



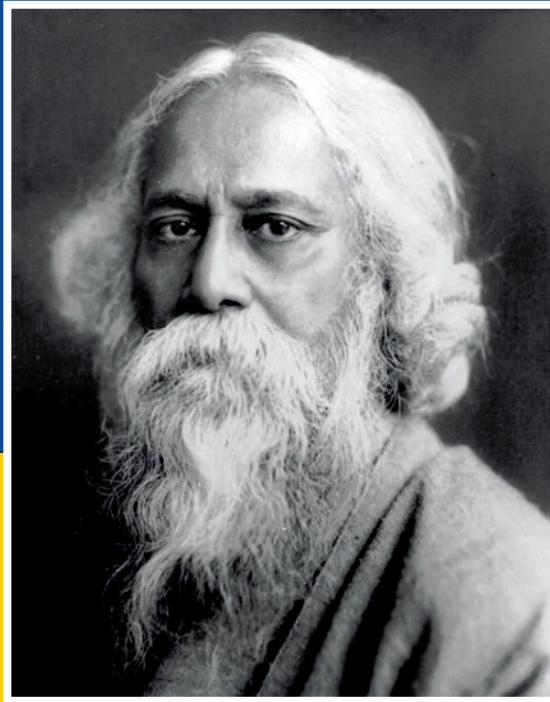
**SHIKSHA**  
VALLEY SCHOOL  
REDEFINING EDUCATION

# SVS Review



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A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame. The teacher who has come to the end of his subject, who has no living traffic with his knowledge but merely repeats his lesson to his students, can only load their minds, he cannot quicken them.

—  
Rabindranath Tagore

## Shiksha Valley School, Newsletter

(April to September, 2018)

### Dear Parents,

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world' said Nelson Mandela. Education plays an important role in the progress of an individual's mind and country. People are made aware of what is going on in the world and can understand these issues and take necessary measures, if they are educated. The purpose of education is to develop skill and character and impart knowledge to students. It is the most potent source of material and human development. Quality is a cherished goal in human endeavour especially in the field of education.

We as educators have the mission of man making and Nation building. We are to realize that God has entrusted each one of us with the responsibility of nurturing the students in our care to be worthy citizen of this world contributing to the peace and harmony of the world.

Our school is moving in this positive direction and we remain firm in our belief that it will continue to abound in achievements in the years to come.

With a deep sense of gratitude we proudly present our first issue of school news letter 'SVS Review'.

So dear readers as you surge forward to new zeniths always remember to .... 'Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go'. Happy reading.....



**S.P.Suresh**

**Director**

# BRIEF UPDATE OF THE SCHOOL CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

## COMICS & GRAPHICS WORKSHOP ORGANISED.

A two-day workshop was organised on 30th and 31st August at Shiksha Valley School. The programme was conducted by Ms. Parismita Singh and Ms. Banamalika Choudhury.

Parismita Singh is a writer and graphic novelist. Her publication include the graphic novels, "The Hotel at the End of the World" and "Mara and the Clay Cows".

This workshop was an opportunity for students to work on creativity and expression. It gave an excellent space for the budding writers of our school.

At the end of the workshop children illustrated their imagination in a brilliant comic format. The training was excellent and children had great exposure.





# STORY TELLING SESSION BY CHITRALEKHA BHASKAR



A story telling session was held on 29th August by the acclaimed story teller Chitralekha Bhaskar from Kolkata.

Story telling is a universal and traditional art form that has featured strongly in Indian culture as an effective communication tool. It can be used to inform, entertain and educate. It is often used as a medium to ingrain values, improving reading skills and opening the minds of children to worlds beyond imagination.

A workshop for story-telling was organized for students. It was indeed valuable and distinct. Children found it really interesting and engrossed in the stories which was told to them with creative gestures and facial expressions.

The appropriate use of voice modulation and body language infused passion, enhanced imagination and expression and introduced children to new horizons of storytelling. It was an interactive session where children were taught the right way of telling the stories. Overall this session helped the young souls for creative thinking.

# LIBRARY WORKSHOP

A two-day Library workshop was organized by Shiksha Valley School on 21st and 22nd September, 2018, to promote reading habits among the school students. Conducted by Ms. Risha Barooah from Guwahati, the workshop was intended for teachers as well, to guide them on various aspects of a good library and how to utilize a library effectively for facilitating reading habits among children. Risha Barooah is the founder of North East Educational Trust, a registered charitable trust since 2009. She is in charge of a library programme that provides support in setting up libraries in government schools, conducting regular library sessions and facilitating workshops on library education and for educators and librarians. Her interests and research work lies in exploring and practising alternative methods of teaching and learning. She has been involved in developing curriculum, teaching children and mentoring teachers. Her workshop at Shiksha Valley School started off with a talk on the importance of book reading following an activity that initiated teachers to discuss in pairs their favourite books. The activity was thoroughly enjoyed by teachers as it focused on eliciting information and vocabulary development.



The workshop also included many other fun-filled activities like reading aloud, genre card activity, read along etc.

The second day of the workshop gave more opportunity to students to explore their capabilities and hidden talents. They were given ample exposure to the world of books. The teachers on the other hand had a great time playing dumb charades on book names – a game that was initiated by the trainer herself. This was followed by group activities that involved discussions on themes and genres of books and their basic differences. The workshop for the teachers concluded with a mock book auction in which every bidder was given a set of ten sketch pens to bid with. The two-day workshop was highly informative as well as engaging. The students enjoyed the workshop immensely and the teachers felt highly motivated by the end of the workshop.



# FROM FLORIDA WITH WARMTH

A group of 16 students headed by two professors from the University of South Florida (USF), Tampa, USA, who were on a 'Study Abroad' programme here, visited the Shiksha Valley School on 17th May, 2018 and interacted with our students. The group was accompanied by five scholars and six professors from the Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, during the visit. The students of the school got a unique opportunity of interacting with reputed teachers and students of the US University.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated in Shiksha Valley School. Various activities were organised on the eve of the occasion. Painting, Debate and extempore speech competitions were conducted on the occasion. Beautiful patriotic group dances were presented in the assembly courtyard by different houses.

The honourable Principal, Shri E. Seenivasan hoisted the national flag in the school campus.



# JANMASHTAMI CELEBRATION



1st September was a special day at Shiksha Valley School. Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna was celebrated with great pomp and festivity by the tiny tots of the Junior section. Dressed as Radha – Krishna they gave a traditional touch to the entire celebration. There was a 'handi' hanging at the courtyard and the cute Krishnas danced around them to the slogans filling the air with joy and festive spirit.

Krishna's messages brought to life by the scintillating dance performances by senior students that represented his 'Leelas' and depicted the importance of the occasion. This was followed by a couple of group songs on the childhood of Sri Krishna.

Sri. Janita Prabhu Dasa from ISKCON, Dibrugarh centre spoke on the occasion as a



Chief guest and made awareness about Indian tradition, custom and culture. Lord Krishna's life conveyed the strong message 'Victory of good over evil'.

A 'Matki Phod' was organised to mark the mischievous nature of 'Bal Gopal' and marked the day more fun and frolic.





# TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

A teacher's role in everyone's life is akin to a mud potter who converts undesirable mud into a beautiful and utilizable pot. In India, teacher's day is observed on September, 5 since 1962, to mark the contribution made by the teachers to the society. The day commemorates the birth of Dr. Sarvepalli Radha khrishnan, a philosopher and a teacher par excellence and his contribution towards the education system of India.



Paying tributes to the second President of the country the Chief Guest for the day, Dr. Amarendra Phukan, former Head of the Department of Physics, Dibrugarh University advised teachers to be a torch bearer of Knowledge in their career. He narrated incidents in which teachers felt joys of success when their students reached the pinnacle of glory. Earlier students made the day really remarkable by performing various cultural programmes on stage. They honoured their teachers with token of love by offering hand made greeting cards.



# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY OBSERVED AND WORKSHOP ON BIO-TECH

World Environment Day was observed on June 5th with much vitality. Students were educated on the importance of minimizing the use of plastics and also encouraging the motto "BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION — If you can't reuse it, refuse it". Former Principal, DHSK Commerce College, Mrs. Kalpana Khound delivered an enlightening speech on the importance of caring for Mother Nature. She planted a sapling in the school campus.

## WORKSHOP ON 'NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BIO-TECH'

A workshop on 'New developments in Bio-tech' was conducted on 29th August by Dr. Gita Mehra from DAV College, Chandigarh. She narrated the journey of Biotechnology from the Biology lab to the Robotics lab. Biotechnology is technology based on biology, more so when used in agriculture, food science, and medicine. It is also used often to refer to genetic engineering technology.

Before the 70s, the term was mostly used in the food processing and agriculture industries. Later it began to be used by the Western scientific establishment to describe laboratory-based techniques involved in biological research like recombinant DNA or tissue culture-based processes etc. Biotechnology is a mix of many disciplines like genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry and embryology and cell biology. These are



again linked to practical disciplines like chemical engineering, information technology and bio-robotics.

The session was concluded by demonstration of foldscope among students. A Foldscope is an optical microscope that can be assembled from simple components including a sheet of paper and a lens. It was developed by Manu Prakash. It is part of the "frugal science" movement which aims to make cheap and easy tools available for scientific use in the developing world.



# YOGA DAY CELEBRATION

Shiksha Valley School celebrated International Yoga day on 21st June in which the students and teachers along with staff members of Income tax department performed various Asanas and Pranayams.



The main aim was to ignite a yoga way of life to dispel stressful life. It helps your body to relax and soothes your mind. Also it helps to make your body flexible and improves your concentration power. Also students can gain various other benefits from yoga that will help them in completing their work perfectly and make them score higher in the class.



# LANGUAGE LAB & COMPUTER LAB INAUGURATED

Dr. Surujit Borkotoky, HOD-Mathematics dept , Dibrugarh University inaugurated our school's language lab and Computer lab on 18th June, 2018.



**English language lab:** The importance of English language cannot be mitigated even if so desired. It is almost necessary that a learner has a good command over the language to allow him overall success in life. A good English language lab when established and used by an institute can do wonders for the learners. The learners develop a continuous interest to learn the language as it encourages them to understand it and facilitates the understanding of the concepts of the language. So in our school, we have established English lab. We now have a well-equipped language lab and well-trained teachers to impart sound knowledge of the English language to our students and prepare them for a bright future.

**Computer lab:** Times are changing fast and technology is leaping ahead even faster. Today's generation is tech-savvy. The introduction of sophisticated computer systems in Shiksha Valley school has given a new dimension to the e-learning process.





# ROBOTICS LAB INAUGURATED

Dr. Paramananda Sonowal, Jt. Registrar, Dibrugarh University inaugurated our school's Robotics lab on 1st September, 2018.

This will bring our students closer to Science and Engineering. It is the branch of technology that deals with the design, construction and application of robots and computer systems for their control, sensory feedback and information processing.

These technologies deal with automated machines that can take the place of humans in hazardous or manufacturing processes or simply just resemble humans. Robotics is a part of the curriculum starting from class III.



# TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOPS

**April 29th, 30th and May 1st, 2018**

**Venue: Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh, Assam**

**Facilitators: Mr. Bappu and Ms. Nabanita Deshmukh**

A three – day Workshop on Quality Teacher Education was held from April 29th to May 1st at Shiksha Valley School. The holistic development of children of any nation is in the hands of teachers. School education has Symbiotic relationship with teachers education, as teachers are the frontline providers of quality education. Well-trained teachers are the important contributing factor of School effectiveness and quality of learning. The main objective of the workshop was capacity building of teachers. The workshop was conducted by Sri. Bibhashjyoti Deshmukh and Smt. Nabanita Deshmukh from Puducherry.

## 1ST TO 4TH AUGUST, 2018

**Venue: Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh, Assam**

**Facilitators: Mr. Bappu and Ms. Nabanita Deshmukh**

The four-day training largely focussed on pedagogy and perspectives of education. It also dealt with challenges faced by teachers while dealing with students of nursery, primary and upper primary sections. The facilitators interacted with teachers of different standards and subjects through a series of activities, films, games and songs, classroom observations and demos to suggest innovative ways of learning.





# ENGLISH ACROSS CURRICULUM

After an initial game of introductions, a discussion took place on why English is important for all teachers irrespective of what they teach because most subjects are taught in that language. A Book box film on Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March was shown where the text simultaneously ran alongside the narration and every word was highlighted. This was done to make readers notice the text by developing good listening and reading skills. It also brought into focus how subjects like History, Geography, Math's, Science and Languages could be taught by choosing appropriate audio-visual resources.



## VOCABULARY ENHANCEMENT

### Observation Walk

The main objective of the workshop was to demonstrate how new words and concepts could be introduced to students. The teachers were guided into creating activities for children to explore 'the outside of the classroom'. Later, strategies on how to reinforce concepts and words newly learned were discussed. These included bringing in real objects into the classroom and using peer-learning to motivate children.

### Creative Writing Class

The facilitator conducted a creative writing class for students of standard 6 on listening skills. A story of how a little mouse saves a lion was played and children had to answer questions about the story and become aware of words connected to sounds such as roar, snore, deafening etc. The class participated enthusiastically in the activity and enjoyed the class.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY MARCH - PAST

SVS March past team received 3rd Prize for their performance in the Independence day parade organised by Dibrugarh district administration on 15th August at Chowkidinghee field. Assam state PHE Minister Sri. Rihon Daimary handed over the trophy and the certificate to the Captain of the team Sri Jonak Plawon Rajkumar in presence of Dibrugarh District Deputy Commissioner, Smt. Laya Madduri and the Superintendent of Police, Sri Gautam Bora.



## SPECTACULAR BAND DISPLAY

Shiksha Valley Band troupe displayed a Spectacular performance in the Chowkidinghee field on the occasion of Independence day retreat ceremony held on 15th August, 2018. Honourable Deputy Commissioner, Smt. Laya Maddhuri addressed our children and motivated them to take higher responsibilities in life.





# GITA SLOKA RECITATION COMPETITION- AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE BY SVS STUDENTS



Shiksha Valley School students bagged all the prizes in Group A category of Gita Sloka Recitation competition held at ISKCON temple, Dibrugarh on 25th August.

- ▶ 1st Prize : Shraddha Borgohain (SVS, Class-II)
- ▶ 2nd Prize: Tanmoy Khowala (SVS, Class-II)
- ▶ 3rd Prize: Sanvi Choubey (SVS, Class-II)
- ▶ Consolation: Uditi Jasrasaria (SVS, Class-II)
- ▶ Consolation: Devagyan Kasera (SVS, Class-III)

## ISKCON QUIZ CONTEST- SVS TEAM WON 3RD POSITION.

Shiksha Valley School team won the 3rd prize in the ISKCON Quiz contest held on 26th August at ISKCON temple premises.

SVS Team members:

1. Subhakangshi Konwar (Class-VIII)
2. Drishtanta Deb (Class-VIII)
3. Tanuj Agarwal (Class-VIII)



## NATIONAL GROUP SONG COMPETITION-SVS TEAM WON 3RD POSITION.

The Shiksha Valley School team won the 3rd prize in the District level National group song competition organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 26th August in the Sanskrit category.

Team members :

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| ▶ Gitanshi Prem chandani (Class-VIII) | ▶ Shivam Koli (Class-VII)    |
| ▶ Suhani Agarwal (Class-VIII)         | ▶ Kunal Choudhury (Class-VI) |
| ▶ Vridhi Junjunwala (Class-VII)       | ▶ Swayam Agarwal (Class-VII) |
| ▶ Yutika Keshan (Class-VII)           | ▶ Arjun Gogoi (Class-VII)    |



## WISHES ON PAPER PLANES...

Sometimes I just wish,  
I flew back to the old times,  
Back to when we flew airplanes,  
Made out of paper  
Across the city of our dreams  
Back to those times  
When we had innocent lives  
Back to those days, when the knife  
Called social media hadn't ripped us apart.  
And has drawn a thick line  
Between two pure souls  
Back to those times,  
When we thought, we could touch the sky,  
And feel the sun burn our lips



Arunav Hazarika

Class - VIII



# STEP INTO THE FUTURE



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