



# Akshara High School

## Annual report 2014-15



Chairperson

Greetings and a warm welcome to all parents of students at Akshara High School.

With great pleasure, I present to you, the annual report of our school for the academic year 2014- 15. Keeping a positive attitude to support our students and teachers, we brace ourselves for the challenges of the coming years.

### **Students' Activities and Programmes in the year 2014-15**

Along with the syllabus, there were several value added programmes that were included in the curriculum so that our students develop more skills and are better equipped for the future.

- 1. School events** - Independence Day, Republic Day, Teacher's Day, Children's Day, Diwali, Holi, Makar Sankranti were celebrated.
- 2. 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 the National Park, Erangle Farm, Nehru Science Centre, Dolphin Aquarium, BNHS. Students of Std I to X went for a picnic to Yazoo Park.
- 3. Annual events:**
  - **Mathematics Week**- The Mathematics week was conducted for all classes from Std. I to X. Games, quiz, puzzles and multiple activities relating to mathematic concepts were conducted in all classes.
  - **Science Week** -Students of Std. I to X participated in a number of activities. The final day of the week was Akshara Science Day wherein all experiments and models were displayed and explained by students. Parents also attended the Science Day.
  - **Book Week** -Students of Pre-Primary to Std IV participated in the Book Week wherein all teachers engaged students in reading various books throughout the week and we also invited authors to read and illustrate their books.
  - **Sports Week** -Annual Sports Week was held in December wherein all students took part in various competitions. At the end of the week our Annual Sports Day was held. Students put up a great show by displaying their talents which were appreciated by parents and guests.
- 4. Extra Curricular Activities:** These are provided to supplement students' academic development with opportunities to enhance their creative potential and to explore their interests and hobbies. Coaching is provided for the following: Karate, Gymnastics, Cricket, Skating, etc. If you have any inquiries, please call the school office at #02229674001.
- 5. Parent- Teacher Association:** The PTA was formed with one parent and one teacher representative from each class along with the Principal. The PTA members attended meetings and gave their suggestions on school events and extracurricular activities. We thank the PTA members immensely for their valuable suggestions and their presence at the meetings.
- 6. 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 and to make the process of education accessible to students who are performing below their grade level. Therefore, NIOS programme has been adopted and administered under the same roof.

Our NIOS department comprises of an experienced special educator, counselor and specially trained teachers. While the students gain academic knowledge in a specially designed environment, the co-curricular activities are enjoyed along with students following ICSE board.

- 7. CCTV surveillance:** Keeping in view the recent incidents of violence and abuse in several schools across India and neighbouring countries, the school management has installed 16 cameras to monitor activities in all parts of the school campus. We understand and appreciate the concerns of parents and are taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

### **Our Donors**

**Being Human Foundation:** We are extremely grateful to Being Human Foundation and its trustees for supporting our students' education by providing fee sponsorships that make it possible for us to provide your child subsidized schooling. Their support has been most crucial to making Akshara's mission of providing access to quality education to all children a reality. Hence, even with rising prices and expenses, we have been able to keep the fee structure at a very affordable level, with only marginal increase in annual fees.

**Akshara Foundation of Arts & Learning:** We thank the AFAL for their support to the school by way of educational materials, equipment and infrastructure. In 2014 they also donated two school buses to Akshara, which are now owned and managed by the school. The school buses have brought our students much joy. We thank the parents for their support and request more parents to avail of the bus facility.

### **Our Aims and Goals for 2015-16**

**Pre-Primary:** Our focus shall be on hands on learning through field trips and project work. Taking our past work further, we would like to involve parents in project related activities and our early language program.

**Std. I to IV:** Standards I to IV serve as foundation years for all concepts that a student learns in her/his school years. The focus is on understanding core concepts, even if it requires repeated visits through the primary years. Concepts are approached through discussions, activities and writing of observations and learning. Students in the primary years have no written tests or exams; they solve worksheets after every concept discussed in class.

**Std. V-VIII:** The method of discussing concepts and exploring content doesn't change drastically. Activity-based learning continues, but focus on research material and written matter is consciously increased in these years. Tests and examinations are introduced for students in order for them to slowly get accustomed to expressing learnt knowledge in written words.

Shakespeare, an essential part of the ICSE board syllabus, is introduced to our students through year-long drama workshops, by a drama specialist trained in Shakespeare. This helps students understand and connect with the text in the high school years.

**Std. IX-X:** Students of Std X will appear for their board exams in Feb 2015. Std. IX and X curriculum is designed as per guidelines regulated and formulated by CISCE Board (ICSE).

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

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