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Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi has trodden the path of challenges pacing forward knocking down the complexities of the pandemic for the session 2020-21. To much greater appreciation, it motivated us to think otherwise. With the closure of the schools amid pandemic, our school became the first in Ranchi to have judiciously shifted to online teaching, preventing a hiatus in the progress of the students. It motivated its teachers to keep the spirits high and work together for the betterment of the students. Not only this, it also helped the parents to remain calm in this challenging situation as the school along with its teachers left no stone unturned for the continual progress of the students, when they weren't supposed to be at school.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The students brought laurels to the school with their unparalleled performance with 100% result in AISSE 2020. Devanshu Priy emerged as the school topper with 97.2%, followed by Aradhya Jain and Divya Suman as second toppers with 96.6% marks. Kumari Sonali Priya and Nandani Gupta became the third toppers by securing 96.4% marks. A total of 227 students appeared out of which 43 secured more than 90% marks.

The students performed exceptionally well in AISSCE-2020. Pranjal Singh Katiyar secured 96.2 % in Science Stream wherein Kashish Jain secured 95.20 % in Commerce Stream. A total of 203 students scored more than 90% marks in different subjects. To add to the jubiliations, the school proudly proclaims that four of its meritorious students qualified the **NEET (UG) 2020**. Abhinav Akash, Aditya Roy Choudhary, Somya Sinha and Neha Adarsh brought laurels to school by cracking the big exam with their hard work and sincerity. Another feather was added to the school's cap when Pranjal Pratyush, Pranjal Singh Katiyar, Abhishek Anand, Aniket Keshri, Kumar Harshvardhan and Bishal Dutta toiled to qualify JEE Advanced 2020. Their stellar performance has made each one of us proud.

The year 2020 was the year of metamorphosis which triggered brain-storming and brought before us a whole new world of teaching and learning. However, it wasn't restricted to teaching and learning. Throughout the year, giving the pandemic a backseat, schools around the world conducted multifarious online activities. Since physical presence was next to impossible, pedagogues around the world shifted to online means of activities. It was this, which kept the spark among the teachers and the students ignited, amid mundane home quarantine.

Our students participated in an online competition "**Ahavaan – For Better Future**" organized by the Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change and Ranchi forest Division to commemorate the World Environment Day 2020 on 5th of June 2020. Akancha Ghai and Shatakshi Dasgupta of class X added to the glory of the school by securing the First and the Third position for the "Green Guns

Competition”, displaying their forte for writing slogans in class IX to XII category. Likewise, Ganeve Kaur of class V brought laurels to school by outshining others and securing the Third position for “The Pen Warriors”, an Essay Writing Competition for the category of class V and below. Tavishi Garodia of class VIII made the school proud by her exemplary performance in the same activity securing the Second position in class VI to XII category.

The school was glorified by the excellent performance of our students in **the Amity Youth Forum 2020** organized by the Amity University. Aran Agarwal of class XII bagged the 2nd prize for “Immunity Booster” in which he prepared Watermelon Feta Cheese Salad, describing its nutrient value and goodness for consumption. Aran Agarwal (XII) and Ashutosh Anand (XI) together bagged 2nd prize for “INOMO” in which a working model had to be prepared using materials available with the participants at home. Both the boys presented a working model ALSK (Automated Life Saving Kit) which would save the life of the rider if he or she increased the speed of the bike. Aran Agarwal of class XII also secured 1st position in the category of Innovative Idea Competition, where he prepared an Innovative Recipe called Chowpuri, blending Indian and Chinese cuisine. Yashwi Fogla of class IX bagged the 2nd prize for the category 3 C’s – Create, Compose, Capture. Besides, Vedika Agarwal of class X bagged 1st prize for 24-hour Film Making and Fatima Farah of class X bagged the 3rd prize for Digital or Manual Poster attributed to COVID -19 and ways to combat it. The students performed diligently and have received plaudits for their exemplary performance.

“**Shrimadbhagvad Purana Quiz**” was organized by Chinmaya Mission, Patiala on 7th August 2020 in which Shatakshi Dasgupta of XG brought laurels to school by securing Third position. The main objective behind this competition was to motivate the children of this generation to create an insight for the puranas and other ancient scriptures. Her victory voiced the thought that school education isn’t all about the school curriculum, but also about learning our culture and values. It was indeed a moment of pride for all of us.

The name of the school was illuminated when Pragati Mukherjee of VIII B brought laurels to school by outshining others in the virtual “**Rashtriya Ekal Geet 2020**” organized by the Bharat Vikas Parishad. The school Principal as well as the teachers congratulated her for securing the Second position in group 1 category. The Indian Space and Research Organization organized ISRO Cyberspace Competitions-2020 for the students of grade I to VIII. Our students competed with uninhibited enthusiasm and zeal. The students were triumphant winning prizes for various activities and illuminated the school’s name even more with their praiseworthy accomplishments. In the category of Group I to III, Lavanya Agarwal of class III, Arnav Sahu of class I, Aditi Mondal of class I and Ahan Kapoor of class III stood among the top 500 students all over India for Drawing competition. Likewise, in the category of Group IV-V, Abhiroop Narayan Choudhary of class V, Naman Somani of class IV, Gyanendra of class V, Aman Agarwal of class V and Anukrit Awditya Raman of class IV were victorious enough to make a place for themselves among the top 500 for the Model-Making Competition at the All India Level. Whereas, Vartul Anand Jaiswal of class VIII also made a name for himself among the top 500 all over India for the Model-Making Competition in the category of Group VI- VIII. The students worked with sheer determination and have made the school proud by their fantastic performance.

The school was all in its glory when our students participated in the India’s biggest app-based Science and Maths Quiz for class VI to X conducted by The Class Saathi App under the banner of **PhiQ School**

Champ Awards 2020. The quiz competition comprised of 20 questions based on Science and Maths to be solved online within 30 minutes. Darshil Modi of class VII and Vedaansh Lakhani of class X proved their mettle by securing the First position for the categories of class VII and X respectively. For this, they were awarded with a trophy, certificate and a cash prize scholarship worth rupees 10,000 for the

title “Class Saathi phiQ Consistently Brilliant Performance Award”. The school acknowledged their hard work and appreciated them for their remarkable accomplishments.

Aran Agarwal of XII B added to the fame of the school with his outstanding performance in the **ISEA National Level Competition 2020**. Being one of the winners of the state level for the category of Short Film/ Animated Video, through his video, he aimed at educating people about the cyber ethics and cyber hygiene. It was an initiative taken by the Information Security Education and Awareness (ISEA) in collaboration with the Government of India and the CBSE. He was the proud recipient of a small token prize of rupees six thousand for the same. His noteworthy achievement was only appreciated by the school, but also by the state of Jharkhand. His hard work and sincerity have paid off well as his video was shot complying to the lockdown protocol. Our school had yet another victory in its stride when Utsav Ganguli of our school, through his mesmerizing performance, proudly acclaimed the Second position in the State Level Classical Dance Competition for Boys category. It was organized by the **Jharkhand Shiksha Pariyojana** virtually from 9th December 2020 to 15th December 2020 on both, the district as well as state level. The school fraternity is proud of his remarkable achievement. The hard work and sincerity displayed by him was praiseworthy as this once again illuminated the school’s name.

InterAction, an inter-school competition organized by Birla Vidya Niketan, New Delhi was an event in which all the schools of the Birla Group participated delightfully. Our school bagged the Second prize for the category “Filming Our Future”. Aaryan of X H, Sidhant Anand of XG, Gaurav Kumar of X G, Anand Sharma X H and Satyam Glaidu of IX-A were the part of this film making event. They made a short film highlighting the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi such as importance of cleanliness in our lives, emphasizing caring and sharing towards others, developing compassion towards the underprivileged, love towards fellow beings, tree plantation, etc. These young minds have performed well enough to bring laurels to school and have glorified the school’s name even in such unprecedented times. The school was highly jubilated when Amreeta Chatterjee performed exceptionally well in the **Sunbeam Suncity Ideation Conclave 2020** organized by the Sunbeam Suncity School, Varanasi. She was triumphant in achieving the 3rd position in the category of creative writing “Imbue”. The school fraternity was proud of her and appreciated her hard work and diligence.

Our school added yet another feather in its cap when its students excelled in the **Vidhyarthi Vigyan Manthan 2020-21**. It was India’s largest Science Talent Search for New India using Digital Devices initiated by Vigyan Prasar, a National Institute for Science and Technology Communication established under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, in association with National Council of Education and Research and Training and Vinjana Bharati, an NGO led by eminent scientists for the school students of classes VI to XI. Devansh (District Ranker 1), Arnab Coomar (District Ranker 3), Md. Ammaar Ahmad and Yash Mittal, with their scientific acumen, could get through the District Level and qualified for the State Level Camp. The school fraternity was proud of them for their remarkable achievement. Our students gave outstanding performance in the **National Cyber Olympiad**. It was a proud moment for the school when its students brought laurels and accolades by grabbing eighteen medals and certificates of distinction, certificates of zonal excellence including five cash prizes, eleven

Gold medals, thirteen Silver medals and nine Bronze medals. Our students performed incredibly well in the **International Commerce Olympiad**. Kushaldeep Singh and Jatin Mangwani secured remarkable position in the ICO by winning Gold medals, Himanshu Maheshwari bagged the Silver medal and Anish Ghosh won the Bronze medal.

Our students gave a stellar performance in **The Eleven Amazing Worlds 2020** organized by the

Birla Open Minds International School, Bandlaguda Jagir on 31st December 2020. It was a mega inter-school event which conducted multifarious scholastic and co-scholastic activities for the students to perform and exhibit their creativity, imagination, dexterity as well as caliber. Abhradeep Dutta of class VII brought back laurels to school, being triumphant in Artistic Yoga, by receiving the 1st Prize. Besides, Utsav Ganguly of class IX shone bright by receiving the 1st prize with his brilliant performance in the Cameo Performance. They have held the school's name high with their remarkable achievements. The school has rewarded their efforts by acknowledging their sincerity and hard work as they paced forward and exhibited their adroitness with much diligence.

SBPS was all in glory when its students brought laurels to school with their outstanding performance at **BB_INFOTSAV 2K21**, an inter school fest organized by Birla Bharati, from 11th January 2021 to 15th January 2021. This virtually organized fest involved the students in umpteen activities which helped them showcase their creativity skills and imaginative thinking. Karan Dalaria and Tejus Srivastava of class XI B made us proud by securing first position in the event 'Mind's Eye' in which a video clip was prepared by them using multimedia tools but, without human appearance. Nitin Dubey of class XI added yet another feather in the school's cap as he bagged the runner-up prize in the event 'Pytha-goras' in which he created a fully functional game Python framework and programming. Pranamya Adinath and Dhruv Garodia of class VIII also received runner-up prize for the event 'Beam me up' by creating a story woven by them using MS Power Point exhibiting their creativity and imagination. The school fraternity is highly jubilated for the multiple victories of the students.

Our School's name was once again glorified by the outstanding performance given by its student at **Music Recital**, an Online **Vocal Music Competition**, organized by the Care Online Virtual School with the theme 'Christmas'. It was organized for the students of grade VI, VII and VIII who participated with great zeal presenting their melodious renditions. Dhruv Bharatiya of Class VI impressed the jury members with his melodious voice and was awarded with a Certificate of Excellence for the same. The school was proud of his achievement and congratulated him for the same.

"Reading leads to wisdom", as its always said is an exercise for mind. It opens the door for knowledge and enlightenment. Its good for everyone, kids or adults. Honouring the father of the Library Movement, the late P.N. Panicker, 19th June is celebrated as **Reading Day** and the following week as the Reading Week every year to promote the culture of reading. In the light of COVID 19 pandemic, the P N Panicker Foundation initiated and designed different online reading related activities. So, Ritwika Khaitan of our school secured the Third position in the Quiz that was held during the 25th P N Panicker National Reading/ Digital Reading Month Celebrations 2020 and brought laurels to school.

Our students added to the glory of the school by performing exceptionally well in **Melange- The Interschool Languages Competition** conducted virtually by Birla Vidya Niketan. The students from twenty-three different schools participated in the competition. Kanishka Singh of class VII received the First Runner up prize for the French language event based on the topic 'French Culture', in which she designed an attractive book cover of their French textbook. Anvesha Agarwal of Std VIII secured the

Second Runner up prize in the German language event 2 with the topic 'Presenting a hand-made souvenir representing Germany'. It's a moment of pride for the school as the students exhibited their acumen for the foreign languages such as German and French.

School Activities:

This goes well with the present situation when the school buildings around the world were closed but not the schools, which immediately took refuge in technology for its working. Throughout the year, the

schools operated virtually connecting students with the teachers and other school activities. We at SBPS walked those extra miles conducting classes, extra-curricular activities, parents-teacher meet, sports activities, summer camp, etc. virtually leaving its mark in the society.

The school began with the online activities right after the new session began. It started with the Virtual Mother's Day celebration in which the students expressed their love and gratitude towards their mothers through making cards. They were filled with extreme joy doing this activity as a mother is always the best person for any human being on this earth. The children joyously prepared cards for their mothers and which were later used to create a collage displaying the students creativity showering love for their nurturers. The school conducted a host of online activities for the students of classes III to V. The students of class III and IV participated in an online **Drawing Competition** with the topics "**Immunity Building food**" and "**Sanitization**", whereas, the students of class V participated in the online "**Educational Craft Competition**". The crafts were based on the topics such as "**A Tree of Books**", "**A Tree of Places you would like to visit or have visited**" and "**Prevention is Better than Cure**". The little ones poured their hearts out and expressed themselves through their creations. After the closure of the schools, our school had its **First Virtual Assembly** trying to join the dots, connecting the students with their class teachers which was long due as a fallout of the lockdown. It started with the beautiful prayer song Ganpati Vandana, "Gaaiyye Ganapati Jagg Vandan", followed by a news bulletin and a motivational thought. The assembly culminated with the school song which the students sang with deep reverence and pride.

Our school conducted countless online activities for the kids to participate in. The Principal and the dedicated teachers of the school worked harder than before to enliven the lives of students. Online Fancy Dress Competition was organized for the students of KG2 to std II. The students had to perform dressed up as either **CORONA WARRIORS**, or any **STORYBOOK CHARACTER** to retell stories. The students performed exceptionally well in the guise of their favourite storybook character. They even wonderfully enacted the roles of the Corona Warriors, the Gladiators of our society. With the thought of instilling values among the students, the school conducted virtual **Father's Day** for the students of VI to VIII. To honour fatherhood and to express gratitude towards the rich contribution that fathers make in the lives of their kids, the students were asked to prepare cards for their fathers expressing their affection and reverence for the father figure in their lives. **Online Poetry Writing and Poetry Recitation Competition** was conducted for the students of class IX to XII. The poetries written by the students were their own creations. This competition projected the poetic skills of the students as the school received beautiful creations from the students. Students responded overwhelmingly, showcasing their creativity in expressing their fondness and appreciation for the contributions made by their fathers in their lives. "**Nature is the sole reason for human existence. If it's not cared for now, we will definitely never be able to leave back anything for our successors.**" In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the school organized an online activity "Go-green Activity" attributed to the World Environment Day to create awareness among the students to join hands and conserve the Mother Nature. Students of KG I to Class V participated with great zeal, making the competition a great success. KG I and II had Rhymes Competition, STD I and II participated in the **Virtual Badge-Making Competition**, whereas, STD III to V participated in the **Virtual Poster-Making Competition**. The little creative minds made this competition highly innovative and artistic.

The students of our school participated in a four-day online **Cartoon -Making Session** for students of class VIII and above. It was conducted by a renowned cartoonist Mr Shubendu Sarkar with the objective to nurture the budding artists by enhancing their thinking and creative skills. The students found it very interesting as they learnt to make cartoons using different alphabets, depicted emotions and gestures using art, learnt motion-cartoon and even learnt to make cartoons with animal characters.

SBPS didn't let the pandemic ruin the fervour of Summer Vacations for kids as it is a cherished part of their childhood. Like every year, this year too, they had Summer Camp, but virtually. This time it led the children to experience the magic of the summer camp in the confines of their living-rooms. It organized the **Virtual Summer Camp** from 8th June to 14th June 2020. The children showcased their skills in the fields of dance, music, physical activities, art as well as craft. The children learnt new skills which helped them develop their inherent talent. It was highly informative and valuable as it helped keep the students occupied with activities amid lockdown, thus, making them learn something new. Doctors are next to God, this is what we know of them. To recognize the good work done by these frontline workers of our society, putting their lives at risk, the heroism displayed by them amid pandemic is highly commendable. So, **National Doctor's Day** was celebrated virtually on 1st of July 2020 for which the students made health posters highlighting the importance of hygiene and proper nutrition. They aimed at creating public awareness regarding protocol to be followed to keep Corona infection at bay. Not only this, the students also made bouquets of red carnation as the symbolic flower of the National Doctor's Day that signifies virtues of love, charity, sacrifice, bravery and courage. The overwhelming response from the students was quite moving.

SBPS organized a **Virtual Van -Mahotsav** for its students to sensitize them towards the nature. Various online activities were conducted by the school to create awareness among the students as well as others regarding growing and tending of the trees. Students of KG I and II used hand painting techniques to create things from nature. STD I and II used different fruits, vegetables, flowers, leaves, etc. to paint a message to save environment. The students of STD III and V beautifully enacted for "Role Play on Save Environment". The students of class VI to VIII wrote letters to the benevolent Mother Nature expressing their gratitude and affection for her. All in all, it was an enlightening activity for the students as well as the parents. National Sports Day is celebrated every year as a tribute to the phenomenal Hockey player Major Dhyan Chand Ji, three times Gold medalist in Hockey. So, SBPS proudly celebrated the **Virtual National Sports Day** on 29th August 2020 conducting a set of online activities for the students. Through this, the students got acquainted with the traditional games of India, such as Pithoo, Gilli Danda, Kancha, Tire Role, Nondi, Sack Race, Skipping and Lattu, those which have long been forgotten under the glamour of the major games like Cricket and Soccer. Students prepared posters or paintings related to the National Sports Day. They did research work and presented some indigenous Indian games. The main objective behind celebrating this day was to indoctrinate the students with the spirit of

sportsmanship and to propagate the message of various sports. It helps in reducing the stress levels and gives us a healthier body. It teaches us not to sit back when you get a set-back in life, rather you must move back and bounce back with greater energy. Like other activities, SBPS celebrated the **74th Independence Day** virtually. Gaiety and zeal reverberated when the tri-colour was unfurled in the presence of the Head Personnel and Admin Mr Pradeep Verma, Principal Mrs Paramjit Kaur and the other members of the SBPS family adhering to the norms of the social- distancing. Dedicated assembly programmes were conducted by the classes expressing their love for the nation. The occasion was marked with the various online activities conducted for the students. Students of class IIII dressed up in colourful attires highlighting the prominent icons of the India Freedom Struggle. Students of class IV exhibited solidarity, brotherhood and unity for the nation by making the Indian tri-colour using pulses and grains. They also made national symbols representing the unique identity and heritage of Indian culture and civilization. It was a well-synchronized programme that ignited patriotism among the children.

Janmashtami, the birth of Lord Krishna is celebrated nationwide with great devotion and reverence. On this occasion, SBPS organized a **Virtual Janamasthmi Celebration** for its students. Numerous online activities were conducted in which the students participated wholeheartedly. Students of KG I and II had

to dress up like Lord Krishna and Radha. For class I, the students had to decorate a Flute or a Dahi Handi which they did beautifully using the materials available at home, whereas, Class II created a Janmashtami Card and Krishna Jhula. The students of class V, drew a Krishna village scene and even created it by using different craft materials available at home. Class VII students competed for the decorated Peacock Crown. The students participated in the event with all their hearts and exhibited beautifully adorned Peacock Crowns, whereas, students of class VIII created and decorated Krishna Jhula and Flute. The students made beautiful exhibits that were illustrative of their veneration towards the Lord.

Our school celebrated Raksha-Bandhan virtually as it is believed that bond of love and respect among the siblings is necessary to have a life in harmony with peace and happiness. The school had a **Virtual Raksha-Bandhan** celebration for its students. They participated in Rakhi-Making Competition. The students made beautiful rakhis using materials such as silken threads, ribbons, mirrors, stones, paper cuttings, beads, etc. as a manifestation of their love for their siblings. Students also made Eco-friendly rakhis with natural products which could be planted later, thus, tying a knot of protection to the planet Earth sending the message of Nature Conservation at large. To express their fascination and reverence towards their teachers or mentors, the students of SBPS left no stone unturned to celebrate **the Virtual Teacher's Day**, making their teachers feel special through digital platform. To begin with, it started with the Ganesh Vandana, followed by speech, fun games, skit and various dance programmes. Besides, ex-students were invited to express their love towards their teachers. Special assembly programmes were also conducted online through which the students appreciated the teachers for their hard work and assistance which wasn't hampered due to the ongoing pandemic. "Difficult roads lead to beautiful destinations." That is why SBPS celebrated the **World Tourism Day** virtually. With a view to foster the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value, a number of activities were conducted online for the students to participate. The students participated with great enthusiasm showcasing the cultural heritage and geographical features of our world which is adorned with beauty and charm. The students of KGI and KGII highlighted their favourite tourist destinations by making

posters, pasting pictures and paper-cuttings. STD I and II exhibited their artistic skills through paintings that showed the abundant natural beauty of Jharkhand, the Land of Forests, talking about its holy shrines, museums, waterfalls as well as pilgrimage sites. The students of STD III to V made attractive art pieces and crafts that reflected tourism in the Northern part of India. The students of VI to VIII prepared posters and models related to Southern India, its beauty and native languages. It was a highly informative and interesting activity that increased their curiosity. Under the shadow of COVID 19, our students virtually celebrated **The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** or **The National Unity Day 2020**, commemorating the birth anniversary of the **Iron Man of India - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, on the 31st of October 2020. To celebrate the 144th birth anniversary of the ace leader and politician, the students took part in various activities with unfeigned gratitude so as to express their thankfulness towards the efforts made by the leader in the freedom struggle. In keeping with the tradition, the students performed various online activities such as the Oath, Slogan Writing and Poster-Making. Our students celebrated the **World Student's Day** on 15th October 2020 commemorating the birth anniversary of the "**Missile Man**" of **India, APJ Abdul Kalam**. The 11th President of India, he was an outstanding scientist, motivator and an epitome of knowledge. The students actively participated in preparing a documentary showcasing their scientific bent of mind. The students paid rich tribute to the esteemed scientist of our country, the progenitor of the advancement of Nuclear Weapons Program, by performing Science experiments, making satellites and rockets out of waste material and Sci-Fi Fashion Event blending Science and fashion. Students, juniors as well as seniors, exhibited their scientific acumen beautifully.

Our students virtually observed the **Vigilance Awareness Week 2020** organized by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), under the directives of the Central Board of Secondary Education. The CVC observes the vigilance week every year from 27th October to 2nd November in which the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also falls. This awareness week campaign, with the theme of “Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat”, affirms commitment to the promotion of integrity and probity in public life through citizen participation. Our school observed this week religiously so as to propagate the values of transparency, accountability and integrity among the students at a young age which will usher into an era free of corruption. The students took “e-Integrity Pledge” and made posters for the same being confined to their houses. Since the students are the custodians of the future generations, the CVC promotes this week to ensure that the legacy being passed on to them should be the one in which they are aware of the corruption and the ways to curb it.

SBPS organized **Virtual Children’s Day** celebration for its students. Special virtual assembly was conducted commemorating the birth anniversary of the First Prime Minister of our country, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru. The students said motivational thoughts, delivered speeches and recited poems paying rich tribute to “Chacha Nehru”. Apart from this, the teachers also arranged online games for the kids which they played enthusiastically. The school celebrated the **Jharkhand Foundation Day** virtually, wherein the students participated with deep reverence for their state “Jharkhand”. On this occasion, a special assembly was conducted in which the students recited poems depicting the beauty of our state, delivered speeches highlighting the history of our state and its rich cultural heritage and inspirational messages given by the teachers. In the end, the assembly culminated with the school song. The students participated in this programme wholeheartedly, emitting pride and respect for their state. Our students celebrated the **Chhath Puja** virtually spreading the feeling of festivity. The students of KG I to Std II got dressed up in traditional attires and made use of all the things required for puja as props. The little ones

were filled with joy and excitement while performing. Whereas, the students of std III to std XII conducted an assembly programme dedicated to the Sun Goddess. The students delivered speeches throwing light on this eco-friendly festival which spreads the message of Nature Conservation. The teachers spoke to the students about this Vedic festival which is native to the Indian Subcontinent and is devoted to the Sun God. The students were filled with enthusiasm and were overjoyed in the eve of this great and much-awaited festival of the Indian culture.

Our school organized a four-day webinar attributed to Public Speaking. Mr. Parnav Mukherjee was the key speaker who discussed the key elements of public speaking, group discussion and a personal interview. All the four sessions were interactive as the students were given the opportunity to speak and share their views. The students learnt how to conduct themselves when on stage, when participating in group discussions and when they face an interview. This training is definitely going to make students smarter and even more confident when they next happen to meet the audience.

Our school organized the virtual **Investiture Ceremony** to select its Student Council for the session 2020-21. To get the students acquainted with the power of Democracy, the teachers as well as the students elected the new Student Council through online-voting. The ceremony commenced with the “Ganesha Vandana”, symbolizing wisdom, understanding and a discriminating intellect that one must possess to attain perfection in life. The Principal congratulated the elected members of the Student Council and invested them with their position of authority. The Head Boy, Aran Agarwal of XII B, administered the oath of allegiance and with the other office-bearers, affirmed the council’s mission. Both the girls, Shreya Choudhary and Anshika Sinha of XII E were elected as the Head Girls of the school. They all pledged to keep the school’s flag flying high.

Our school organized a virtual **Fancy-Dress Competition** for the tiny-tots. Students of KG I to V participated in the event zealously. They beautifully performed in the guise of their favourite cartoon characters as the theme for the event was “Fairy Tale Characters”. The little ones loved to perform expressing their love for the cartoon characters. To instill love and reverence among the students for the Constitution of our India, the school virtually celebrated the “**Constitution Day**” or the “**Samvidhan Diwas**”. The teachers as well as the students collectively participated in the event with pride in their hearts as they were infused with immense patriotism. The main objective behind this celebration was to highlight the values and principles enshrined in the constitution so that the students become responsible citizens and work for a better tomorrow. The school organized “**Vatsalyam**” 2020-21 on a virtual platform to honour the grandparents with abundant respect and admiration for the roles they play in the lives of their grandchildren. The little kids left everyone spell bound as they sang and danced expressing their love and joy for their grandparents.

SBPS exuberantly celebrated the birth anniversary of its pathfinder Late Shri Basant Kumar Birla Ji and the **National Youth Day**, commemorating the birth anniversary of Shri Narendranath Dutta, widely known as Swami Vivekananda. The school organized a dedicated assembly programme conducted virtually. All the students of class III and upwards participated in the event with much enthusiasm showcasing their deep reverence for both the great personalities. The assembly programme began with a melodious prayer song “Ganpati Jag Vandan” along with the slides paying homage to B.K Birla Ji. It was followed by beautiful thoughts good enough to motivate others and a hymn sung by the students. It then witnessed the students dressed in the guise of Late Shri B K Birla Ji and Swami Vivekananda Ji, educating others about the eventful life they led and culminated the assembly programme with the school song. Offline homage was also paid to our venerated leaders. All the incharges, Seniors and juniors, with ten students of Students’ Council and ten students from class X and XII participated in the assembly held in the assembly ground and the Vivekananda Hall, respectively. Besides, various activities were conducted for this event. The students made posters, collages and paintings paying homage to Late Shri B K Birla Ji. They expressed their admiration for their idol with melodious renditions and recitation of beautiful poems dedicated to him. Not only this, students also presented Power Point Presentations for the same.

Victory comes to those who yearn for it, vouch for it, determined to leave no stone unturned. For such meritorious and sedulous students, our has always gone one step further to motivate them and appreciate their diligence and perseverance through awards. Like every other year, this year too, the school felicitated its young scholars in its annual prize distribution ceremony “**OJASS AND PRAWAAH**” but virtually, as physical presence was next to impossible. The school acknowledged the hard work, candor, earnestness and credibility of the students who showed meticulous performance in academics citing them as Achievers, Perfect Century for scoring hundred in any of the subjects and an Outstanding Achiever. Besides academics, regularity is yet another important aspect of one’s personality. For this, the students were awarded for Hundred Percent Attendance as well as Hatrick Attendance, for those with hundred percent attendance three times in a row. Almost 1500 students have been awarded by the school for their credibility and dedication. The school is proud of them and looks forward to many such events in the future.

Inter-house Activities:

Amid pandemic, where technology brought us onto the threshold of e-learning, so it did for the co-curricular activities. The school used virtual platform to conduct all its Inter-house activities, otherwise conducted offline. The school organized the **Inter-house Dance Competition** on the auspicious occasion of **Durga Puja**, the festival that epitomizes the triumph of good over evil. The children of class

III to VIII highlighted the nine distinct forms of Goddess Durga depicting the concept of Shakti and its manifestations. The attractive costumes, beautiful dance moves and fascinating props enhanced the impact of their performances. The students left others spell-bound with their scintillating performances.

The school organized Inter-house competition for the students on the occasion of **Diwali**, the Festival of Light. The students participated in the activities with great enthusiasm and diligence, but virtually. The students of class KG to IV participated in virtual **Diya- Making Competition**. The children presented their creativity by making beautiful diyas using decorative items present at home. Students class V participated in a virtual **Rangoli-Making Competition** presenting their flair for designs using rice-powder, flower petals, colourful sand and paint. Students of class VI to XII portrayed their creativity through Tech-Rangoli, Flower Arrangement and Salad Arrangement. They were happy participating in these activities, showcasing their creativity.

With the objective to pay homage to Srinivasa Ramanujan, an ace Mathematician, on his birth anniversary, the school celebrated the virtual **National Mathematics Day**. For this, the school conducted various Inter-house activities for the students to participate including problem-solving tests and quizzes to give a practical approach to Mathematics. Sudoku competition was conducted for the students of III to V and VI to VIII respectively, building among the kids the critical thinking skills and confidence. Students of KGI and KG II recited poems related to shapes. The students of class I -II and IX-XII participated in rapid fire quiz, Maths Catchphrase quiz, fun with puzzles, crosswords, etc. All in all, it was a lively and engaging session that showcased the extraordinary brilliance and talent present among the students.

Makar Sankranti, the harvest festival, is celebrated by the farmers across the country for good winter crops and to seek the blessings of the Surya deity. To celebrate this festival, the school conducted an Inter-house PPT making competition and Poster-Making Competition for the students. The students of class VI to VIII drew beautiful posters describing how the festival is celebrated in different states of India and what are the different names it is known by. Apart from this, students of class IX to XII prepared Power-Point Presentations on how Kite-flying is done in various countries on this day. The students actively participated in these activities and expressed their joy through their creations.

Our school celebrated **72nd Republic Day**, both online and offline, with grandeur. Great initiatives were taken by the students who participated in the special assembly programme that was organized to mark the occasion. The assembly began with a prayer song to evoke the blessings of the God Almighty, followed by the Principal's message to the students. The students put up cultural programmes such as dance, song and speech virtually, thus, remembering our leaders who paved the way for a better tomorrow by bringing the Constitution of India into effect. The students as well as the teachers sung the "Vande Matram" song filled with reverence and pride in their hearts for the nation. Where on one hand the assembly was organized online, offline celebrations were also in the line. It was marked by the Flag Hoisting followed by the National Anthem "Jana Gana Mana". Besides, Inter-house patriotic Song Competition was held online so as to instill patriotism among the young generation. The school fraternity observed this day with great veneration following the protocol of social-distancing.

The school paid rich tribute to the Father of our Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, on his martyrdom, commemorating **Martyrs' Day** in our school on 30th January. Like every year, this year too, the school conducted inter-house activities for its students but, on a virtual platform. The students prepared a special assembly programme highlighting the principles of truth and non-violence, thus, recognizing the instrumental role played by Gandhi ji during the freedom struggle. The assembly started with the prayer song "Vaishnava Jana", followed by a motivational thought and then a speech throwing light on the teachings of the Father of our Nation. An inter-house Poetry Writing Competition for both English as well as Hindi was organized for the students. The students zealously participated in this

competition pouring their hearts out in the form of their creations. Lovely poems, both in English and Hindi, were composed by the students for this event.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES:

Sports is a way of life that instills among the people the value of discipline, team-spirit, hard work, determination and perseverance. It helps to develop mental and physical toughness for which the children should be rigorously involved into it. Being of paramount importance, SBPS trains its kids for various sports activities including shooting, boxing and taekwondo. It takes its students for various national level events where our kids make the school proud by being triumphant.

Our students glorified the school's name by their excellent performance In the **Virtual Olympic Day Blitz Chess Championship** organized by the Jharkhand Olympic Association. Shreeya Someshwar Gaikwad of class IV and Palak Bagla of class VIII A brought plaudits to school as they received Gold medal in U-11 Girls and Bronze medal in U-15 Girls category, respectively. It was indeed a moment of pride for the school fraternity.

Our school completed its eleven glorious years this January 2021. To commemorate its Foundation Day, the school organized its **Annual Sports Day "Udaan"** on a virtual mode conducting a plethora of online activities to judge the sportsmanship among the students. The students participated in the events with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The students of KG1 to Std II participated in the events like Aeroplane Balance, Play-Tapping and PT. Boys and girls below 11 years as well as boys and girls below 17 years participated in Chess. Students of III to V participated in Aeroplane Balance, Sitting Yoga, Ball Dribbling, Step-up and Skipping. For students of classes VI to VIII, events such as Sit-up, Squats, Standing Yoga, Ball Dribbling, Aeroplane Balance and Spot Jogging were organized. The students of classes IX to XII participated in the events such as Sit-ups, squats, Surya Namaskar, Push-up, Ball Dribbling and Skipping.

Teachers were also a part of this sports event conducted in the school premises maintaining distance. The students enthusiastically performed in the events such as Musical Chair, 100 mt Flat Race, Balloon Race, Spoon and Marble and Slow Cycling. The teachers were highly jubilated participating in the event.

BEYOND THE BOOKS:

"Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self". It is believed to be one of the most effective and easier ways to boost immunity and relieve stress. It is a physical, mental and spiritual practice which originated in India. So, our school celebrated the 6th International Yoga Day on June 21st,2020 with the participation of few staff-members following the government directives of social distancing. The programme started with a two-minute silence paying tribute to the Martyrs' who showed remarkable courage and protected India's sovereignty along LAC and all the frontline warriors fighting against coronavirus outbreak. The session began with an invocation that created a calm environment all over in SBPS.It was a reminder for all the individuals to incorporate yoga in their everyday life for a happy and blissful life. The Yoga session was conducted early morning wherein the participants performed different asanas that reduces stress, anxiety and other physical ailments followed by Omkar chanting. The postures that were necessary to attain good health, balance of mind and self-realization were also done under the supervision of the yoga demonstrators. The occasion was well versed with the information on importance, types and benefits of yoga. The session concluded with Sanskrit shlokas and Shanti Path.

'Refuse to rest upon your laurels, keep moving'. It was indeed a matter of pride for the school fraternity when our revered Principal, Mrs Paramjit Kaur was conferred upon with the award for the

Best Zonal Principal 2020-21 (Jharkhand Zone) by the SOF. SOF acknowledged the vision, leadership qualities and hard work put in by our Principal in ensuring the noteworthy performances of the students of SBPS at national and international level in the Olympiads conducted by it.

Birla Academy of Art and Culture had organized a webinar on 14th August 2020 based on the “**Maryada Purshottam Ram, Ramcharitramanas and Hindu Philosophy**”. It was a thought-provoking session in which Pavan K. Verma, an author, a diplomat and former MP in conversation with Malavika Banerjee, Director, Kolkata Literary Meet threw light on the eternal and contemporary strand of wisdom for the mankind. The webinar was graced by the presence of the present Governor of West Bengal, Mr. Jagdeep Dhankar. Teachers of Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi participated in the workshop and developed an insight for the Hindu philosophy and its great potential to impart wisdom to the people. Mr. Verma spoke about the vitality of the Hindu Civilization and its remarkable ability to adapt change.

Our school organized a webinar on **Cyber Safety** for its students as they relied heavily on technology for their learning processes. Mr. Abhay Dogra, a former teacher, programmer, trainer and currently a Computer Science Content Editor, was the resource person. He apprised the students of various threats posed to them online and how to keep themselves safer from cybercrime. He acquainted the students of Cyber Bullying, Cyberstalking, detrimental online games such as PUBG, Blue Whale, Carmageddon, etc. He even spoke about the profound appetency among the children and the young adults to have an extremely impressive profile online, teaching the students about the Cyber Safety was of prime importance.

SBPS organized a webinar for its students pertaining to **Career in Gaming and Esports**. Jitin Chawla, an eminent Career Counsellor, was the resource person assisted by Sarthak, Kartikeya Behl and Lokesh Suji. It was indeed an interesting session which involved interaction with the students. The session started with a questionnaire session related to Gaming and Esports, checking the student’s knowledge. Currently, Esports and Gaming is gaining momentum given the digital exposure which children have these days. The trainer asserted to think out of the box and not to take esports as just a way to pass off time. One can definitely take it up as a career option and earn good. Although, parents in India do not approve of this career option as they think it has no scope. This webinar enlightened them regarding top universities providing scholarship for Esports and how Esports is coming up as a booming industry in India and abroad.

SBPS organized **Jal Tarang**, a series of online training sessions for its students. It had its first online session on 16th June, 2020 in which Dr. Satish Midha, Consultant Surgical Gastroenterologist, spoke about Building Positivity. The students and the teachers were educated about the ways to remain positive even at such trying times. The fundamental role played by positive thoughts, a happy heart and a healthy body were emphasized by the doctor. Stress management was important and could be done by overcoming anger. Students of class IX A and B along with the teachers attended this enlightening session. It created awareness that was needful at this hour when people have to learn to live with the pandemic. The teachers of the Maths fraternity attended a Maths workshop conducted by **Matific**, an Australian Ed Tech Company, that offered digital gamified platform to primary Maths. Mr. Ankit Sahu, the resource person, trained the teachers superbly in making their teaching smarter than ever. Maths teachers from Kindergarten to grade VI participated in the workshop with great zeal and utmost diligence. On 11th September 2020, our teachers witnessed the Prime Minister’s address to conclave on **Transformational Reforms in School Education** under the National Education Policy 2020 being celebrated as Shikshak Parv. Our revered Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi Ji, spoke about the 21st century education that would empower the teachers. He spoke about the changes in the education policy which are fundamental for the New Age Learning. It was an enlightening session as our teachers gained the insight for the National Education Policy 2020.

Our teachers participated in a webinar **“Pathway to Excellence”** on 27th June 2020, organized by the Sarala Birla Group of Schools. It was an interactive session for the teachers to awaken the leaders in them. Smt. Jaya Row, a powerful speaker on Vedanta, was the resource person. She motivated the teachers to lead a happy life by focusing on what they have. It was an enlightening session where she illuminated the three yogas - Karma, Gyan and Bhakti. She reiterated that mind leads to imagination but, intellect keeps us attached to reality. She highlighted the points of ‘Choice of Action’ and ‘Path of Action’.

The Principal and the ever-enthusiastic teachers of our school attended a host of workshops conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, COE, Patna, pertaining to the Perspectives Building of Life Skills, Sources of Stress and Responses, and Capacity Building Programme on Developing the Skill of Decision Making in Adolescents. These training sessions were conducted online being cognizant of the guidelines given by the government to maintain social distancing currently. Dr. Pramod Kumar, an adept trainer, was the resource person for all the three sessions.

Our teachers attended a two-hour online workshop conducted by the Goyal Brothers Prakashan. With Dr. Asher R. Jesudoss as the presenter and Mrs. Divya Anand as the moderator, the workshop trained the teachers on how to conduct online classes effectively. This workshop was intended to make the teachers tech-savvy so that they could conduct online classes efficaciously. Our teachers also attended a workshop on Stress Management Techniques. It was organized by the regional office, Patna for CBSE schools. The training session was conducted by Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Section Officer, CBSE, COE. Mrs. Bipin of Vidya Bharati Chinmaya Vidyalaya was the resource person.

Our students witnessed the inaugural ceremony of **“Gandgi Mukh Bharat”** campaign (GMB), a week-long campaign that motivated them to maintain cleanliness in the near vicinity and to propagate the same. It was an initiative taken by the Department of Drinking water and Sanitization in which Our Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi inaugurated the Rashtriya Swachhta Kendra.

The teachers of our school attended a workshop pertaining to **“Weaving Life Skills into School Curriculum”**. It was organized by CBSE with Mr. Shibu V Raju as the resource person. Being the key speaker, he motivated the teachers to incorporate life skills in the school curriculum. He opined that the teachers have tremendous power in instilling moral values among the students that would help them to be good human beings. The teachers participated in the webinar with great enthusiasm and were thankful enough for being a part of the session.

Teachers of SBPS, Ranchi participated attended a workshop on 24th July 2020 pertaining to **“Weaving Life Skills into School Curriculum”**. It was organized by CBSE with Mr. Shibu V Raju as the resource person. Being the key speaker, he motivated the teachers to incorporate life skills in the school curriculum. He opined that the teachers have tremendous power in instilling moral values among the students that would help them to be good human beings. The teachers participated in the webinar with great enthusiasm and were thankful enough for being a part of the session.

On 25th July 2020, CBSE conducted its much-awaited online session **“Enriching education”** for the teachers and the principals. Mr Anurag Tripathy, the Secretary of CBSE, India hosted the webinar with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji as the key speaker. Sri Ravi Shankar Ji voiced that parents should speak to their kids regularly and should study their kids on emotional level. Parents should spend time playing with their kids and understand their stance in life. These are the effective measures to be adopted by the parents to aberrate their kids from going off track. Besides, teachers also have a major role to play in this. The education must have a long-term effect on the persona of the children and not temporarily. Teachers benefited a great deal by attending this illuminating session.

On 29th July 2020, teachers attended a training session regarding “Understanding School Libraries- Purpose and Future”. Shibu V Raju was the resource person who discussed about the maintenance of the school libraries and the importance of reading. Where children are getting disconnected from reading, its essential for the teachers, librarians, parents, etc. to motivate the students and draw their interest towards reading. Class library could be formed in the classes to ignite the spark for reading among the students. Students should be made aware of the fact that reading leads to wisdom and that the readers are actually the leaders.

The teachers attended yet another workshop on 29th July 2020 based on “The Concept of Inclusive Education”. Organised by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Dr. Anupriya Chadha, the resource person, laid emphasis on creating an inclusive school currently. An eminent educationist, she spoke about teachers with optimism, treating each child equally and becoming child friendly. A school should have an Inclusive Education System wherein equal opportunities to be provided to every child and the differences and uniqueness among the children to be celebrated simultaneously. The teachers were trained well and they learnt a great deal.

We at SBPS believe in working harder and realizing dreams. For this, we instill the values of determination, perseverance and honesty among the students as these three are the basic ingredients which, when mixed with the willingness to win, leads to great success.