

## **ANNUAL DAY REPORT 2019-20**

Aum Amriteswaryai Namah

My humble salutations at the Lotus Feet of our most beloved Amma.

Respected Sampoojya Swamiji Sri Purnamritananda Puri, distinguished guest Sri Somashekharan Sir, other luminaries, dear parents, teaching and non-teaching staff members and my dear students!

With a deep sense of exhilaration and delectation, I welcome all of you on this blissful occasion of our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Day celebration. It is my customary duty to present before you, a brief round-up of the current academic session 2019-20.

Amrita Vidyalayam, Changanassery is an educational institution established in 2005 and managed by the Mata Amritanandamayi Math under the guidance of Amma, which provides the most modern education while imparting the core traditional values of Indian culture. The teachers and students believe that knowledge and values are inseparable just like sesame seed and its oil.

As Amma says, "Education with spiritual values transforms youth into highly capable and intelligent forces of goodness, compassion and service."

As we share the yearly update of our activities, we would like to humbly say that we tried our best to do as we had planned, and we are proud of our students and teachers who strove hard to achieve beyond expectations. We have focused on the holistic development of the students as they are the future of this world.

The year 2018-19 had been a successful one filled with many vibrant activities. The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Day was held on January 11, 2019. Right after Annual Day, the school celebrated Republic Day with all vigour. A band display was performed by the troupe. Then the third term was utilized for training the students for the yearly examinations.

The school expanded its infrastructure by adding a full-fledged Administrative Block.

With high expectation and academic rigour, Amritians started their journey through the year 2019-20 on May 29, 2019. Special prayers and poojas were conducted.

Events and celebrations were kick started on June 5<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of World Environment Day. We marked the day by spreading the message of the importance of a green and clean environment. Saplings were gifted, and the Science Club conducted a Green Rally and drawing competition.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we opened the doors of our hearts for our small, vibrant kindergarten students. An orientation class for parents and Vidyarambham for all the new entrants were conducted. Amrita Nursery is a full-fledged Kindergarten system, giving minute attention to every aspect of each child. We believe that every child in our classroom is someone's whole world.

All Club activities were started with much enthusiasm.

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, International Yoga Day was celebrated to emphasize the importance of yoga. Dr. R.V. Nair, Director of Sanjivani Hospital inaugurated the programme. A full-fledged yoga session was also organized.

We geared up as the month of July started. We celebrated Gurupoornima, the birthday of sage Vyasa. Children showed their reverence to their parents by performing pada pooja. We are happy that we have kept our traditions alive and reminded our children to show deep respect to their parents. Our purpose was served.

The month of August invited us to conduct plenty of activities, but the recurrence of devastating floods in various parts of the state took a toll on our teaching hours also. On the basis of Karkidaka Maasam, Ramayana Parayanam was held daily during the school assembly. Independence Day was celebrated to make children aware of their duty towards their motherland. The school witnessed elections for Head Boy, Head girl and class prefects.

The month of September was exceptional because of our beloved Amma's birthday. Every year, it is a ritual to visit Amritapuri to be present for paduka pooja and feel the divine bliss of the day.

The month of October was full of energy because of Amrita Fest. Students from the four different houses competed in a variety of stage items incorporating their creative talents. The much awaited event of the year, Investiture Ceremony was held for the elected members, in order to instil leadership qualities in students.

The school calendar seems incomplete without the school trip and tour. The month of November was exciting as the school conducted a wonderful visit to Kanyakumari and Amaze World. Everyone was thrilled and had fond memories of the trips.

We started the month of December with the magic of Kids' Fest. Every child showcased their talents as we have full faith in them.

Annual Sports day was organized. Students made the day a power packed one by participating in different competitions, and winning medals and certificates.

Apart from various functions, we have also arranged co-curricular activities to develop a child physically, morally, socially and mentally to hone skills in co-scholastic areas. *Aksharaslokam*, Art, Music, Drawing, Kung-fu, Mridangam, Craft and Yoga are our CCAs.

House activities and Club activities were given due importance. The four Houses presented display boards on a variety of topics every month.

The Science Club promoted the nurturing of a green environment and conservation of resources by conducting debates and discussions. The Mathematics Club opened up the world of numbers and infinity. The Social Science Club reminded everyone about the importance of society in today's world. The Literary Club organized Reading week and Language Skill promotion activities. The Sports Club emphasized a strong sense of co-operation and discipline while participating in physical activities. The Vimukthi Club initiated by the Kerala State Excise Department conducted an awareness class on the perils of drug abuse.

Amritam Club activities were given a boost with the goal of nurturing a sense of charity in the minds of children. Value ambassadors were selected and assigned to give value lessons to their fellow students. The theme made an

impact on students as they donated funds and took the initiative in submitting a memorandum to Sri Suresh Gopi MP regarding the rehabilitation of a specially-abled boy.

A handful of rice and gram along with a heart full of love – Through Pidiyari on white Wednesdays to feed the needy, our students donated provisions to Balikasadanam and Sukritham. By participating in all these ventures, our children proved that they are truly following in Amma's footsteps.

To ensure that our students are equipped to face any challenge, we have focused on various enrichment programs this year.

To ensure that our students stay technically focused, Gayathri Manikutty, Assistant Professor from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham conducted a session on Robotics Education Foundation for students of classes V to VIII. A Sadgamaya camp was conducted by faculty from the Amritapuri Campus of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham for students of classes VII and VIII. Sanskrit Shibiram, a day-long workshop was also held for classes IV to VIII.

In keeping with the school's policy of continuous upgradation of knowledge and skills, our teachers attended various workshops organized by the school to improve their academic transaction skills and to update their capabilities.

- Value integration with curriculum session by Padma teacher.
- Digital training classes were organized to innovate teaching methods through visual techniques.
- Samskriti- a renewed version of value education by Sri Vasudevan Nair N.

#### Capacity Building Workshops

- Artificial Intelligence workshop conducted by Akshay Nagarajan from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham.
- Academic Advisor Smt. Vijayalakshmi Narendran evaluated classes by the teachers, and thereafter gave constructive feedback.

A school functions well if it maintains regular interaction with parents. Parent meetings were held at regular intervals.

Our students won prizes in various competitions during the year.

- Ramayana Mela at Srithrikannapuram Temple - Aadilakshmi A. of Class IV, J.P. Abhishek of Class IV, Adilakshmi P. of Class VII and Sreejith P.S. of Class VIII won prizes in various categories.
- Sreejith P.S. of Class VIII secured 5<sup>th</sup> position at the State Level in Mayilpili Examination.
- Abhinand C.S. of Class III and Sourav Sunil of Class V won prizes in Yoga Championships.
- Bhadra Binish of Class III, Manasi M.A. of Class VI and Jayakrishnan V. of Class VII won prizes at the Lion's Club drawing and painting competition.
- Malavika P.K. of Class IV and Ganga P. Sidharthan of Class VI won prizes in drawing competitions.
- Nanditha S. Nair of Class VI and Bharat M.J. of Class VIII won prizes in Karate competition.
- Aiswarya P.M. of Class VII won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at the State Level in Abacus Competition.

Our students also participated in many competitions other than those mentioned above.

Before concluding this report, I bow my head in deep devotion to Amma for the blessings She has showered on us. May I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to all those who have contributed their might to making this a glorious institution. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

On this wonderful note, I am winding up my report, presenting it at the Lotus Feet of Our Most Beloved Amma.

Om Namah Shivaya!