



# Akshara High School

## Annual report 2013-14



Chairperson

Greetings and a warm welcome to each and every Parent of Akshara High School. We present before you our Annual Report 2013-14.

At Akshara, it is an enduring tradition to position ourselves to move ahead to face the challenges of the coming years with a positive attitude to support our students and teachers. We believe in freedom to experiment with new ideas and practices as schools must continuously evolve.

The system of education in Akshara is a blend of theory and practice in the right proportion to arrive at a comprehensive curriculum which is patterned on guidelines of ICSE Board to which we are affiliated.

At Akshara, our motto is to focus on social inclusions for educational and economic growth and to level inequalities ingrained due to gender, caste, economic and religious discrimination.

We believe that students need an education that sensitizes them to understand social barriers and empowers them to act positively to bring in change that will make social distinctions increasingly fluid.

Akshara High School is a not-for-profit School.

### **Students Activities and Programmes in the year 2013-14**

Along with curriculum, there are several value added programmes that are conducted for the students to be better skilled in life.

- 1. Assembly:** Class wise assemblies were conducted on weekly basis in the school. Students had put up skits and made presentations. Teachers also used this platform to share their views on current issues. Special assemblies were conducted on special days like Republic day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti etc. We initiated Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) programme for Grade III- IX this year, which was a reading session done every day for 10 mins to enhance students reading skills. We also conducted One Nation reading session by Scholastic.

- 2. Pre-Primary activities:** Children gain knowledge and understand what they have learnt when a skill is taught to them in a way which they can best relate to. Pre-Primary teachers at Akshara High School, put in all possible efforts to ensure that learning is joyous and objectives are met. Various activities were designed and conducted for the overall development of the students like showing the slug in the class, pulses sorting and sprouting, showing them coconut tree in the garden, making Jelly, Bhel, Fruit salad, Planting Cereals, Potato Plantation etc.
- 3. School events** like Independence Day, Republic Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Founder's day, Diwali and Christmas were celebrated.
- 4. Field trips and Picnic:** Field trips were organized for students to visit various places according to the concepts learnt in the classroom. They visited places like National park, Erangle garden, Butterfly garden and Pagoda. Students of Std I to IX went for a picnic to Royal Garden Resort. A Telescope activity for observation of Sun and Moon was conducted in the school campus.
- 5. Various workshops** were conducted in the year 2013-14 like Life Skill Sessions on the topics for Personal Safety Education, Growing up changes and relationships, Honesty, Sharing, Loving, Cleanliness, Discipline and other various Counselling workshops. Students have been exposed to information and knowledge with the objective of enabling them to face challenges in their life. Students were exposed to World Cinema and they watched movies like Children of Heaven, Red Balloon, In Pursuit of Happiness. A session on planning and preparing for the board exam was conducted for the students of Grade IX by Teachers and Principal to guide them about study techniques for grade X.
- 6. Newsletter** provides a platform for the students to express their thoughts and ideas. The creative abilities of students were showcased in the newsletter.
- 7. Annual events:** Annual sports meet was held in December wherein all students took part in various competitions throughout the sports week. The students had put up a great show by displaying their talents which was appreciated by parents. The Mathematic week was conducted for all classes from Std. I to IX. games, quiz, puzzles and multiple activities relating to mathematic concepts were conducted in all classes. Students of Std. I to VIII participated in the Science Week. Throughout the week, students participated in a number of activities related to the topics. The final day of the week was Akshara Science Day wherein all the experiments and models were displayed and explained by students. Parents also attended the Science Day.

- 8. External exams:** Students are encouraged to appear for external exams as it sharpens the competitive spirit, helps them to consolidate their concept learning and tests their application skills for the professional course that they will appear for in the future. Students appeared for Geo Olympiad Exam and various interschool competitions like Drawing, Rakhi making, Kho-Kho, Volley ball, Athletics and Table Tennis. Our Students won various prizes and our School was awarded as the best participating school in Geo Olympiad.
- 9. Extra Curricular Activities:** is provided to students to supplement their academic development with their creative potential and to explore their interests and hobbies. Coaching is provided for the following: Karate, Gymnastics, Cricket and Kathak. If you have any inquiries, Pls call Office #02229674001.
- 10. Teachers Workshops:** Teachers attended many training sessions to upgrade themselves and to get better equipped in the teaching-learning process to handle the content. Teachers got trained on topics of utmost relevance in today's times such as skills on Counselling, Learning Disability, Art Appreciation, Research with Ease (Library), Oral Curriculum and Strategies for classroom to name a few....
- 11. Parent's programmes:** Personal Safety Education workshop was conducted for parents by our counsellor. This education equips the parents to help their children to prepare themselves in any dangerous or unsafe situations. Parents teachers meetings were held to inform them about the evaluation pattern for the exams and overall functioning of the school.
- 12. Parent- Teacher Association:** The PTA was formed with one parent and one teacher representative from each class along with the Principal. The PTA members attend the meetings and also give their suggestions on school events and extracurricular activities. We thank the PTA members immensely for their valuable suggestions and their presence for the meetings.
- 13. NIOS:** The school has initiated NIOS- National Institute of Open Schooling in collaboration with Pratham, an NGO working with underprivileged children across India. The school also provides remedial sessions for our children in need by our Special educator.

## **Our Aims and Goals for 2014-15.**

STD X – We completed the Class X registration with CISCE and the new academic year has started from 17<sup>th</sup> Feb and our first batch will appear for Board Exams in 2015. The present class IX and X batch follow the format as per ICSE norms and guidelines along with the internal assessment process held every month.

Professional development for teachers:

1. Language and communication skills programme shall be conducted by Miss Timira, with a focus on enhancing language skills of primary section. This programme will use interactive methods to make the transition from pre- school to primary and primary to middle school smoother, comfortable and more productive. Miss Timira has been nominated as an Educator by Femina L'Oreal for her work in the field of special education.
2. Mathematics workshops for teachers of all classes.

Co-curricular activities on Saturdays:

1. Sports programme
2. Creative drama programme to enhance interpersonal skills
3. Clubs for elocution, nature studies, etc.

## **Our Income and Expenditure incurred during the Financial Year 2013-14**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Fees paid by students	4500000	Salary - teaching staff	3600000
Fees sponsorship and subsidies from Being Human Foundation	2650000	Salary - non-teaching staff	1608000
Infrastructure sponsorship from AFAL	2925000	Admin expenses	449000
		Maintenance	928000
		Library, books, stationery, teaching aids	485000
		Activities, events, extracurricular, sports	80000
		Infrastructure	2925000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>10075000</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10075000</b>

I thank the management, teachers, parents and students immensely for their sincere contribution towards the growth of the school.

**Mr. Ranjeet Deshmukh**

Chairperson

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