

NIRMALA CONVENT SR. SEC SCHOOL, KATHGODAM

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR (2020 – 2021)

Greetings from Nirmala Convent, Kathgodam! Situated in idyllic surroundings, in the lap of nature, the school strives to prepare young minds to become good citizens of the country and the world. We are a 3,098 student strong school.

Poet Mary Oliver said *"Keep some room in your heart for the unimaginable"*. This seems just right for the year gone by. In the form of Corona virus, a black swan had landed. With the outbreak of the Corona virus epidemic in the beginning of the year 2020, there was panic all around. It soon gripped the entire world and wrecked havoc with our daily schedule, throwing everything out of gear. There was an environment of fear and apprehension and with the lockdown; all activities including studies came to a standstill. Schools and other institutions were shutdown. Like most of the other activities, studies too shifted to the online medium.

At Nirmala Convent, we too were compelled by the dire circumstances to shift to this mode of teaching. Yes, it seemed to be a daunting task as everyone was caught unawares, with no prior planning for such a situation. Each and every student and teacher took up this challenge and soon settled into the 'online education' mode. The teachers have been continuously updating and upgrading their skills to ensure that there are no learning gaps for the students and at present, online teaching is running smoothly along with the physical classes for classes VI-XII.

As we get ready to begin the new session from April 2021, we thank the Almighty for his grace and with gratitude recall the significant moments of the year 2020.

❖ New academic session 2020-21:

Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent nationwide lockdown posed challenges for the school. Physical classes were not possible and online teaching became the new normal. The new academic session began with online classes, on April 8th 2020.

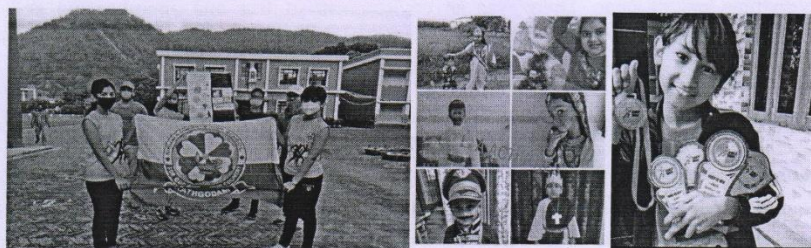
- ❖ The online classes are being conducted through CI-soft IT care app and Microsoft teams. Parents received regular updates of their ward in the form of e-report cards through CI-soft app, even during the lockdown period.
- ❖ Regular online assessments were carried out to monitor the academic performance of the students. Objective and subjective assessments were done using tools like 'Google form' and Whatsapp.
- ❖ **CBSE Workshop/Training programmes:** Teachers are continuously keeping themselves abreast of the latest developments in the field of online teaching by attending monthly CBSE workshops and various other online training programmes. This is an effort by the teaching staff to upgrade their skills and to be ready for the changes in teaching that lie ahead.
- ❖ **National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020):** A new education policy (NEP-2020) was announced by the government and a major focus this year has been on understanding NEP-2020 and making the students and parents aware of the same. Our teachers have attended numerous sessions on the same to acquaint themselves with the new policy and to prepare for the changes and challenges that lie ahead.

- ❖ **School Examinations:** Due to the Pandemic, all exams during the current session were held online, except the Pre-Board II of Classes X and XII. The remedial and extra classes are being held physically in school for Classes IX-XII. The Annual Exams will be held online for Classes I – VIII and Offline for Classes IX – XII. Annual result dates are as follows:

I – II:	22 March, 2021
III - V:	25 March, 2021
VI – VIII, IX and XI:	31 March, 2021

The new academic session 2021-2022 commenced on April 5, 2021.

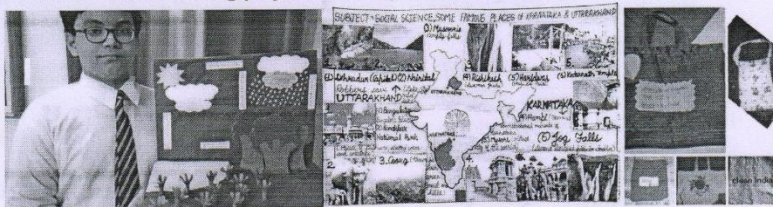
PARTICIPATION IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



- ❖ Even the Covid-19 lockdown situation could not dampen the spirits of our wonderfully talented and enthusiastic students as they actively participated in various online activities and competitions at the school level, district level and even state level.
 - Drawing/Singing competition: Gauri Pandey secured 1st place in drawing competition and received a cash prize of Rs.1000, by 'Kotwali Police, Haldwani'.
 - Our students received 'Certificate of Appreciation' on account of their outstanding performance in the online 'Anti-Drugs poster making competition' organized by Soul & Spirit Art Society, Haldwani.
 - Bhavesh Pandey of class VII secured third place in singing competition organized by Cultural and Social Society, Haldwani. He received a cash prize of Rs.1100, a trophy and a certificate.
 - We are indeed very proud of Shambhavi Goswami of class II who received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' for participating in GITAANUSHILANAM 2020, by International Society for Krishna consciousness.
 - Fit India Movement: The students participated in a 'run' as part of the Fit India Movement.
 - At the 1st 'Kathgodam Khel Mohotsav-2021' organized by Kathgodam Sports Society our students won medals and brought laurels to the school:
 - Somya Koranga secured 1st & 2nd place in 30m, 60m & 200m race
 - U. S. Mohit secured 1st place in 100m, 200m & relay race
 - Yash Chandola secured 1st place in 100m, 200m & relay race
 - Kamana Bisht and Purnima secured 2nd & 3rd place in 100m & 200m race
 - Students participated in various Olympiad competitions which were held online this year and won prizes.
 - A host of online competitions were organized by the CBSE from time to time this year to keep the students engaged and give them an opportunity to hone their talents. Our students took active interest and participated enthusiastically in these competitions. 'Literary Week' was organized which saw the students participate in

activities like story-writing and poster-making.

- To encourage and motivate the students, they were awarded 'e-certificates' for winning and participating in various activities and competitions.
- As part of 'Art – integrated Projects', an initiative of CBSE, students of Classes I-XII showcased their creativity by making wonderful projects in different subjects. Uttarakhand State was paired with Karnataka and the creativity of the students was evident in the amazing projects made by them.



CELEBRATIONS & FUNCTIONS

- ❖ With the Covid-19 pandemic playing havoc with our normal schedule, all the activities and celebrations shifted to the virtual platform. In spite of this massive change, festivals and special occasions were celebrated by our students with the same zeal and enthusiasm as always.
- ❖ There were virtual celebrations on special occasions like Independence Day, Feast of Mother Brigida, Teachers Day, Birthday of Mother Mary, Hindi Diwas, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Diwali, Children's Day, Constitution Day & Republic Day. To commemorate these special occasions, students presented meaningful 'virtual assemblies'. Also, activities and competitions were held for the students of different classes and they participated wholeheartedly in these events.
- ❖ 'Mental Fitness Day' was celebrated 'online' on 9th October with special focus on the importance of maintaining a healthy mental balance, especially during trying times of Covid-19 pandemic. The teachers conducted a live session 'Happy Hour' and interacted with the students.
- ❖ On the occasion of Christmas, various online activities were organized for the students of Class I to XI, like – Christmas Symbols, gift wrapping, carol singing, soap carving, candle decoration and many more.



OUTREACH ACTIVITIES



- The annual newsletter 'Nirmala Times' was published which gave a comprehensive round up of the session 2020-21.
- During the Covid-19 lockdown, the School Management extended financial support and helps to individuals and families of the weaker sections of the society.
- During the session, fee concessions were given to the deserving cases, specially to Covid-19 victims.
- A seminar on 'Accelerated Learning in preparation for Boards' was conducted by the Principal, Sr. Rekha for the students of class X & XII. The seminar aimed at helping the students to cope with the stress of the board examination and effective tips were given to them to prepare for the same.
- An important meeting with the parents was held in the school section-wise for the students of class X & XII regarding the remedial classes, board practicals and board examination. The meeting was presided over by the Principal, Sr. Rekha.
- On Christmas, the beautiful festival of peace, love, joy, happiness and hope, Principal, Sr. Rekha encouraged the students to spread the Yuletide spirit by sharing and helping others. Every student was encouraged to do a LOVE DEED for at least two persons.
- Throughout the year, from time to time, teachers sent messages to students and parents to create awareness and take steps for the prevention of Corona Virus.

TO CONCLUDE:

'Our problems are temporary, divine grace is permanent'. The Corona virus pandemic has brought a sea change to almost all aspects of life. As the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley wrote, "...if winter comes, can spring be far behind"? The Corona virus vaccine brings us hope and we see things limping back to normalcy in all spheres of life. With the resuming of physical classes for VI to XII in the school, the prospects of the new session from the month of April look bright. And as we get ready to begin the new session from April 2021, we thank the Lord Almighty for his benign grace and humbly seek His blessings.

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