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My humble prostrations at the holy Lotus Feet of our beloved Amma.

My pranams to the Chief Guest Brg. Sushil Bhasin, to Sw.Avyayamrita Chaitanya, to Lt. Commander Avinash Chandra, Shri Atamaram Mirkute, to the members of SMC Mr.Ravi Kalantre and Mr.K.N.Pillai, to the members of PTA and all the dignitaries and well-wishers off the stage. I also extend my gratitude and warm welcome to all the proud parents of the students of Amrita Vidyalayam.

The school, established in the year 2001 is one among the 57 schools managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math. Over the past 18 years, Amrita Vidyalayam has become one of the most trusted schools for best education in Navi Mumbai.

We ensure quality education by adopting experiential and holistic development of the students through life-skills and value-based education. The school has various educational facilities which include Digitalised classrooms, Separate Senior Computer labs, and Separate Physics/Chemistry and Biology and Math Labs. We have dedicated classrooms for Art, Music, Yoga, Taekwondo, Dance and Zumba. The school has a well stocked Library, Indoor games Room for Carrom, chess & table tennis, playground with football, Basketball and Volleyball Courts. The school has an auditorium where meetings, programs and workshops are conducted. We also provide school bus facility for students travelling on specific routes.

Amrita Vidyalayam has been awarded for "Clean School," both by the state and centre. The school has Hygienic sanitation facilities, clean and separate toilets as well as washing areas for both boys and girls, CCtv cameras in and around the school campus, Fire Safety System with all the necessary equipments and Rain Water Harvesting system is also functional at Amrita.

I take this wonderful opportunity to inform all our stake holders that Amrita Vidyalayam **has** successfully completed the school's inspection for extension of affiliation as per the CBSE guidelines which took place on 16th of November 2019. Shri Arvind Kumar, from the legal unit of CBSE was appointed by the board to inspect the School. The CBSE official highly appreciated the system, culture and best practices followed at Amrita Vidyalayam and motivated us to continue the good work.

Till date 10 batches of secondary and 6 batches of senior secondary have passed out of Amrita. We had 100% pass results in the year 2018-19 in classes 10th and 12th. Harisha R Sivakumar stood first in Class XII scoring 94.6% followed by Swastik Choudhary who scored 92.8%, Saradenthu Kurup and Manohar Reddy who scored 89.8%. **Janhavi Sonawane** stood first in Class 10 scoring 97.2% and was also the subject topper in English and Sanskrit. Our Subject toppers are S Hari Parasad in Social Studies, Sanjana Mohite in Maths, Lalith Chatala in Science, Mehzabeen Sheikh in Marathi, Shreyas Kirdat, Shiksha Choudhary and Gunjan Gandhi in Hindi.

We seek to develop in our students the ability to think, thereby inspiring them to learn not just for the sake of scoring marks but for acquiring knowledge. Our curriculum includes a host **of hands** on projects which is done in the Maths, Science, Literary, Art, Eco and Heritage Clubs. These

activities drive the students' enthusiasm and creativity not only to create and discover their capacities but also to dream bigger.

Amrita Vidyalayam also provides an excellent platform for students by encouraging them to engage in finding innovative solutions to environmental challenges. As part of which, the students visited their fellow classrooms to speak about the environmental concerns, thereby spreading the message of mindful conservation of water in our daily lives. Students also converted plastic bottles into beautiful planters to show effective reuse of plastics. Students were motivated to become a part of the "Swachhata Hi Seva" Campaign. They enjoyed picking stones and cleaning their playground and planting saplings around the school campus. Students came up with a thoughtful street play "Hamaari suraksha hamaare haathon mein" to sensitize the public on perils of reckless driving by giving a call to be responsible citizens.

Achievements of our students in the field of Academics, Sports and Cultural arena.

- ➤ Our U/17 boys won 3rd place in the CBSE Cluster Volleyball Tournament held in October at Atma Malik International School, Shirdi, where 22 schools from Maharashtra participated.
- ➤ Shiva Jawali of 10A represented Amrita Vidyalayam in the Mumbai Zone U/16 VolleyBall Tournament, conducted by Maharashtra Volleyball Association in the district of Wardha, in the last week of Nov - the team bagged State Volleyball Championship Award.
- Aditya Dubey of Class 11 and Vedika Samgir of Class 10 were awarded as "Best Spikers" in the U/17 Division Level Volleyball Tournament.

- ➤ Srushti Patane of Class 11 and Shriya Utekar of Class 12 were awarded as "Best Setters" in the U/17 & U/19 Division level Volleyball Tournament.
- Pranav Nair of Class 11 bagged Silver medal at the District level Kickboxing Tournament. He was also adjudged the 2nd best fighter at the State level Kickboxing Competition organized by Wushu Association, Thane.
- ➤ Our U-14 Boys bagged the 1st place in the DSO Volleyball Tournament and qualified for Divisions; U-14 Girls won 2nd position.
- The U/19 Girls were Runners-up at the Volleyball DSO Tournament held on Oct 3rd at North Point School.
- ➤ The U/17 Boys bagged first in the DSO Volleyball Tournament and were Runners-up at Division Level.
- ➤ U-17 Girls won 2nd place in the DSO Volleyball Tournament.
- ➤ In the DSO Taekwondo Tournament, Manav Vanave of Class 9 won Silver, Prathamesh Kawal of Class 9, Dhruv Temkar and Harshal Tambe of Class 7 won Bronze medals
- Our Taekwondo CCA students won the Taekwondo 1st Dan Black Belt Exam conducted at Amrita Vidyalayam.
- ➤ Our dance team bagged 1st Prize in the Paschim Maharashtra Mahotsav 2019. They bagged 1st Prize in the Interschool dance competition, conducted by Sanskruti Kala Kreeda Mahotsav and first in the Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan Cultural Contest.
- ➤ In the Spirits 2019 competition, out of the 26 participating schools, Amrita Vidyalayam was placed at No.5 position with the active participation of our students in various competitions which included Folk Dance, Calligraphy, Declamation, Story telling, Essay, Poem and Short Story writing competitions.
- ➤ In "Vivekotsav-2018" the 48TH INTER-SCHOOL Elocution and Recitation COMPETITION,

Amey Desai of class 6 won the 2nd prize in Marathi Elocution Jr.category; Nikunja Sonawane of Class 9 and Anjali Potekar of Class 10 won 1st and 3rd prizes respectively.

Srushti Mishra of Class 8 won 3rd Prize in Hindi elocution Jr.category; Shiksha Chaudhary of Class 11 and Ritika Mishra of Class 10 won the 1st and 3rd Prizes respectively in the Sr. Category.

- ➤ In the Spell Bee International 2018, Avyaie Rajaram of Class 8 won Gold Medal in the State Level 7 students were placed in Merit Plus category and 5 Students in Merit category.
- ➤ 49 students participated in the State Level Spell Bee International 2019-20, out of which 6 were placed in "Achievement in Distinction" category and 7 in Distinction category.

AMRITA FEST

This time the school planned variety of interesting competitions under the flag of Amrita Fest. students actively participated to exhibit their talents and skills. Word Game, Picture Talk, Recitation, Extempore, Reading, Mono Act, Antakashari and Fancy Dress competitions provided students a platform to build their confidence and talent. Students were highly enthusiastic to take part in creative competitions like Tattoo & font designing, Biscuit decoration, Salad dressing, Nutritious drink & recipe making, 3D Drawing, Mimicry act, Planter making using plastic bottles, Doll making, creativity using pencil shaving, ice cream sticks and plastic cups. Students tried to use their skills and performed their best not only to win prizes but also to win points for their Houses which actually increased the level of competition.

AMRITAM PROJECTS

Amma's vision of 'Education for life' is practiced by our students through Amritam Projects. A fistful of rice

contributed by the students on every tuesday and the Sealing of Desires project, helped us to donate 300 kgs of rice, clothes and stationery items to 80 families of the Adivasi village of Ursegaon, who are facing acute shortage of food and essential commodities. The villagers, along with their children visited the school and received the donation.

The school also donated 50 kgs rice to the Freedom Faith Foundation, and the 31 adopted families living in the nearby slum area.

Students donated rice, dal, oil, poha and soyabean packets to the moushis in the school expressing their love and concern towards them who keep the school always clean.

Students acted as brand ambassadors and visited each class to spread the message "Conserve Life, Conserve Water' under the Grihamritam project.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:-

As per CBSE norms, Amrita Vidyalayam faculty consists of qualified TGT and PGT teachers with relevant teaching experiences. The management of Amrita Vidyalayam organizes personal development programs and In-house trainings for the teachers. Every academic year a prescribed CBSE training program is also arranged for the teachers.

- During the month of April daily yoga sessions were conducted for the teachers in the school as part of personality development program.
- ➤ Teachers of Amrita Vidyalayam learnt the Integrated Amrita Meditation (IAM) Technique imparted by Ms. Praveena of the AYUDH team.
- Ms. Sunita Satish attended a one day Master Trainers' Workshop on Artificial Intelligence.
- Mr.Vishal Mane and Mrs.Tejinder Kaur, the computer teachers attended a one-day workshop on "*Python*" conducted by IIT-Bombay on June 22, 2019.

- ➤ Mr. Sachin Mukadam, attended 'Fevi Create' Art workshop conducted by Pidilite on 10th of Aug 2019.
- ➤ I attended a one day conference organized by RO pune for all the CBSE School Principals on 17th Oct at DPS. Mr.Anurag Tripati Regional Officer, Delhi, addressed the Principals & discussed the implementation of Experiential learning in schools.
- ➤ The Principals of 5 CBSE schools including Amrita Vidyalayam came together at Green Fingers Global School to start collaborative activities under Hubs of Learning on 18th Oct 19.

Enrichment programmes for students

- Amrita Vidyalayam students of classes 9 to 12 attended AYUDH workshop during the months of April and June conducted in the school auditorium by Ms. Praveena and Jayasudha, the National Coordinators of team AYUDH.
- An 'Eye Check Up' camp for students from classes 1 to 7 was arranged in the first week of July, conducted by experienced doctors of Eye Wave Speciality-Eye Clinic under the guidance of Dr. Pallavi Agrawal, Cataract and Lasik Specialist.
- A career guidance workshop- "Proud to be a Mariner" was arranged for classes 11 & 12. Commodore. V.R. Nathan, guided the students with his vast Naval experience and learning.
- An eye opening session on "Making the right choices in life" was arranged for the 8th graders with Mr. Nicholas Nixon and Mr. Deepak, who are volunteers of "Freedom Faith Foundation", which acts as a halfway destitute Home at Badlapur.
- > Students made rakhis in a workhop conducted by Pidilite in the school. On behalf of the school, the Pidilite team tied the Rakhis on our Indian soldiers on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

- ➤ Our Secondary students got an opportunity to interact with the RTO Area Officer Mr Rahul Gawde and learn about road safety rules and importance of following them.
- An inspiring session on "SEED" Saving Earth from Environmental Damage was conducted for students of classes 5 to 8 by Dr. Jayakar Ellis, the Founder President of Heart Foundation. **10.6**
- An interactive session on "Adolescence Issues" was conducted by the school counselor and staff for the students of classes 6 to 10.
- An extremely thought provoking workshop on Personality Development was organized for students of Class 7 which was conducted by Pujya Swami Avyayananda Saraswati ji.
- > Students of classes 3 to 7 attended a workshop on Solid Waste Management conducted by Mrs. Lalitha from Stree Mukhti Sangathna.
- Amrita Vidyalayam became an active member of Hubs of Learning and conducted the experiential learning program in the school which brought together 4 CBSE affiliated schools. This knowledge sharing program, an initiative by CBSE was highly beneficial for the teachers and students who participated in it which created in them an environment of healthy competency and collaborative learning possible under one roof.

A glimpse of various Events and Celebrations during the year.

- The 9th Investiture Ceremony of the school was held on 11th June 2019, where leaders for the school and various houses were designated with responsibilities.
- ➤ 5th International Day of Yoga was conducted in the school campus. 1300 students from classes 1 to 12 performed various asanas in sessions under the guidance of the Yoga instructor.

- ➤ Guru Poornima, Matru Puja, Janmashtami, Raksha Bandhan, Independence Day and Amma's 66th birthday were celebrated at the school to instill values and culture in students.
- Eventful days such as Kargil Victory Diwas and Children's Day were observed in a thoughtful manner by students giving speeches and presenting short skits in the morning assembly.
- ➤ On the 150th birth anniversary of Gandhiji students engaged themselves in Shramdaan by collecting dry waste from the school ground and the surrounding areas of the school campus.
- Fitness week was observed during November, the Sr.Secondary students involved the younger students in various outdoor games to achieve the objective of developing sports quotient in order to live a healthy lifestyle by altering 'Passing screen time' to 'Active Field time'.

Stakeholders of the school

Amrita Vidyalayam is supported by an active team of parents and other stakeholders who engage with the school proactively. School Management Committee meetings are conducted regularly to discuss and take important decisions. PTA meetings are held at regular intervals where the queries from parents are addressed, suggestions are sought for improvement and necessary actions taken. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your valuable suggestions and contribution for making Amrita Vidyalayam one of the best schools in Navi Mumbai. This has been is just a brief snapshot of another remarkable year in the life of Amrita Vidyalayam. All of it, however, would not have been possible without the team effort of all the staff.

In conclusion, thanking our beloved Amma for Her blessing and guidance. I hereby thank Swamiji and all our wellwishers for their immense co-operation and support. I also extend my thanks to all the staff, students and parents for making this year a great success.