

### **My humble prostrations at the Holy Lotus Feet of our beloved Amma.**

It is my pleasure to also welcome our Parent Community, teachers and my beloved students to this evening's Prize distribution celebrations. It is a gathering to award the best of all students in various fields of education. Let me give an insight of the events during the year documenting its developments and achievements.

Amrita Vidyalayam, Junagar, established in the year 2001 is one among the 57 schools managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math. The school today, is the result of Amma's foresight and vision which motivates us to serve for the cause. Under the care of Amma's boundless love and compassion, all Amrita Vidyalayam schools fulfill Amma's mission - which is to provide accessible and quality education. The school emphasizes on the all round and harmonious development of the child.

It is with great pride I say that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the students have brought cent percent results in the AISSE examinations in 2017-18. Atharva Kadam scored 97.2% in 10<sup>th</sup> while Bhakti Ghanwat scored 92.4% and Sreemaya Sathyadas scored 89.8% in 12<sup>th</sup> in the Science stream and Sakshi Kadu topped the commerce stream with 84.4%.

### **State-of-the-Art Facilities**

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- Multimedia classrooms right from the Pre-primary to Higher Secondary.
- ICT portal, the school portal for efficient communication between the school and parents.
- 2 state-of-the-art spacious computer labs comprising 60 computers and fitted with the latest processors.
- Well equipped Science labs for Physics, Chemistry and Biology which can accommodate up to 50 students at one time.
- A creative Maths lab to give a hands-on approach to Maths.
- A well-stocked library containing a large array of books and periodicals.
- Basketball, Football grounds and Badminton, Volleyball courts
- Indoor Games include Table Tennis, Chess, Carrom etc
- Dedicated classrooms for Dance, Music, and Art and Yoga
- 2 indoor Auditoriums
- A Psychotherapist who counsels parents and children according to their needs.
- A dedicated Resource Room in the school premises where students in need of extra help are given assistance.

- 24/7 video surveillance of the corridors and the school campus to ensure safety of children at all times.
- Fire Fighting System and Fire Hydrant System
- 3 Sintex Water Storage Tanks having a 10,000 liters capacity each.
- Rain Water Harvesting
- School Bus facility for students residing in Navi Mumbai.

### **Something new each year.....**

We are happy to inform that the school has set up a Maths lab on the first floor to enable students to explore and get a hands on experience of this interesting subject. The library was also renovated which has enabled more space for students. Mass PT and Yoga has been made compulsory for all students in order to sharpen their focus and increase their agility.

### **Club activities**

At Amrita Vidyalayam, the learning process is designed to encourage the questioning mind. The school offers a unique educational experience that prepares the next generation of global citizens to lead and make a difference in the world. This thought has led to the introduction of **Activity club** for students from grades 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. The clubs consist of Eco Club and Heritage Club, Literary Club, Science Club, Maths Club and Creative Club. One of the reasons the children love the activities in these clubs is that it is very hands-on and much less formal than lessons. The teachers and students actively engage with each other in an informal setting and they work in groups which promotes social behavior.

### **Co- curricular Activities**

To realize the all-round development of students, the curriculum is amalgamated with co-curricular activities. Every student participates in one of the activities viz. Dance, Art, Taekwondo, Skating, NCC, Athletics

### **Glorious achievements**

Children participate in intra-school and inter-school competitions to showcase their talents.

### **Academics**

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- Students from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Std appeared for the Neltas ECAT 2017-18 and 5 students bagged the Gold Medal.
  - In the Spell Bee International ( State Level) - Out of 51 students, 35 qualified for National Level and 5 students were declared Medal Winners.
  - In the Spell Bee International (National Level) - Out of 24 students, 19 students qualified for International Level. Harisha R Sivakumar was the 4<sup>th</sup> rank holder in the National Level. She has been awarded Rs.4000 Reliance Digital gift card.
  - In the Spell Bee International (International Level) - Out of 16 students 5 students were placed under "Achievement", 7 in "Merit Plus" and 3 under "Merit" category.

- In the International Olympiad of Maths(iOM2017), school level, 12 students won class topper medals and 3 students qualified for State Level.
- International Olympiad of Science( iOS 2017 ) 28 students won class topper medals and 7 students qualified for State Level.
- International Talent Hunt(iTHO 2017) Out of 45 students, 10 students won gold medals, and 8 students won silver and bronze medals.
- In the Bharat ko Jano Quiz competition organized by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 30/9/18, Aavyaie Rajaram and Rugveda Gaokar participated in the Jr. level and bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize.
- **In the Spell Bee International : 2018-19** (Inter-School Level), 50 out of 61 students and 6 students were declared as School Toppers
- In the Vivekotsav -2018 - Amrita Vidyalayam students bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Sr. Category of Hindi and Marathi Elocution competition held on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The first prize winners have gone to the next level.

## SPORTS

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- SWAYAM MAHADIK of 7C bagged the Gold Medal in the The Acres Inter School Sports Invitational 2018 AND also in the Under 12 NMMC DSO Carrom tournament.
- The U12 Boys won the Silver medal in New Bombay Area School's Association Volleyball Tournament on 25/1/18 at Balbharti Public School, Kharghar.
- The under 17 Girls won the Gold medal in the V V Bhat Memorial Inter School Volleyball Tournament held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at Children's Academy, Kandivali. **Sweta Shekade of Class 11 was awarded the Best Spiker and Shrusthti Patane of 10B was awarded the Best Lifter. It gives me great pride to announce that Sweta Shekade was also selected to play at the State level after qualifying for the** Division Volleyball Competition held at Ryan High School, Ulhasnagar, Kalyan on 20/10/18
- The Under 15 Boys bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> position in the Ace National Fest Games Tournament held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April in Mumbra (Thane)whereas the Under 19 Girls bagged the 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in the same tournament.
- Out of 46 schools that participated in the CBSE Cluster IX Interschool Sports And Games competition, held between 31/8/18 to 4/9/18 by Podar International School, Latur, the Under 17 Boys bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Under 19 Girls team bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up position in the same tournament.
- In DSO Volleyball Competition at Nerul Gymkhana on 5/10/18, the Under 14 and Under 17 Girls bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> position.
- Our students participated in various competitions in the DSO held in Navi Mumbai in the months of September and October:
  - ARYA VIRAJ BHOITE of 9A won the Bronze Medal In the DSO Taekwondo Competition in the Under 17 (48-51 weight category) and ATHARVA VIRAJ BHOITE of 9B won the Bronze Medal In the 38-41 weight category.
  - ATHARVA NAWALE of 9A won the Silver Medal In the DSO Karate Competition held for Under 17 Boys in the below 70 kg weight category.
  - SHIVAM BHOIR of 10B (5<sup>th</sup> place) Qualified for divisions in the Under 17 Boys Carrom tournament,

- RAGHUNANADAN of 10A Qualified for division in the Under 17 Boys Lawn Tennis AND
- The Under 14 and Under 17 Girls won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position in Volleyball.
- It gives me great pride to announce that Shweta Shekade was also selected to play at the State level after qualifying for the Division Volleyball Competition held at Ryan High School, Ulhasnagar, Kalyan on 20/10/18.
- The under 17 Boys won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Volleyball Tournament held by NaviMumbai Volleyball Amateur Astn on 16/12/18 and were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 4000/- Aditya Dubey of 10 B was adjudged the Best all rounder and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 750/ while Srushti Patane of 10B was adjudged Best Player in the under 17 Girls Volleyball and awarded a cashprize of Rs. 500/-.
- Raghunandan Ramesh of 10A bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> place and won the gold medal **In the Under 16 Boys SFA Championship held at D Y Patil University on 14/12/18.**

### Cultural Achievements

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- In the Open Dance Competition held by Navi Mumbai Sanskruti Kala Krida Mahotsav at CBD Belapur on 16/1/18 our students won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize and were awarded certificates and cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- .
- In the Inter School Dance Competition held by Navi Mumbai Sanskrutik Kala Krida Mahotsav – at CBD Belapur – 19/1/18, our school won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize.
- **Our school swept most of the awards in the SPIRITS 2018 – 15<sup>TH</sup> Inter-School Youth Competition held in Navi Mumbai in July and August 2018 –**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Folk Dance competition. Many individual awards were collected by our students which include:**
  - Yoganshi Pachauri - 2D bagged first prize in Drawing competition
  - Amrutha Ratheesh of 11A bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the classical dance category and Nidhi Shetty of 8B also bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Solo Dance Competition.
  - Rashi Kamble won the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Solo Singing Competition.
- In the **Essay writing competition** Srushti Misha of 7C bagged 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Shriya Utekar – 11A bagged consolation Prize and Maheshwari Phalke 11A won the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up
- **In the Story writing competition** Nikunja Sonawane of 8B won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Prize in the Story Writing competition in the Jr. Category and in the **Sr.category** Shiksha Choudhary of 10B won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize, Manisha Sahu of 10A won the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up and Gunjan Gandhi of 10A won the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up .
- AVYAIE RAJARAM and RUGVEDA GAOKER of 7B won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at the Junior Level in the Bharat Ko Jano Quiz Competition organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad on 31/09/18
- In the Chinmaya Gita Chanting Competition, Gayatri Gopakumar of 11<sup>th</sup> Std won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Group G, Diksha Mhatre of 4<sup>th</sup> Std won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Group D, Nidhi Shetty won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Group E. In Group C Arya Motling of 3<sup>rd</sup> Std won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Group C, Sradhanshu Deo and Chetan Sahu won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in Group C. Our Amrita Nursery students

also won prizes in this Competition alongwith two teachers Ms.Sangeetha Anil and Ms.Vidya Nair.

- **A special mention of the following students who participated in their individual capacities and won recognition:**
- Ritu Anil of 8C who performed Bharatanatyam at the International Cultural Festival held in Malaysia and Singapore in May 2018 which was organised by Indian Classical Arts and cultural trust.
- Ritika Shetty of 7C participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> International Dance Festival of Udbhav Utsav - 2018 held at Gwalior and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Group Classical Dance.
- P M Aishwarya of 6C won the first prize in the Thiruppavai Recitation at 2 prestigious sabhas in Hyderabad in December and K P Akshay of 2D won the consolation prize.
- The very talented Samarth Rane of 9B won the consolation prize at the State Level Painting competition and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 7000/-.
- Vedant Pushparaj Shetty of 8C successfully completed the KUKKIWON'S 1<sup>st</sup> Poom Taekwondo Promotion Test in Feb 2018.

### **AMRITA FEST**

This year too the school had put forth a host of competitions under the flag of "AMRITA FEST". Exciting competitions were planned by the competition committee and students proved their merit by their active participation. Competitions included Mahabharata and Maths Quiz, Creative design with shapes, Memory game, Nail Art, Hair styling, T-shirt Hack, Stotram, Advertisement, Singing with instrument, solo dance, Fancy dress competition, Whiz Kids, Creative writing in Eng/Hindi/Marathi, Debate, Floral and Salad decoration, mask making and Puppet Making.

Students put up a **brilliant Science exhibition** which showcased the scientific temper of the students. A food fest was also held where the students set up counters and sold tasty snacks. Students volunteered to donate part of their savings earned out of **food fest** towards the community service program.

### **AMRITAM PROJECTS**

Since its inception 3 years back, students have developed a habit of contributing hand full of rice for the underprivileged society through Amritam projects. This was visible when the students and also the parents opened their hearts to donate generously towards the families affected by the Kerala Floods.

As part of the children's day program our XII std students invited members of 28 families to the school. The students had several programs which included entertainment activities, social awareness programmes. The families were also provided lunch, which was served by the students. Students gifted bags containing Rice, Pulses, Oil, Sugar and clothes to the poor families. Freedom Faith Foundation, which is a De-addiction centre in Badlapur was donated rice, Poha, Moong Dal, Soya Chunks and clothes by our students. Every month students visited the families adopted under the Amritam Projects in and around Juinagar during school hours under the supervision of their teachers and donated rice, clothes, pulses and oil. As a part of Grihamritham Project, 65 pairs of shoes were donated to Green Soles Organisation in Turbhe and more than 175lbs of carbon emissions were saved. Students learnt to make Eco-friendly Ganesha and also spread the messages

in all classrooms to avoid food wastage and celebrate a noiseless pollution free Diwali. Used uniforms were converted into bags by students, which were used for the purpose of donating. Students also have got into the habit of setting aside a small part of their desire towards the Sealing of Desire project, which helps to buy essential items for the adopted families. Families from nearby slums were invited

#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:-

- A workshop on Child Sexual Abuse was conducted by Arpan, an organization focused entirely on Child Sexual Abuse on 17/2/18.
- A workshop on “Image building” on 31/3/18 conducted by Padma Nayak was attended by teachers.
- Amrita Nursery faculty attended a Workshop conducted by Mrs. Sonali Nadkarni on 'Latest Teaching and Pedagogy and Interactivities' on 22/9/18 at S.S High School, Nerul.
- All the teachers attended a Full Day CBSE Capacity Building Training program Structure of Remodelled Assessment on 29/09/18 in the school auditorium.
- Hindi teachers attended a workshop organized by New Saraswati House, on October 6, 2018.
- Principals’ Conclave, a platform created for an interactive session with Principals was attended by me and the Counsellor on 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

#### Enrichment programmes for students

- A highly informative workshop on **“Connecting Police with the Public”** was conducted for the Sr. Secondary students in the school auditorium On the occasion of Police Rising Day on 5/1/18 .
- Students of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> attended 4 career counseling workshops during the year conducted by Mr. Stalin who is a certified NLP trainers and experienced career advisors, Mr. Faizan Bakshi, Product Head of Extra Mark and experienced career counselor Mr. Asif Khan.
- Amrita Vidyalayam students were among the 10 crore students who joined Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today in the interactive session "Pariksha Par Charcha today to discuss the importance of stress-free exams.
- Safe health workshops included: Girls meeting for students of classes V – XI on “Adolescent Health and Menstrual Education” , Medical camp consisting of pulse, vision, teeth and ears check up of 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students by a team of 9 Doctors from Dr. D. Y Patil University and precautionary measures to combat Dengue and Malaria
- A 3 day Self defense workshop led by Mr. Nilesh Jadhav, A National level Taekwondo champion was conducted for the girls and boys of Classes 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium on September 6<sup>th</sup>,7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- A 3-day workshop on “Exam as sport” was arranged for 8<sup>th</sup> STD students which they thoroughly enjoyed.
- Principal Conclave was a platform provided to the principal to present and discuss their ideas and was an interactive session in which the counsellor and myself took part.

#### Workshops for Parents

- A Workshop on "Foods for Kids Mental Development" was conducted immediately afterwards by Mr. Vivek S Shukla (Child Psychologist) which was attended by Amrita Nursery parents in the Nerul ashram
- An intense 1 hour workshop was conducted for the parents of 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grades to educate them on the precautionary steps to avoid child sexual abuse.

### **A glimpse of various Events and Celebrations during the year.**

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Investiture Ceremony of the school was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- 4<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga was conducted in the school under the able guidance of Shri Sahebodin Ramprasad Das, Yoga trainer at Yoga Vidya Niketan. 1600 Students participated in this drive.
- Religious celebrations this year included Guru Poornima, Matru Puja, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan, Ashtami Navami, and Amma's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated with great reverence and various activities in tandem with these events were also arranged in which our students participated enthusiastically.
- Eventful days such as World Environment Day, 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day, Rashtrabhasha Diwas, Teachers' Day and Bhasha Sangam Saptah was observed by the students by way of presenting speeches and short skits in the morning assembly.

### **Swachhata Abhiyan**

To fulfill the vision of Mahatma Gandhi, teachers and students continued to participate in various activities under the Swachhata Pakhwada Program. This included Shramdaan where students cleaned the nearby surroundings. Students also expressed their ideas of a Clean India by way of participation in Essay Writing, Slogan writing, Painting and learnt about the hygienic ways of water consumption and garbage segregation. Students took a pledge in the morning assembly to remain committed towards cleanliness and devote 100 hours per year that is two hours per week, to voluntarily work for cleanliness. They also made placards containing meaningful slogans and under the supervision of teachers, visited the nearby shops and interacted with local residents to propagate the message of Swachh Bharat.

We thank the parents for their unconditional support in all its endeavours. The school was able to achieve 97% at the M-R vaccination campaign with the wholesome support of parents and has been ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Navi Mumbai for attaining the maximum reach amongst students for this campaign

In conclusion, thanking our beloved Amma for always being a guiding light. I hereby thank Swamiji and all our well-wishers for their immense co-operation and support. I also extend my sincere thanks to all the staff and students for making this year a great success. Aum Namah Shivaya.