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Embracing the National Education Policy 2020: Fostering Cognitive, Non-Cognitive, and Creative Skills in Education

Introduction

In recent years, the landscape of education has witnessed a transformative shift, with a growing emphasis on holistic development and skill-building in students. The National Education Policy (NEP) of 2020 for India has been a beacon of change, advocating a broader view of education that goes beyond rote learning and exam scores. At our institution, we have fully embraced the principles laid out in the NEP 2020, prioritizing the development of cognitive, non-cognitive, and creative skills in our students. In this editorial, we delve deeper into our educational philosophy and approach, shedding light on the importance of nurturing thought processes and fostering creativity for the betterment of our society.

Cognitive Skills: The Foundation of Knowledge

Cognitive skills form the bedrock of academic excellence and intellectual growth. Our commitment to the NEP 2020 aligns perfectly with the emphasis on cognitive skills, as they are the essential building blocks of a student's ability to grasp, understand, and apply knowledge. While examinations have traditionally been the sole focus of many educational institutions, we firmly believe in shifting our attention to fostering deep and critical thinking among our students. This means encouraging them to ask questions, analyze problems, and develop independent learning techniques. Our curriculum is designed to engage students in real-world problem-solving, enabling them to not only absorb information but also to use it effectively.

Non-cognitive skills encompass a wide range of qualities, including emotional intelligence, communication, teamwork, and resilience. These skills are equally vital in life, often playing a more significant role than academic knowledge alone. By emphasizing non-cognitive skills, we aim to mold well-rounded individuals who are not only academically competent but also emotionally and socially adept. Our approach involves incorporating extracurricular activities, group projects, and mentorship programs that promote these skills. We believe that students who possess strong non-cognitive skills are better equipped to navigate the challenges of the real world, creating a positive impact on both their personal and professional lives.

Creativity: The Catalyst for Transformative Innovation

Creativity is the cornerstone of progress and innovation. In a rapidly evolving world, the ability to reimagine and reinvent concepts is paramount. Our educational philosophy places a special focus on nurturing creativity in our students. We want to empower them to think beyond boundaries, challenge conventions, and find novel solutions to the problems of today's society. Our teaching methods encourage creative thinking, from open-ended assignments that require out-of-the-box solutions to art, music, and technology programs that inspire imagination. By fostering creativity, we aim to produce graduates who are not only adept at adapting to change but also capable of driving positive change themselves.

Conclusion

Incorporating the principles of the National Education Policy 2020 into our educational approach has been a transformative journey for our institution. We have shifted our focus from exam scores to the holistic development of our students, prioritizing cognitive, non-cognitive, and creative skills. Our commitment to nurturing thought processes and fostering creativity is not just aligned with the NEP 2020; it is an investment in the future of our students and our society. We firmly believe that by instilling these skills in our students, we are equipping them to thrive in a rapidly changing world and make a meaningful contribution to the betterment of our society. As the director of our institution, I am excited to witness the positive impact of our approach on our students and the communities they will eventually serve.

Best wishes,

S.P. Suresh

Director,
Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh, Assam



ASSAMESE LANGUAGE

TEACHERS TRAINING

Certainly, teachers are real builders of a nation as they shape careers and take them to new heights. In a country like India, every regional language is important for Nation building process. Nevertheless, to have effective teaching and learning experience and deliver quality education, it is paramount that teachers are well-equipped with effective teaching methods.

A teacher is responsible for the academic development of the students and should vibrantly understand the emotional and moral aspects of it. Therefore, becoming a teacher needs regular professional training that make them an expert. So we regularly arrange teacher training sessions as a process that professionally equips them with classroom practice and environment.

On April 1st, 2023, Assamese Language Teachers' Training took place at Shiksha Valley School in Dibrugarh. The session featured Dr. Partha Pratim Phukan, an Assistant Professor of Assamese at Mahapurusha Srimanta Sankardeva, who served as the resource person. During the training, Dr. Phukan provided valuable insights to the Assamese teachers regarding the teaching of the language in English medium schools as well as through innovative methods.

Shiksha Valley School takes part in

Platinum Jubilee celebration of Guwahati High Court.

In keeping with statewide Platinum Jubilee celebration of Hon'ble Guwahti High Court, Shiksha Valley School fraternity endeavored by conducting a special assembly on 5th April 2023.

To commemorate 75 years of glorious journey of Guwahti High Court, school selected the theme 'Yato dharmastato Jaya' means 'access to justice for all.

Guwahti High Court holds a unique place in India's judicial landscape. After its inception in 1948, it had jurisdiction over seven states for more than six decades and still has jurisdiction over four states.

On this occasion, students of grades 10 & 12 presented a speech, song & quiz highlighting the efforts and achievements of the Hon'ble Guwahti High Court in bringing justice to not only the people of Assam but also to the neighboring states. The entire assembly echoed with the slogan "Yato Dharmastato Jaya" creating a sense of "Victory of Justice" among the young minds.

The program concluded with an address by the Director Mr. S.P. Suresh who inspired them to build career in this noble profession. Guwahti High Court has established a distinct identity for itself by producing a number of legal luminaries like former Chief Justice of India Justice Ranjan Gogoi. It has also received attention for delivering several landmark decisions.











RONGALI BIHU

The school emphasizes on experiential learning as a key component of education and encourages the use of hands-on, practical learning experiences that promote critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity among students. Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh celebrated Pre Rongali Bihu on 12th April 2023 with much fervour and gaiety in the campus.

With a beautiful setting and ambience and dress code of traditional attire the day elevated the spirits of everyone. It was a day long programme where students were actively involved in each and every event.

The Bohag Bihu, also called the Rongali Bihu is a festival of merriment and heralds the Assamese New Year and the onset of spring. The first day of the Bohag Bihu is called Goru Bihu. Bulls and cows are bathed with turmeric, fed with gourds and brinjals and provided with new attaching ropes. The second day of the Rongali Bihu festival (the first day of the Assamese New Year) is called the Manuh Bihu.

Children, who came in colorful traditional attire, sang and danced to the tune of traditional beats of dhol and pepa. The cultural programme continued for three hours where the teachers of the school along with kids enjoyed the festival.

To signify each day of Rongali Bihu the children performed a well planned and informative skit depicting the various Bihus. Starting from Goru Bihu or worship of the cows, followed by Manuh Bihu, then Senehi Bihu, the day dedicated to the worship of the old and the elderly, the skit had it all. In this regard Staff and students sought the blessings of the Director, Principal and Vice Principal with "Phulamgamusa" as a sign of love and respect.

Next was a graceful Adhunik Nritya by the girls. Soon after this, Riyad Marroff Hassan mesmerized the audience with a Tokari Geet. It was followed by a Ramp Walk showcasing the various Ethinic Groups of Assam. Then a beautifully choreographed Bihu dance was performed by girls followed by the "DholBadan" by the boys.

The celebration was also marked by the cheerful and enthusiastic participation of the traditional game "KoniJuj" or "Egg Tapping" competition. The show stopper of the day was the "Bihu Mela" where students participated enthusiastically.

A display of various traditional cusines and delicacies along with musical instruments, attire adorned the Central Courtyard of the school. A praiseworthy display of rich herbs and plants consumed in the Assamese household popularly known as"AkhoebhidHaak' attracted the attention of all. Each herbs and leafy vegetable was well tagged and named enriched and enlightened everyone.

The day ended with students and teachers dancing to the Bihu beats and heartfelt wishes that the Assamese New Year brings new hope and success to all.



Renowned violinist
Ustad Johar Ali Khan enthralled at

SPICMACAY concert in Shiksha Valley School

Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth, (SPICMACAY) conducted Violin recital session of renowned violinist Sri.Ustad Johar Ali Khan at Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh on 27th April 2023.



Ustad Johar Ali Khan is an outstanding graded music artist from ICCR, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

He has performed for several government as well as NGO's, including All India Radio and Doordarshan. DD Bharti/Doordarshan, Ministry of Information And Broadcast made a special series named "NAAD-A Learning Series of Musical Instruments", based on Johar Ali Khan's musical life and teaching.

The mesmerizing performance created by the musical union of Violin, Tabla and Tanpura held the audience enthralled. Violin recital was accompanied by Sri.Ujjal Roy in Tabla & Baishampayan Bhowmick in Taanpura.

The event began with the auspicious act of lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the school's Founder Chairman Sri. Basant Kumar Agarwalla, followed by felicitation of performing artists and invited guests artists.

The entire hall was reverberated with soothing melody of violin and Tabla. The students of Shiksha Valley School immensely enjoyed and were enlightened to experience the extraordinary talent.



The performance was followed by an interactive session with the Ustad Classical music and the its future.

The event culminated with a note of anticipation that in future there will be more young people who will look forward to enrich their Indian tradition and rich culture. The exposure initiated by SPICMACAY and hosted by Shiksha Valley School was largely appreciated by the audience.

International Dance Day:

29 April, 2023

"Life is a dance of time and energy. Coordinating both well is the key to a successful life"

—Sadguru

Indeed dance is a common language that unites us all. Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh celebrated the International Dance Day on 29th April, 2023 in the spacious Central Courtyard of the School. The spirited dancers moved in unison to the pulsating music. Students from Junior School to Senior Secondary participated with great fervor and enthusiasm. Each dance was choreographed and designed according to the ability of the students. It was amazing to watch the middle School girls moving gracefully to the iconic Satriya dance form. With their costume, make up and accessories, they truly did justice the classical dance form.

It was followed by a lively dance performance by the Junior School girls. The little dancers danced cheerfully to the beats of a popular Hindi song winning the hearts of all the onlookers. The junior School boys too showed their stamina through an energetic dance. They truly stole the show. However, the showstoppers were the senior girls who danced beautifully. Their graceful movements not only captured the essence of the music but also enthralled the audience.

It was an hour long show which rejuvenated everyone. The Director, Principal and Vice Principal applauded the efforts of the students and encouraged the students for future participation. They expressed their views on dance as enigmatic art form which not only helps in expressing emotions but also heals and relaxes the mind, body and the soul.







RAISING A MATHEMATICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM - RAM TP 2023

Wow! What an experience the past week has been for me. Hello to everyone reading this. I am Debabrata Das, A student of Shiksha Valley School currently in Grade 9th, and I am one of the hundred students all over India who attended Raising a Mathematician (RAM) foundation's training camp from 6th May 2023 to 13th May 2023 that took place in Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI). I consider myself very fortunate and lucky to have attended such a camp in such a prestigious institute.

This was the first residential camp I have ever attended, and it was the best there could be. And that is all thanks to everyone who made this possible.

We were taught by the best there is, such as Dr. S. Muralidharan Sir, who took on the difficult task of introducing us to a new subtopic of mathematics, unknown to most of us, Galois's Theory. He would start his classes by asking us random questions which none of us had answers to, or proposing random theorems and ideas, and then after 15 minutes of writing on the chalkboard, he would prove it to us, just like magic, and we would sit there staring at the board, bewildered by what we had just witnessed.

We were introduced to the realm of Number theory by Bhas Bhamre Sir. Even though I struggled for the first and second class, I am glad to say I started getting the hang of it, all due to Sir.



We were taught Linear Programming by Yogesh Waikul sir, and LPP classes were my favourite. Unfortunately, we did not have many classes of blockchain, but I am still proud to say that due to Aadityan Ganesh Sir, I can visualize a rudimentary Blockchain system, and I won't have to keep my money in banks anymore.

And saving the best for the last, we were taught three topics by Vinay Nair Sir, namely mathematical proofs, Aryabhata's s method of devising solutions to linear Diophantine equations called Kuttaka, and Brahma gupta's method to devise solutions of Varga Prakriti Problems, called Bhāvanā.

We also had multiple Guest lecturer sessions, where I was introduced to interesting topics and concepts like computer vision and depth perception, Reliable AI, and more. But you will be mistaken to think that I spent 168 hours doing mathematics on campus. There was a lot more to camp than just math. I would wake up at 5 every morning, just to beat the line for taking a bath.

Starting 07:00 am, we had meditation for 30 mins, where Vinay sir would explain to us how Shankaracharya explored the fundamental question long ago, 'Who am I?' in Nirvana Shatakam. We were also fortunate enough to have a volleyball and basketball court right in our hostel, where we would play every day after breakfast, lunch, sometimes dinner, and during the games period generously allocated to us. After dinner (and volleyball) we would sit down together and have informal discussions. Fun fact about me, I am a particularly picky eater.



But I was served the best food by the best cooks in the world while I was in camp. Coming to living in a college campus for one week, when you are sleeping in the same campus with a hundred other like-minded students, all of whom share the same love and passion for mathematics and other things that you do, you are bound to make friends. And I am glad to say I made plenty. Attending Ram TP was an experience I will never forget, and I have already made plans to attend next year too, and spent another week in one of the best places in the world.

Debabrata Das,
Class: IX, SVS Dibrugarh

Mother's day

On a special day dedicated to honouring the unwavering love and care of mothers, SVS School came alive with an enchanting celebration. Students, with hearts full of gratitude, showcased their immense affection through mesmerizing performances that touched the souls of all in attendance on 12th May 2023.

The programme started with a speech of a student followed by poems, group dance performance, short-play & a group song. Children









ART EXHIBITION

Behelti Ama's captivating exhibition showcasing her extraordinary artistry left us spellbound. Her work resonated deeply, inspiring us to embrace the transformative power of artistic expression. Art works exhibited from 27th and 28th May in our school Art Lab. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs. Mishingbu Miri, APCS, Deputy Resident Commissioner, Arunachal Bhavan, Mohanbari, Dibrugarh.

Nurtured at the renowned Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, Behelti's talent exemplifies the profound impact of arts education and the endless possibilities it offers. Her remarkable achievements, including a merit certificate from DC Tezu, the CALSOM award, and appreciation from Prime Minister Sri.Narendra Modi, are a testament to her exceptional talent and dedication.

National Youth Parliament Session held at Shiksha Valley School.

Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh organized a National Youth Parliament session under the auspices Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs on 22nd May 2023. National Youth Parliament event serves as a platform for students to gain firsthand experience in parliamentary proceedings, foster critical thinking, and develop public speaking abilities. By simulating a parliamentary session, we aim to enhance their understanding of democratic governance and foster a sense of civic responsibility.

The students from Classes 9 to 12 of our School enacted parliamentary proceedings. They showed how members of parliament discuss issues, bills are moved and passed by voting and other functional aspects of upper and lower houses of parliament. The aim of the youth parliament was to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habit of discipline and enable students to understand the working of parliament.





Around 60 students participated and created the look of a real parliament. Students took part in items like oath by new members, introduction of new ministers by Prime Minister, question hour and papers to be laid. During the question hour many important issues were raised and discussed like food reserves, education policies, unemployment and fuel prices. The leader of the opposition moved criticised the government for its failure on the economic front like inflation. The finance minister tried to defend the government saying that the government is concerned about price rise and corruption.

Earlier the Chief Guest of the programme, Dr. Barun Dey, Associate Professor of Political Science Department, Dibrugarh University lighted the lamp and inaugurated the session. Principal Sri. Amitava Bandyopadhyay felicitated the Chief Guest with traditional Phulam Gamusa.

At the concluding session, Dr.Barun Dey lauded the effort taken by the school management for conducting such event that enriches the democratic values among children. He stressed the need of giving space to the opposite voice to address the issues pertaining to the common man.

S.P.Suresh, Director of the school placed the vote of thanks and expressed gratitude towards the organizing team, volunteers and guiding teachers who made the event successful.

The session was concluded with the National Anthem.

World Environment Day

"Be it big or small, your actions matter. Save the environment".

World Environment Day celebrated on the 5th of June 2023.

To sensitize the Gen Z, Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh initiates to plunge into an awareness drive by educating on the adversities of environmental disharmony created by men. Tuning with the theme "BeatPlasticPollution", the students performed an educative skit on environmental degradation. The musical skit powerfully delivered the message of positive human intervention into nature by reducing the use of environmental assets.












MIND WARS-QUIZ CONTEST

A quiz contest was organised by Shiksha Valley School in association with the Mind Wars School Quiz Contest- a multichannel knowledge ecosystem that aims to reach students across India. It was held on 13th June 2023 at school Indoor hall. With its unique platform for trivia-based quizzes, it enhances the knowledge of GK, current affairs, and the curriculum. Mind Wars, created by Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., appealed not only to students and parents but also to schools, recognising its impact on academic success.







World Music Day

"Music is the universal language of mankind."
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow





Music is also the language of the soul. On 21st June 2023 the children from various classes tuned their hearts and minds to a soulful journey of musical Harmony and peace. This year's 2023 world Music Day theme **"Music on the Intersections",** specially highlighted the power of music to bring people together, regardless of their environmental and cultural differences.

The Middle School and High School students commemorated the day by *embracing the universal language of music through their instruments.*



Saloni Bukalsaria

NEET Result

Kudos to Saloni Bukalsaria of class 12 on her exceptional score in National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET) (UG) 2023.

Saloni Bukalsaria is an aspirant of the first batch of Class 12. She made the school proud with her outstanding performance.

SCORE

674th

NEET(UG) 2023



School Band Troupe Display

The School Band of Shiksha Valley has already made its mark. The Band Troupe had dazzled everyone with its enthralling performance on 9th June 2023. They displayed their musical skills through a synchronization of various tunes and notes with their instruments. The unity and precision through musical and choreography was a perfect blend of music ensemble.

Their colorful uniform, and the instrumentation had also enlivened the school campus with a musical entertainment to boost the spirits for a successful School Session.







Investiture Ceremony

(Student Council 2023-24)

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality

---Warren Bennis

Shiksha Valley School , Dibrugarh celebrated the Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2023-24 with great fervor and dignity in the school Indoor Hall, on June 14, 2023.

The journey of the Student Council Body started way before the Ceremonial Pinning of badges. Eligible candidates applied for the various posts to lead the school and stand as role models of the student community. Each and every candidate went through a screening from a panel to test their problem solving skills, creative and critical thinking skills.

The ceremony was made auspicious with the Lighting Of the Lamp by the Director S.P Suresh and Principal Mr. Amitava Bandyopadhyay. The newly appointed student leaders and House Captains dressed smartly in their proud school uniform.

They were conferred with badges and sashes by the Director, Principal and Vice Principal. It was a glorious moment and satisfying to see the young leaders of tomorrow.

It was followed by the Oath Taking Ceremony where our young and vibrant leaders stood in pride to take the oath and pledged to be fair, honest and loyal to their assigned duties. They promised to play their role with dignity.

The ceremony ended with the newly appointed school Captain Manvi Jain leading her team with the National Anthem.







Summer Camp

"Camp is a place where friends are made, memories are created, and dreams take flight."

All the wait is over as the of summer holidays began the excitement of Summer's Spellbinding Spell Summer Camp 2023 started from 1st July 2023 and culminated on 6th July 2023.

The summer camp included various activities like, Art and Craft, Music and Dance and an array of indoor and outdoor sports activities like skating, table-tennis, Billiards, Badminton, chess, swimming, volley ball, basket ball, and cricket.

The purpose of the summer camp is to provide a platform to explore their creative talents. The Camp also emphasized on individual attention and polishing their skills to an outstanding and acceptable state. Besides learning, the summer camp at Shiksha Valley School was able to bring a significant difference in the personal growth of the participants. While unearthing new techniques in their activities, they were able to conquer their inhibitions and acquired the art of being self sufficient and confident. They were able to make new friends, share their ideas and created memories.

On concluding day, children exhibited their art & sculptures and performed dances & music to showcase the learned skill & talents.

And at the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling." – Shanti











SKATING WORKSHOP

The thrill and joy of skating cannot be understood unless you strap on a pair of roller skates and get to it! Our students got to experience that exact same thrill and excitement as we organised a Skating Workshop for them to safely learn this fun sport from 1st to 5th July 2023. Swipe for a few glimpses of our students having the time of their lives while learning to skate.









International Yoga day celebrated on 21st June

With the rest of the Nation and the world, the 9th International Yoga Day was celebrated at Shiksha Valley School with enthusiasm.

Principal Amitava Bandyopadhyay lighted the lamp and opened the session. Director, S. P. Suresh of the school in his speech highlighted the importance and benefits of yoga in daily life. International Yoga day 2023 is celebrated on the official theme 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' These theme emphasize the healthy being of every individual , irrespective of any discrimination, through the regular practices of yoga. Yoga improves our concentration, focus and mental clarity. It reduces mental stress, depression and anxiety. The ultimate aim of Yoga is the transformation of a disintegrated personality into a coherent and cohesive being.

Practice session of various Yogasana postures followed by pranayama and meditation harmonized the entire participants.









Rabha Divas





The great personalities who contributed immensely to enriching the socio-cultural life of Assam, Bishnu Prasad Rabha was one of the most prominent among them. With his highly valued creation, he became a glittering name in the socio-cultural life not only in Assam but in other places also. "Rabha Divas" is celebrated on 20th June every year to honour his significant contribution in Assam's Culture and Literature.

Along with the rest of the state, Shiksha Valley School also observed Rabha Divas with different cultural events. Director, S.P.Suresh light the lamp and offered floral tributes to the portrait of Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha. Students presented various songs of the great poet









Educational trip-Goa

Shiksha Valley School organised an awesome Educational trip for students of grade XI to the dream spot Goa from 9th July to 14th July, 2023.

Ranging from a number of fun filled adventurous activities stay at a resort and lip smacking food provided added happiness to the students.

Visit churches added a positive energy in the pupils gaining a pinch of knowledge in history, were taken to Aguada fort, an ancient structure.

Visit to spice plantation made our trip more educational. At last, Goa visit without beach naughtiness and joy is unfair. Visit to many mind blowing beaches like Anjuna, Baga, Calangute, Mirmar etc was also the main fun in the trip enjoyment on cruise in the Mandovi river also added to memories.

On way back, a visit to the Mangeshwar temple made us feel divine and enjoy. At the last enjoyment in the capital Delhi with our friends on the way back home route increased whole fun, with many set of pictures, videos and lovely, life long memorable memories, the Goa trip ended with the hardcore work of our organisers "weekend thrill".



School Summer Trip



Memories of School Educational trips are among the most prominent of the formative years, largely because they are welcome breaks in the routine for both students and teachers. While their purpose is essentially to educate, they can also be a fun bonding experience for everyone involved. Going on educational trips always have a major educational element, but the impact of educational trips can extend much further. The importance of educational trips gives students the chance to build closer bonds with other classmates, experience new environments and enjoy days away from the classroom. Getting away from the everyday atmosphere of the classroom gives students an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment.

Shiksha valley school, Dibrugarh organised a six-day educational tour to Bangalore and Mysore from 7th July to 12th July for the students of classes VII-X. There was a group of 29 students who were accompanied by the Director S.P. Suresh along with one school teacher Mrs Manisha Chaurasiya and a tourist guide. It took a few hours by flight to arrive at the destination, and upon reaching the exploration of the historical city and unravelling of the mystery of the past began.










The students spent the first day of their trip at Hotel Vividus and rejuvenate themselves by the facilities provided by the hotel. On the second day early morning student visited Lalbagh botanical garden, which is enriched with numerous native and exotic flora of wide-ranging diversity, by way of introduction, acclimatization, and multiplication from various parts of the world since its inception in 1760. After that students visited Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bangalore. The museum has an Innovation Hub where students used their creative ideas for converting them into possible innovative products. Then students had lunch at the hotel, their next hop was to visit Bangalore Palace along with Iskcon Temple. In the remaining time, the students enjoyed visiting the Orion Mall. On 9th July students left for Mysore, which was a two-hour journey by bus and reached their second stay in Fortune JP Palace, Mysore. After reaching there students had breakfast at the hotel and then moved to Mysore palace, highlights include many ornate rooms and the colonnaded Durbar Hall. In addition, the Dussehra festival is celebrated at the palace every year. Students were astonished to see such beautiful architecture; there they also enjoyed the light and sound show and clicked many pictures. After that students returned back to the hotel where they had their lunch and got ready to visit St. Philomena's Cathedral Church which is one of the oldest churches in India.

On 10th July, students visited their most exciting Mysuru Zoo, where from extinct species to new species were also seen. In the evening students visited Brindavan Garden which is Spread across an area of 60 acres known for its ethereal beauty and grandeur, at the bottom of the Krishnaraja Sagara Dam (KRS), across the river Cauvery. Today, the Brindavan Gardens is world-famous for its ethereal beauty. The next day before leaving for Bangalore we visited Chamundi Hills or Chamundeshwari temple, the main hill itself features an ancient stone stairway of 1,008 steps leading to its summit. After visiting Chamundi Hills bus left for Bangalore where students had their lunch and rested for a while and restored their energy for the last visiting area which was Lulu shopping mall where students enjoyed their last shopping. The next day early morning of the 12th the entire team was ready to depart for their homes, to be received by their parents who were eagerly waiting for their children to return.

The trip was not just informative and educational but also included team spirit building, and developing an unbreakable bond between teachers and students which brought them together like a family. The trip ended on a happy note where each student bid goodbye to the each other with a smile on their face and an eagerness in their eyes for the next trip. This Bangalore-Mysore trip created some beautiful memories and the school will look forward to such trips in the future.

Inter-House Creative Board Decoration - Competition on Theme- G 20 Summit

On 5th August 2023, an Inter-House Creative Board decoration competition was held in the school premises. The theme for the board decoration was “G20 Summit”.

Each house was given a member country. The event was time bound and so the competition became quite challenging. Students and teachers of Shiksha Valley School joined in a creative journey of presenting their boards with extraordinary contents on various countries depicting, monuments, animal life, people and places. All the houses demonstrated remarkable team spirit and loyalty with visually appealing displays that represent the diversity of the member countries. ‘Vindya House’ bagged the 1st position, ‘Nilgiri House’ was second and the third position was bagged by ‘Satpura and Patkai House’.

The India’s G20 Presidency would guide the work of the G20 under the theme of - “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth · One Family · One Future” - drawn from the Sanskrit phrase of the Maha Upanishad, which means "The World Is One Family". Essentially, the theme affirms the value of all life – human, animal, plant, and microorganisms – and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe.







Illustration & Comic Art workshop

An illustration is a visualization or a depiction made by an artist, such as a drawing, sketch, painting, photograph, or other kind of image of things seen, remembered or imagined, using a graphical representation.

The comic art is innovative and transformational. Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh organized a 2 day workshop on Illustration & Comic art on 7th & 8th August 2023 for Class: VII & VIII students.

Miss. Manjyostna Sarma & Miss. Twinkle Biswas from Guwahati were the faculties who guided the children in the workshop.

Session started with book review in different groups and followed by presentations. Review observations were on the textures, thought bubbles, caricature and background descriptions.

Later, Miss. Manjyostna Sarma narrated a story to children in a musical background and asked children to illustrate the story on the pages in their own imagination of characters and thoughts.

On the 2nd day of the workshop, children are asked to illustrate their own imaginative stories along with the guidance of teachers.

In conclusion, this workshop provides a great platform for students to express themselves creatively, learn new skills, and develop their artistic and language skill abilities. It is an excellent way to promote creativity and explore their imagination.

Participating in Illustration & Comic workshop has numerous benefits. Firstly, it enhances creativity of the students and encouraged to think outside the box and come up with unique ideas. Secondly, it improves manual dexterity. Working with different art materials helps to improve hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills. Thirdly, it enhances language and communication skills.





Curiosity Conference at IIT Gandhinagar

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existence. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery each day".

~ Albert Einstein



Curiosity Conference, held on August 12th & 13th, 2023, aimed to foster curiosity and critical thinking at IIT Gandhinagar. Activities, seminars, poster presentations, and a Science Comic exhibition sparked participants' curiosity. Center for Creative Learning hosted workshops on innovative teaching methods.

Kunal Choudhury (Class:XI-Science) and Kaushik Ranjan Nath (Class:X) from Shiksha Valley School participated in this two days conference, emphasizing curiosity's role in enhancing learning and problem-solving.

An Educational Journey in Ahmedabad



Kunal Choudhury (Class:XI-Science) and Kaushik Ranjan Nath (Class:X) explore Ahmedabad after their Curiosity conference on 14th August 2023.

Students visited Sabarmati Ashram, witness charkha spinning, and delve into history at the Sabarmati exhibition. They marvel at Rudabai Stepwell's architecture which is a 1499-built stepwell that offers water, refuge, and spiritual nourishment, showcasing timeless elegance in stone.

Independence Day celebration

"Let new India arise out of peasants' cottage, grasping the plough, out of huts, cobbler, and sweeper."

~ Swami Vivekananda





Shiksha Valley School embraced a lively Independence Day celebrations on 15th August 2023. The event featured a rich tapestry of cultural performances, soul-stirring slokas, and motivating speeches, all spotlighting unity and creativity.

Sri Amitava Bandyopadhyay, Principal of Shiksha Valley School paid tribute to martyrs, while teachers and staff ensured a seamless event. Energetic anchoring added excitement, making it truly unforgettable.



Sri Sri Madhabdev's Tithi



In a reverent atmosphere, our school observed Sri Sri Madhabdev's Tithi within the hallowed walls of the indoor hall on 2nd September 2023. Santipriya Devi graced the occasion with her melodious Kirtan, filling the room with devotion. Adorned in resplendent attire, Nishtha Nirmita Mahanta enthralled all with a mesmerising Satriya dance performance. It was a day of deep spirituality and artistic beauty.





Cooking Competition

"Cooking is an art form that requires a dash of inspiration, a sprinkle of innovation, and a lot of love."

~Rachael Ray





Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh, hosted the "Eco-Chef Extravaganza" on 2nd September 2023, featuring an inter-house cooking competition for Grades IX-XII students. The event showcased culinary talent, with Patkai House claiming first place. Judges Madam Neetu Agarwal and Madam Mousumi Gogoi praised the event and the culinary skills of our students.

This event not only celebrated culinary artistry but also promoted sustainable cooking practices and creativity in the kitchen, embodying Shiksha Valley School's values of camaraderie and skill.





Hindi Diwas

On 14th September 2023, Shiksha Valley School celebrated Hindi Diwas. This day holds special significance as it marks the adoption of Hindi as one of India's official languages by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. On this occasion, the Constituent Assembly officially accepted Hindi written in the Devanagari script as the language of India.



Shiksha Valley School commemorated 'Hindi Diwas' with students presenting speeches, reciting poems, singing songs, and performing short skits, celebrating the rich tapestry of the Hindi language and culture.

Tirobhava Tithi of Sri Srimanta Sankardev

Sri Srimanta Sankardev, the Assamese Saint-scholar, remains a guiding light against social inequalities and religious orthodoxy. His legacy inspires generations, promoting inclusivity and love. Shiksha Valley School students celebrated his Tirobhava Tithi on 16th September 2023, with Naam Kirtan and Satriya dance, honouring this visionary social reformer.







World Ozone Day

"The ozone layer: A shield of hope for a brighter future."

Shiksha Valley School, Dibrugarh celebrated World Ozone Day on **16th Sept 2023**, educating students about the vital ozone layer, its depletion, and eco-friendly practices. They performed skits, poems, and speeches, promoting responsible product choices and ozone protection. The ozone layer shields Earth from harmful UV rays, and its preservation requires collective efforts. So let us all decide to protect this important cover of our mother Earth through small actions





Viswakarma Puja

Vishwakarma, the celestial artisan, revered as the divine patron of craftsmen and architects, possesses creative mastery that transcends mortal boundaries. Born from the divine essence of Brahma, he undertakes the sublime role of the cosmic architect, shaping the very essence of the universe. The celebration of Viswakarma Puja, a cherished tradition, offers homage to this divine figure of architecture and engineering. On the sacred occasion, Shiksha Valley Campus observed Viswakarma Puja on **17th September 2023** with reverence and devotion.





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