

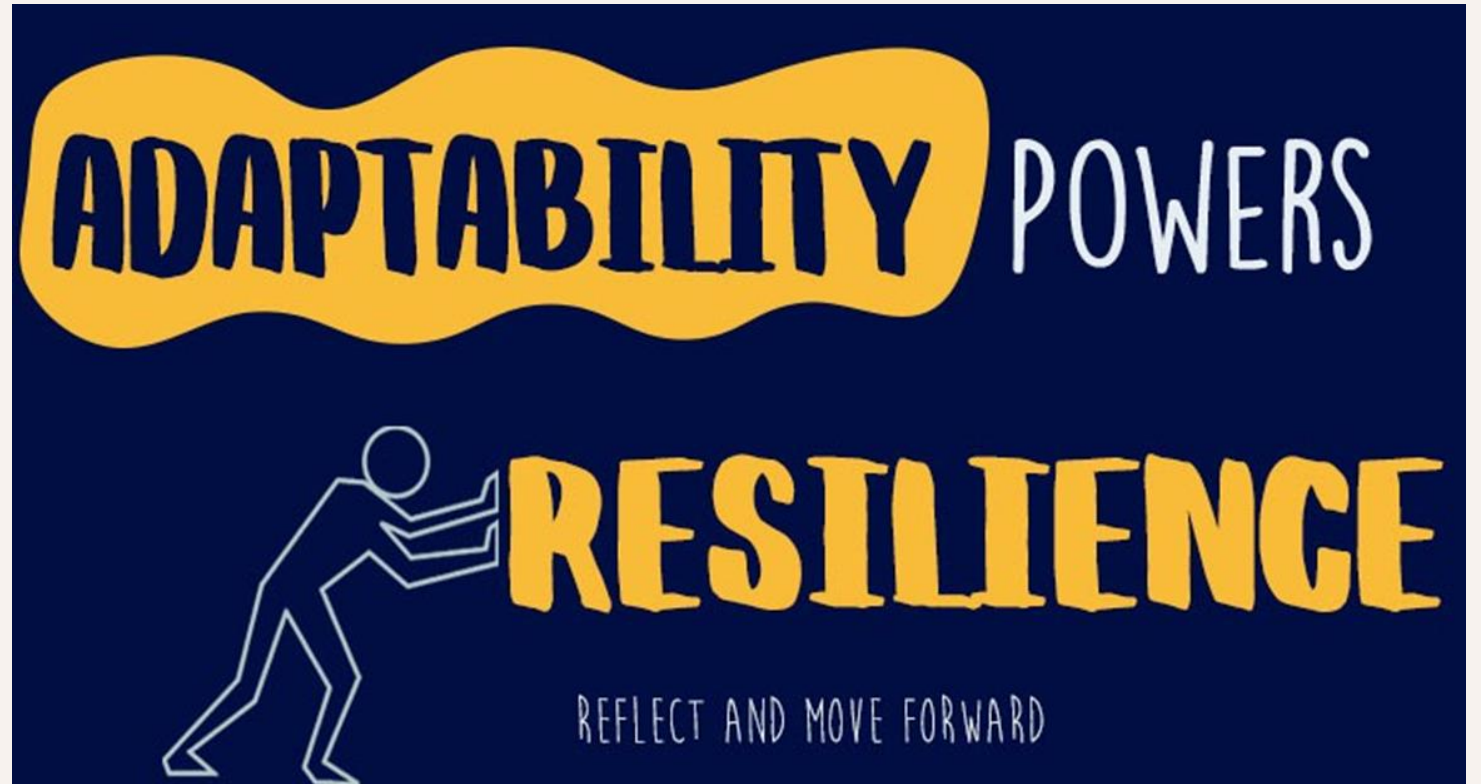


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Theme

“EMPOWERING EDUCATORS:
BUILDING RESILIENCE FROM
WITHIN BY CULTIVATING
ADAPTABILITY AND GRIT.”



From the Editor's Desk



Ahanaa Bhattacharjee



Welcome to the third volume of our e-Newsletter "Cognizance e-vol. 3", dedicated to the extraordinary readers of ASISC WB & NE States. As we delve into this edition's theme, *"Empowering Educators: Building Resilience from Within by Cultivating Adaptability and Grit,"* we aim to inspire and support those at the forefront of shaping young minds.

The world of education is in constant flux. From the rapid advancement of technology to the evolving needs of diverse student populations, educators are continuously called upon to adapt and innovate. This journey, while rewarding, is often met with challenges that test both patience and perseverance. In this context, the concepts of resilience, adaptability, and grit are not just buzzwords but essential attributes for thriving in today's dynamic educational landscape.

In this volume, the readers shall find resources and stories to inspire and equip them with the tools to cultivate resilience, adaptability, and grit. As educators, the journey impacts not only personal growth but also the lives of students. Let's embrace challenges, celebrate victories, and continue to grow together.

President's Message

Our e-Magazine has been designed to provide insight to the yearly activities held by the ASISC West Bengal & North East Region.

I congratulate the editorial team for curating this vibrant publication for our association. I appreciate the member schools for participating so enthusiastically and hope you would continue to do so in the future.

Thank you for joining us at the 27th AGM and Regional Conference in Guwahati. For those who were unable to attend, we are confident you'll be with us next time, bringing even greater enthusiasm.

Dr. M.P. Rozario

Principal

St. Sebastian's School, Kolkata



Secretary's Message

It is with a feeling of happiness that we conclude one more successful year for the association. We passed through testing times during COVID 19 and parallelly organised three consecutive conferences in Darjeeling, Varanasi and assembling now for Guwahati.

The need for having such an association has never been greater. This was evident when we led all private schools in West Bengal seeking justice during COVID. Even today, in implementing the National Education Policy and State Level Education Policies, associations like ours have an invaluable contribution.

I believe we are performing a stellar role but there is always room to improve. We are poised to do that. With your unstinted support, our association can move from strength to greater strength.

Thank you.



Mr. Ranjan Mitter
Principal
The Future Foundation School

Insights of the Treasurer



As we reflect on another year of progress and challenges, I am pleased to share insights into the financial health and strategic initiatives of our Association. Our mission to support and enhance the educational landscape remains steadfast and our Governing Body plays a pivotal role in this endeavour.

This financial year has seen robust financial activity with a meticulous budget planning and strategic expenditure. Our annual financial report is ready to submit in the 27th AGM. The transparency of the accounts ensures that our members are well-informed about the association's financial status and the effective use of resources.

Membership subscription is the lifeline of our association, enabling us to sustain and expand our services. As we approach the dues collection period, I urge all members to ensure timely payments. These contributions are not merely transactional; they are investments in the collective future of our educational community. Our team is ready to assist with any queries or issues related to payments.

Our association thrives on the active participation and feedback of its members. We invite you to share your thoughts and suggestions on how we can further improve our financial practices and overall operations. Your insights are invaluable in shaping a responsive and dynamic association.

At the end, I, on behalf of the Governing Body extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members for their unconditional support and dedication. Together, we are building a brighter future for our schools and students. Let us continue to work collaboratively towards our destiny.

Warm Regards,

Samarendranath Das

Principal

Contai Public School



School Events Spotlight

VANMAHOTSAV 2023

**Welkin National School
(WB304)**

Welkin National School, Baruipur, celebrated Van Mahotsav Week (July 1st-7th, 2023) with great enthusiasm. This Forest Festival highlights the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance and promoting sustainable development. Activities emphasized environmental conservation, including sapling plantations and a drawing competition for junior students. Senior students engaged in a tree plantation drive, inter-house elocution, essay, and debate competitions. A workshop on 'Conservation of Forests for Sustainable Development' was also held for Classes IX to XII. The celebration reaffirmed the students' commitment to protecting and nurturing their environment, pledging to plant more trees for a greener, healthier planet.





“VAN MAHOTSAV”

Salt Lake Point School
(WB171)

Van Mahotsav is a grand celebration of Earth's flora. Trees are man's best friends, essential for the survival of all living beings. They help maintain ecological balance and biodiversity, providing habitats and food for countless creatures. Destruction of forests leads to the extinction of many species and environmental disasters. To combat this, we must plant more trees and protect our forests. By preserving our environment, we ensure a healthy, happy future for all generations. Every year, Salt Lake Point School celebrates Van Mahotsav to raise awareness about tree planting. On July 20, 2023, we held a rally promoting the theme "Go Green!"

Top 10 Finish in Indian Army Quiz 2023: Celebrating Academic and Holistic Excellence

National English School, Baguiati (WB392)



National English School celebrated a momentous achievement, securing 9th place among 32,000 schools in the Indian Army Quiz 2023 – Battle Of Minds, commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Kargil victory. From initial rounds at Fort William, Kolkata, to the finals in Delhi, our students displayed exceptional prowess. Honorable Rector Sir, Mr. Samir Kumar Saha emphasized, "Beyond academics, we nurture holistic skills. Our success stands as a testament to developing all-rounders." The school and students were awarded Rs. 2,90,000, and each student received a Samsung tab for their remarkable performance. Esteemed Principal Madam, Mrs. Mousumi Saha remarked, "This achievement marks only the inception of these bright minds' incredible journeys." The experience fostered teamwork, resilience, and continuous learning, embodying National English School's commitment to excellence and dedication.

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"Echoes of Excellence- Celebrating Brilliance and legacy.

Rabindra Path Bhaban Academy (WB374)

Every September, Rabindra Path Bhaban Academy comes alive with excitement for its annual function, "Moonshine Metanoia," held on the 12th to celebrate the birth anniversary of esteemed founder Mrs. Purnima Ghosh. This cultural extravaganza, themed "Aditiwya Bharat" (Eternal India) this year, showcased India's rich heritage through music, dance, and art. The event featured mesmerizing student performances, an academic and cultural prize distribution, and the prestigious P.G. Memorial Scholarship awards. Highlights included the "Green Stride" marathon for environmental awareness and a hospital visit emphasizing social responsibility. The principal's vote of thanks and the national anthem concluded the memorable celebration.



Durga Puja Celebrations

Calcutta Public School, Baguiati (WB170)



The essence of Durga Puja is profoundly associated with the celebration of victory of Goddess Durga over the demon King, Mahishasura. The whole school reverberated with the praises of Maa Durga. Children of Calcutta Public School Aswininagar, Baguiati presented an assembly on the occasion of Durga Puja on the 18th of October 2023. Participants dressed in traditional Bengali attire, shared the significance of Durga Puja along with its relevance. The girls enthralled the audience with their rendition to Maa Durga through a traditional dance performance on the verses of Durga Aarti. Few popular bengali Durga Puja songs resonating the Puja vibes were presented in a medley, combining graceful dances by the girls, mesmerizing the entire audience. The celebrations notched its zenith when the students from the primary section dressed up as goddess Durga and her family had come up on the stage to create the actual 'puja mood' among the spectators.

The festive spirit continued when the students in their classes presented a speech on Dussehra and shared the importance of Navratri. Thereafter, children enacted the story behind Dussehra where Ravan is defeated by Ram, thus showing the victory of good over evil. Children learnt life skills that we should always follow the path of Dharma, truth and righteousness.

Fostering Excellence Beyond Academics: Celebrating Achievements

**LYCEUM ENGLISH
MEDIUM SCHOOL
(WB288)**



Lyceum English Medium School not only focuses on academic excellence but also cultivates leadership, self-confidence, and social skills. Encouraging students to explore diverse interests and pursue their passions has led to outstanding extracurricular achievements. We proudly highlight Mohona Dey's gold medals in CISCE Regional and National Archery, and Satarupa Debnath's gold and bronze in CISCE Regional and National Karate. Their successes reflect our commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals. We anticipate more accolades from them in the future, as they continue to excel in their chosen fields.

Francotsav

St. Francis Xavier School (WB127)

St. Francis Xavier School's annual fest, Francotsav, unfolded on November 10th, bringing joy to the entire school community. Guided by our esteemed Administrator and Principal, the day-long festivities transformed the school grounds into a vibrant carnival. Colourful decorations adorned the atmosphere as students, parents, and teachers joined in the celebrations. Highlights included a variety of food stalls offering traditional and international delicacies, engaging games for all ages, and a lively, community-driven atmosphere filled with laughter and camaraderie. Francotsav also showcased the school's commitment to social responsibility, donating proceeds to Tata Medical Centre, and promoting environmental conservation through bird feeders and shelters.



The Noble Duty of Assisting the Less Fortunate Apex Academy (WB325)

Charity is a noble act that can significantly impact the lives of those in need. In 2017, the students of Apex Academy demonstrated empathy and community spirit by building a home for a less fortunate individual near their school. These kind-hearted students saved their pocket money and lunch allowances, even sacrificing funds for festival clothes. Their parents and teachers, moved by the initiative, eagerly contributed. On Children's Day, the students joined hands to complete the shelter, showcasing their dedication. The pride of the teachers and the teary eyes of the parents highlighted the students' remarkable efforts. This act of charity was not just about providing a home but exemplified solidarity, compassion, and a commitment to a more equitable society, inspiring others to contribute to a just and inclusive world.



Box of Joy

Mahbert High School

(WB107)



Box of Joy
MAHBERT HIGH SCHOOL



Mahbert High School Siliguri, the first public English school established in 1967, has provided holistic education, nurturing emotional, social, physical, artistic, creative, and spiritual growth. Honoring the vision of Late Mr. C. Mahbert and Mrs. A. Mahbert, the school celebrates Founder's Day on November 25th. This day emphasizes charity and compassion through the 'Box of Joy' initiative, where students eagerly collect daily necessities for the underprivileged. Visits to Jesu Ashram, an orphanage, and an old age home enrich students' understanding of compassion and social responsibility. These experiences teach the invaluable lesson of giving and community service, making a significant impact.

Krishti

Vivekananda Mission School, Joka (WB121)

School fests offer students golden opportunities to showcase their social skills and talents, highlighting our nation's cultural diversity. Vivekananda Mission School, Joka, hosted its Annual Fest, 'Krishti,' on December 4th and 6th, 2023, celebrating life's joys. The fest featured intra and inter-school competitions, with students from 16 renowned Kolkata schools participating. Events included folk songs, fusion dance, non-fire cooking, 'Raise Your Voice,' 'Spin a Yarn,' street plays, face painting, vlogging, and photography, nurturing competitiveness and creativity. The fest concluded with ebullient performances, delicious food stalls, and grand decorations. The school, winning the Champion Trophy, graciously handed it to the runner-up, embodying true sportsmanship. The Annual Fest was a celebration of joy, happiness, and hard work.



SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY 'MAGNUM – 2023'

St. Lawrence High School (WB443)



St. Lawrence High School celebrated its Annual Day, 'MAGNUM - 2023', on December 16th and 17th with grandeur and inclusivity. Every student from UKG to 9th participated in this event, showcasing their talents in singing, dancing, and skits. To ensure minimal disruption to studies, practice sessions were meticulously scheduled during a newly introduced zero period, without affecting regular classes. The school campus hosted the event, featuring cohesive performances from each class section across ten one-hour sessions, with breaks for stage transitions. Parents rejoiced in seeing their children shine on stage, making it a deeply fulfilling occasion for all involved.

Shishir Utsav 2023

**Sri Sri Academy
(WB328)**



The Shishir Utsav of 2023, a grand event organized by the SSRVM Trust, unfolded with magnificence in Bangalore from December 20th. Over 1500 participants from 80+ sister schools nationwide engaged in a dynamic four-day spectacle of outdoor and indoor contests. Sri Sri Academy, Kolkata, shone brightly, securing 14 awards, notably triumphing in girls' basketball and boys' table tennis. Their achievements included top ranks in various competitive categories like boys' badminton and shot put, showcasing exceptional talent. This annual extravaganza not only celebrated sporting prowess but also fostered camaraderie and fun, thanks to the meticulous orchestration by the SSRVM Trust.

Scientia 2023 – A Confluence of Scientific Ideas

Pramila Memorial Advanced School (WB281)

Named Scientia, the 2-day Science Exhibition and Cultural Extravaganza at Pramila Memorial Advanced School on December 21-22, 2023, showcased vibrant scientific knowledge and teamwork. Highlights included a Chandrayaan-3 Mission replica with the Vikram Lander and Pragyan Lunar Rover. The Chemistry Department amazed with in situ redox reactions and exothermic demonstrations. The Biology Department featured working models of the circulatory system, kidney dialysis, and DNA replication. The Computer Department showcased interactive games and a Java-based hospital management system. AI exhibits demonstrated innovative uses of sensors, Arduino-UNO chipsets, and 3D printing. A recreated coal mine and added cultural events enriched Scientia 2023, making it a memorable and enlightening experience.





La Vie En Rose

**Douglas Memorial Higher
Secondary School (WB182)**

"Children laughing, people passing, meeting smile after smile, and on every street corner, you'll hear silver bells. It's Christmas time in the city!" Douglas Memorial Higher Secondary School lights up brilliantly during Christmas, unfolding like a magical story with joyous carols, twinkling lights, and heartwarming festivities. Annually, the school hosts a flower show displaying exotic roses like the Juliet rose, nurtured by gardener and Rector, Mr. Wilson Gidla. On December 22, 2023, the event "La Vie En Rose" featured a Rose Flower Show, art exhibition, and Christmas celebration, with performances, speeches, and a Nativity play, fostering creativity and community spirit.

Maitreyi: A close Bonding

L.J.D. Public School (WB426)

The L.J.D family celebrated their Annual Day on December 22, 2023, a significant event for the school community. This year's theme, Maitreyi, meaning benevolence or close bonding, resonated deeply post-pandemic. The event aimed to rekindle friendships among students and people. It commenced with a prayer song, seeking divine blessings, and featured notable figures from various fields. Performances included dances and music centered on Maitreyi, showcasing the participants' dedication. The drama "Lakshmaner Shaktishel" highlighted the friendship between Ram, Lakshman, and Hanuman. Many students were honored for their achievements, leaving the audience enchanted and inspired.



RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION

St. Luke's Day School (WB249)

St. Luke's Day School in Naihati celebrated its Ruby Jubilee on January 1, 2024, marking 40 years of educational excellence. The event, inaugurated by the Principal, Secretary, Vice Principal, and esteemed alumni like Sutirtha Mukherjee, showcased vibrant performances by current and former students and teachers. Symbolizing its commitment to community, 40 lamps were lit, benefiting local organizations, needy students, patients, and elders with donations of essentials. The celebration culminated in honoring 40 outstanding students and their parents for academic achievements. St. Luke's Day School, renowned for stellar ICSE and ISC results, continues to shine as a beacon of success and holistic education.



Vivekananda Puja conducted on 12th Jan

Vivekananda Mission School, Haldia (WB233)



"Truth, priority, and unselfishness are invincible virtues. Equipped with these, one can face any challenge."

In the vibrant embrace of our school community, rooted in Swami Vivekananda's principles, we eagerly anticipate his birth anniversary celebration. This day, woven with reverence and tradition, reflects his teachings of inclusivity, tolerance, and universal brotherhood. The school comes alive with excitement and homage to the great monk.

The celebration begins with rituals by a Ramakrishna Mission priest, with a decorated mandapa and fragrant incense. Devotional songs by the choir fill our hearts with courage. An art exhibition showcases students' talents, honoring Swami Vivekananda's cultural vision. The festivities, including Dhrupadi songs and dances, unite us beyond borders. Devotees relish the Prasad and Khichudi Bhog, concluding the day with divine joy.

"Every work faces challenges; perseverance leads to success."

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

Tamralipta Public School (WB333)

Tamralipta Public School celebrated its 19th Foundation Day on February 12, 2024, commemorating 18 years of achievements and looking forward to the future. The day commenced with the school flag hoisting and a plantation drive, led by President Sk. Khairul Islam and Vice Principal Mr. Debabrata Banerjee. Evening festivities welcomed esteemed guests including Mr. Samarendra Nath Das and Dr. Dipendra Narayan Roy, honoring ex-students for their societal contributions. Cultural performances by students showcased their energy and talent, with music, dance, and a fashion show captivating the audience. The event culminated with a delightful dinner, uniting everyone in celebration of Tamralipta Public School's progress and success.



Freshers Orientation Day

**Dunlop English Medium
School
(WB269)**



The 12th of April, 2024, was a memorable day for the new students of Dunlop English Medium School, Sahaganj, Hooghly, as they were welcomed at the Fresher's Orientation Day. Filled with joy, music, and laughter, the event helped the new comers bond with the DEMS family.

The celebration began with a prayer by the School Choir, Prefects, and staff, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and progress. Honorable President Mr. Biplab Sarkar and Respected Secretary Mr. Madan Lal Routh delivered motivational speeches. Vice-Principal Mr. Nil Ratan Choubey and Principal Mr. Tapas Kumar Sinha inspired everyone with their words.

The event featured dancing, singing, and recitation performances, creating a vibrant and joyful atmosphere. A touching vote of thanks and the National Anthem concluded the event, marking a successful and memorable day for all.

Ujaan 2024

Bharat Academy & Sciences (WB365)



On April 14th, our school buzzed with excitement as we celebrated our Annual Function, showcasing our students' diverse talents. Principal Mrs. Ruchira Chakraborty opened the event with an inspiring speech on holistic development. The ceremonial lamp lighting symbolized the ushering in of knowledge.

The evening began with a mesmerizing classical dance, paying homage to our rich heritage, followed by a musical segment that earned a standing ovation. We celebrated students' achievements in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities with trophies and certificates, inspiring everyone to strive for excellence.

The highlight was the dance drama "Balmiki Pratibha - Uttaran," performed by senior students, emphasizing humanity above all. Sustainable costumes added to the event's impact.

The night concluded with Dr. Kishaloy Debnath's vote of thanks. The Annual Function was a night of joy, unity, and pride, reflecting our school's commitment to holistic education.

Youthopia

The Heritage School (WB240)



Youthopia, Eastern India's premier school fest, unfolded from April 18th to 20th, 2024 at The Heritage School's expansive campus. Inaugurated by Chief Guest Mr. Jimmy Tangri and Guest of Honour Mr. Ayan Bhadra, the event featured students from 20 city schools competing in 50 diverse events. A highlight was the NGO segment, showcasing performances by underprivileged children from twelve NGOs, spreading joy to a large audience. DJ Progressive Brothers electrified the crowd on another evening. The closing ceremony, graced by Mr. Vikram Swarup, saw awards presented to winners followed by a thrilling concert by Raghav Chaitanya, concluding the fest with a musical extravaganza.

Zonal Creative Writing Competition

Royal Academy (WB337)



The Fr. George Hess Memorial Zonal Creative Writing Competition-2024 for Zone-A, organized by ASISC WB & NE States, was hosted by Royal Academy (WB337), Paschim Medinipur on April 20, 2024. Seven CISCE-affiliated schools from Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, and Jhargram Districts participated. The top three rank holders in each category received medals, while all participants were given certificates. Dignitaries included Mr. Satyabrata Doloi, Dr. Vivekananda Chakraborty, Mr. Sougata Sahoo, Mr. Manik Mandal, and Mr. Rik Sarkar. Mr. Doloi honored Fr. George A. Hess and thanked ASISC for the hosting opportunity. He congratulated winners and encouraged all participants, emphasizing the importance of participation.



CRESCO SCIENTIAM 2024

Delhi Public School, Megacity (WB276)

On the 26th and 27th of April 2024, students from DPS Megacity joined hands with ten other Kolkata-based schools to participate, compete, and enjoy in the fun-filled science fest Cresco Scientiam 2024. In the third year running, DPS Megacity has been overjoyed to host yet another unforgettable science fest that brought out a considerable footfall of participants eager to collaborate and compete in the plethora of exciting science events in this Star-Wars themed fest. From app development to model making to stand-up comedy, Cresco Scientiam 3rd Edition was keen to blend creativity and knowledge together to deliver an interactive platform for all budding scientists to express their interests and skills.

CISCE Regional Yoga Olympiad Contai Public School (WB270)

Contai Public School proudly hosted the CISCE Regional Yoga Olympiad on April 28, 2024. With 155 participants and their escort teachers from West Bengal and the N.E. Region, along with esteemed guests, the event was a grand success.

A rhythmic yoga session opened the ceremony, followed by a welcome speech from the Principal, highlighting yoga's importance and the school's advocacy for it. Contributions from various school principals were acknowledged. The School Managing Committee and Trustee Board felicitated the judges, and the Senior Judge explained the Olympiad rules. Participants showcased asanas, pranayamas, and kriyas with skill. Merit and participation certificates were awarded.

In academics, the school celebrated a 100% pass rate in ICSE & ISC exams. Notably, Anubrata Mandal scored 99.25%, securing a probable AIR 3rd. The school acknowledged the hard work and achievements of all students, with six eligible for the INSPIRE Scholarship. Principal Mr. Samarendranath Das praised the collective effort of students and teachers, celebrating their outstanding results.



Fr. GEORGE HESS ASISC ZONAL DEBATE COMPETITION 2024

**Agrasain Boys' School
(WB377)**



On May 4th, 2024, Agrasain Boys' School hosted the ASISC Zonal Debate Competition for the Senior Category, part of the Fr. George Hess Literary Competitions. The event was a showcase of brilliant minds, with participants from eight schools presenting captivating arguments that impressed judges and the audience alike.

Dr. M. P. Rozario, president of ASISC (WB & NE region), graced the event as the guest of honour, providing valuable insights. Principal Abira Das praised the participants for their outstanding performances. Esteemed judges included Mrs. Tanima Choudhury, Mr. Pinaki Biswas, and Mr. Jacob Abhinav Sarkar, with Prof. Dr. Prayag Ray moderating the debate.

Certificates and medals were awarded to achievers, marking the day as a true celebration of intellectual excellence. The school thanked ASISC for the opportunity to host such a prestigious event.



Tribute to the Bard of Bengal

**Indira Gandhi Memorial Secondary School
(WB179)**

Indira Gandhi Memorial Senior Secondary School celebrated Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd birth anniversary on May 8, 2024. The event began with the Principal garlanding Tagore's portrait and delivering an inaugural speech on his educational philosophy. A vibrant cultural program followed, featuring student performances. Students sang songs, junior classes recited poems, and mesmerizing dance routines captivated the audience. The primary section staged Tagore's 'Tota Kahini,' while the secondary section dramatized his poem 'Joota Abishkar.' Both performances were outstanding, earning a standing ovation from the audience.

RABINDRA JAYANTI 2024

Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education (WB051)

On May 8, 2024, Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education, Salt Lake, celebrated Rabindranath Tagore's 163rd Birth Anniversary with great enthusiasm. The event showcased Tagore's enduring impact through meditation, teachers' choir performances, a dance recital by Mrs. Susmita Nandi, and a poem recitation by Principal Mr. Anthony Das. Non-teaching staff performed 'Mayabono Biharini,' and student Master Sanav Purakayastha captivated the audience with a keyboard solo. Treasurer Mr. Samit Roy and students performed Rabindra Sangeet and "Amar Sonar Bangla." Celebrating Rabindra Jayanti honors Tagore's legacy, fostering creativity, critical thinking, cultural awareness, and enriching students' educational and cultural experiences.



A TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Assembly of Angels Secondary School (WB286)

On May 15th, 2024, Assembly of Angels Secondary School conducted a Tree Plantation Drive led by senior students, reinforcing our commitment to environmental conservation. The initiative aimed to spread awareness about the importance of trees and promote environmental responsibility. Members of the Interact Club and School Student Council, supported by the administration and faculty, organized the drive. Native tree saplings were sourced from a local nursery to enhance local biodiversity. The event was guided by Founder Mrs. Saira Zaki, Principal Mrs. Sumana Biswas, and other school leaders. Senior students, teachers, and staff gathered in the school garden, divided into teams to plant the saplings with provided tools and guidance. The atmosphere was enthusiastic as they carefully planted and nurtured each sapling. The successful planting of dozens of trees symbolized the students' commitment to a sustainable future. The drive marked the start of a long-term pledge to care for the trees, ensuring their growth and contribution to the ecosystem. The event united the school community in a shared effort to positively impact the environment and inspired ongoing conservation efforts.



Inspiring Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti Celebration

Young Horizons School
(WB146)

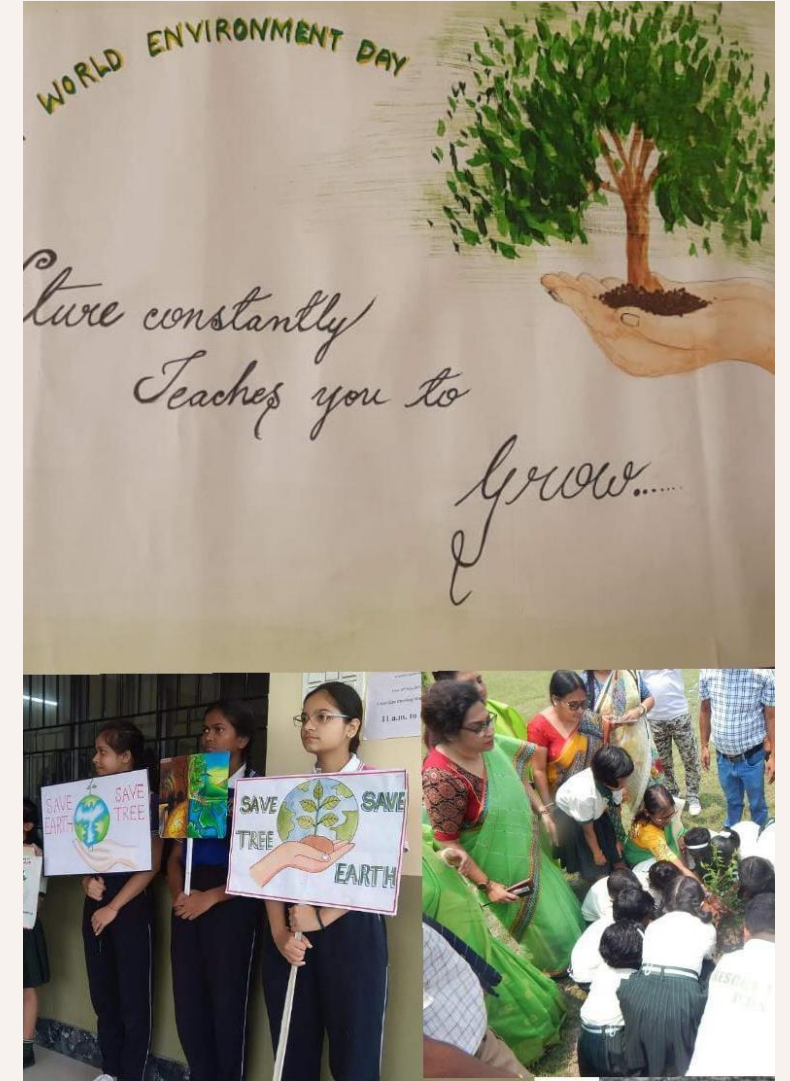


Young Horizons School celebrated Rabindra-Nazrul Jayanti with the theme "Smarane Anubhab e Rabindra-Nazrul," honoring Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam. The event began with a solemn prayer attended by the school's Founder, Principal, teachers, students, and parents. A mesmerizing Rabindrasangeet performance followed by a stirring recitation of Nazrul's revolutionary poem set the tone. Students narrated anecdotes highlighting the bond between the two literary giants, and junior and senior students collaborated to present Tagore's "Taasher Desh," earning resounding applause. Principal Sarmistha Sen commended the students and emphasized the enduring impact of Tagore and Nazrul's contributions.

Tree Plantation Drive

**Evergreen Public School
(WB464)**

Environmental sustainability and climate goals can be met through a focus on eco-friendly designs and sustainable policies that reduce environmental impacts. Evergreen Public School in Maynaguri is committed to this mission. By engaging students, staff, and the broader school community, the school emphasizes environmental wellbeing. It recently organized a Tree Plantation drive, involving students in hands-on activities to mitigate eco-anxiety and foster a sense of accomplishment, reinforcing the importance of sustainability.



Climate Action Champions

Garden High School (WB278)



Equipped with the knowledge of climate change and its effects on our planet, the pupils of Class VI resolved to minimise the impact of this phenomenon. They made charts, enacted skits, and composed songs to spread information about Sustainable Development Goal 13, Climate Action. They made a working model on rainwater harvesting and other models and charts, showing a distressed planet. They also made model of an ideal planet without the harmful effects of climate change. It was heartening to see our young students collaborating, working in teams, and taking up the cause with seriousness, enthusiasm, and motivation.

Embracing Diversity: A Sociological Survey on the Trials and Triumphs of Differently Abled Children

Central Modern School, Baranagar (WB129)

"Disability is a matter of perception. If you can do just one thing well, you're needed by someone." - Martina Navratilova

In a world where every journey is unique, the stories of differently abled children embody resilience and determination. Central Modern School, Baranagar, recently highlighted these remarkable narratives under the guidance of Ms. Ankita Chakroborty, the sociology teacher. Senior six students visited the Rescue and Relief Foundation, dedicated to supporting children with diverse abilities.

Amid an empathetic atmosphere, students explored the challenges and triumphs of these children through open-ended questions. From speech disabilities to autism, each story showcased the human spirit. Essential facilities, therapies, and education tailored to their needs were provided, promoting inclusivity.

At the Opportunity Cafe, students witnessed the empowerment of these children, celebrating their self-sufficiency. This initiative emphasizes the importance of embracing diversity and championing every individual's rights.



Empathy in Action Heartfelt Visit to Jeevandeep Mental Asylum

**Holy Family Convent School,
Liluah (WB357)**



Since its inception, Holy Family Convent School, Liluah has emphasized humanity, compassion, and empathy alongside academic excellence. Annually, students visit old age homes, orphanages, or asylums. This year, they visited Jeevandeep Mental Asylum in Kadamtala, West Bengal, to understand the challenges faced by the mentally and physically challenged. The students interacted with the residents, who had been abandoned by their families, and donated food and daily necessities. This visit allowed students to glimpse a different world, bringing joy to the residents and leaving a lasting impact on their hearts. The heartfelt interaction was a memorable and gratifying experience for all.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

**ST. Peter's School, Purulia
(WB401)**



St. Peter's School, Purulia celebrated its 10th anniversary with a spectacular musical drama, "The Sound of Music," staged during the Annual Christmas Programme at Rabindra Bhawan. Under the guidance of our Principal, students from classes VI to X showcased their talents in scripting, acting, singing, and more, illustrating the transformative power of music. The story, portraying how music bridged familial divides, resonated deeply with the audience. Beyond entertainment, the musical imparted valuable life lessons on adaptation and unity. The event received accolades from Assistant District Magistrate Mr. Hirani and other guests for the students' exceptional performances and cohesive teamwork, making it a cherished milestone for St. Peter's School.

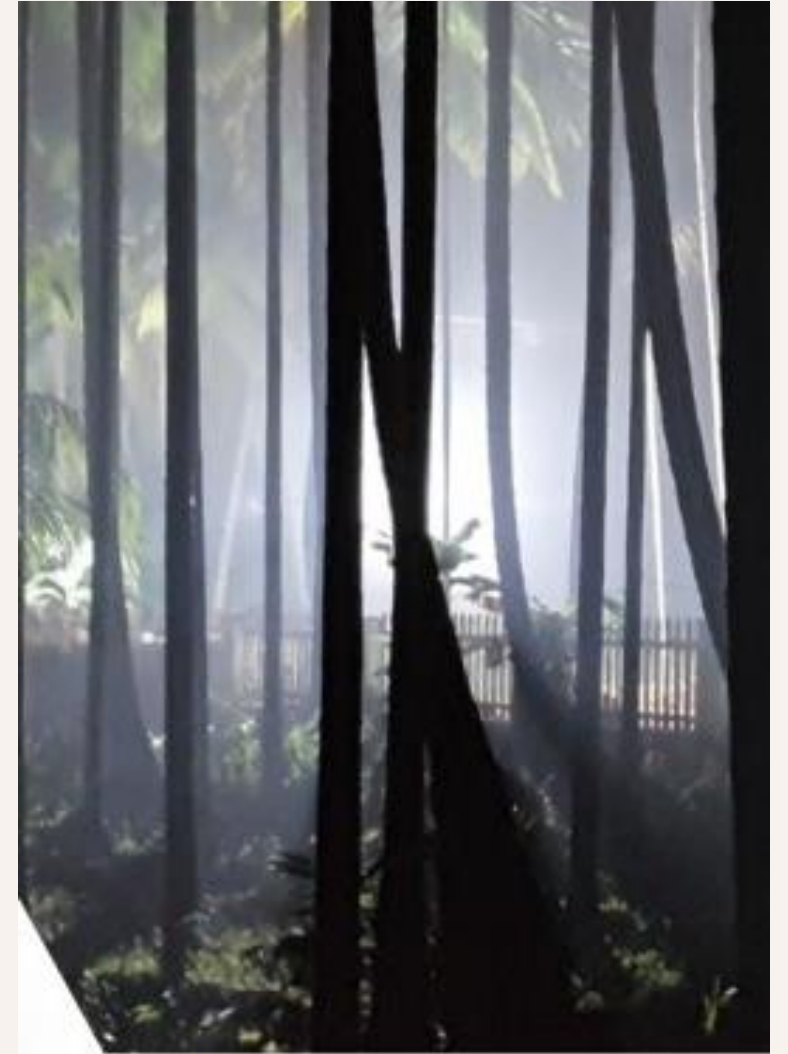
A Night of Courage and Fear

On a windy, foggy night, I waited in the café in a velvet jumpsuit and old brown jacket. After meeting my consultant and having cold coffee and pizza with black olives and mixed herbs, I walked out. Suddenly, a tall, dark man with a square face, sullen eyes, and a stout figure stood on the footpath, holding a gun to a lad's head. He began assaulting the boy with a heavy metal stick. Everyone watched in horror, too scared to intervene. Then, a young, well-built man with a chestnut face and strong grey eyes rushed to the boy's aid. He kicked off the gun, snatched the stick, and bashed the attacker. I stood there, astounded, however with shamefulness: the latter reason being that I couldn't listen to my conscience.

Rishmita Dey

Class X

National English School, Kolkata





Triumphs of Tenacity

A woman with blonde hair, seen from behind, is working at a desk. She is wearing a white shirt and a watch. In front of her is a laptop displaying a website with various images and text. To the right of the laptop is a green notebook with a pair of black-rimmed glasses resting on it. To the left of the laptop is a spiral-bound notebook. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Sarah's Journey from Adversity to Success

Sarah, a dedicated single mother and former teacher who faced a daunting challenge when she lost her job due to budget cuts. With limited prospects and mounting bills, Sarah knew she had to act quickly. Drawing on her passion for education, she decided to retrain as an educational consultant, a field she had always admired. With sheer determination, Sarah enrolled in online courses, often studying late into the night after putting her children to bed. Her community rallied around her, providing encouragement and resources. Local educators shared their expertise, and a nearby college offered her a scholarship for advanced training. After months of hard work, Sarah launched her own educational consulting business. She now advises schools on innovative teaching methods and curriculum development, impacting countless students and educators. Sarah's journey from adversity to success exemplifies resilience, showcasing how determination and community support can help overcome life's unexpected obstacles in the education industry.

Real-Life Stories of Teachers Embracing Change in the Pandemic

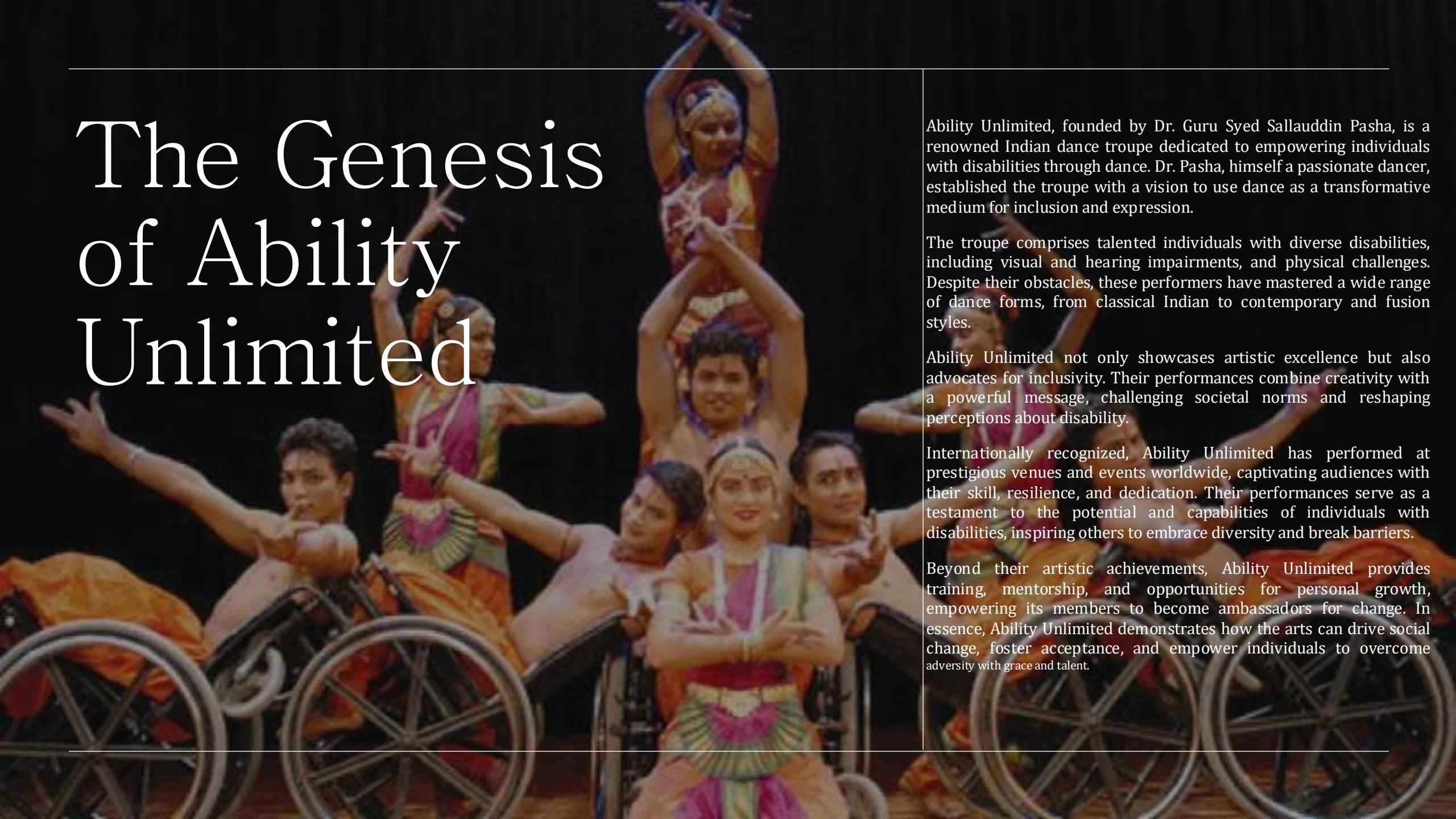


Ranjitsinh Disale - India's Global Teacher Prize Winner:

Ranjitsinh Disale, a teacher from Maharashtra, India, faced significant challenges when his school shifted to online learning due to the pandemic. Despite the lack of resources in his rural community, Ranjitsinh innovated by creating QR-coded textbooks that linked to digital lessons and assignments. His efforts ensured that students, even those without consistent internet access, could continue learning. Ranjitsinh's dedication to his students' education and his ability to adapt to new teaching methods earned him the Global Teacher Prize in 2020.

Anil Pradhan - Odisha, India:

Anil Pradhan, an innovative teacher from Odisha, India, transformed his teaching approach during the pandemic. Without access to sophisticated technology, he used basic tools like WhatsApp to send lessons and assignments to his students. Anil also collaborated with local radio stations to broadcast educational programs, ensuring that even students without internet access could continue learning. His resourcefulness and commitment to education demonstrate the power of adaptability in overcoming obstacles.



The Genesis of Ability Unlimited

Ability Unlimited, founded by Dr. Guru Syed Sallauddin Pasha, is a renowned Indian dance troupe dedicated to empowering individuals with disabilities through dance. Dr. Pasha, himself a passionate dancer, established the troupe with a vision to use dance as a transformative medium for inclusion and expression.

The troupe comprises talented individuals with diverse disabilities, including visual and hearing impairments, and physical challenges. Despite their obstacles, these performers have mastered a wide range of dance forms, from classical Indian to contemporary and fusion styles.

Ability Unlimited not only showcases artistic excellence but also advocates for inclusivity. Their performances combine creativity with a powerful message, challenging societal norms and reshaping perceptions about disability.

Internationally recognized, Ability Unlimited has performed at prestigious venues and events worldwide, captivating audiences with their skill, resilience, and dedication. Their performances serve as a testament to the potential and capabilities of individuals with disabilities, inspiring others to embrace diversity and break barriers.

Beyond their artistic achievements, Ability Unlimited provides training, mentorship, and opportunities for personal growth, empowering its members to become ambassadors for change. In essence, Ability Unlimited demonstrates how the arts can drive social change, foster acceptance, and empower individuals to overcome adversity with grace and talent.

Farewell Forward: Together Towards Tomorrow

As we reach the end of this newsletter, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and engagement. Each edition is crafted with the aim of inspiring, informing, and connecting our community.

We hope the stories and updates shared have resonated with you and sparked new ideas or insights. Remember, your feedback is invaluable to us. Please feel free to reach out with your thoughts, suggestions, or stories you'd like featured.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans and initiatives in store. Stay connected with us through our social media channels and website for the latest updates and upcoming events.

Thank you once again for being a part of our journey. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and create meaningful connections within our community.

Warm regards,

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