashback hits my mind.  
The toughest times come to my pen  
The grace of the happiest times,  
Inks the paper.  
And sitting beside the window  
The sensation of writing,  
Excites my soul.

When I begin writing a poem,  
I invite experiences and wisdom.  
Wondering the nature leaves my  
Heart to take the pen.

When I begin writing a poem,  
Euphoria vibrates from my head to toe.

*Gitanshi Premchandani*  
*Class - X*







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