

**JEEVAN JYOTI HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL
(INCLUSIVE EDUCATION)
AKTHA, SARNATH, VARANASI**

Annual Report

2020-2021

*“Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

Proverbs 22:6

One must take high view of education, because God does, God knows everything and has created an elaborate system of laws governing. We glorify Him by investing in solid education. School Annual Report articulates and demonstrates the dynamic nature of the school, our school aim at academic excellence along with inclusive education. Inclusive education is a new approach towards educating the children with disability and learning difficulties with that of normal ones within the same roof. It brings all the students together in one class room and one community, regardless of their strength or weaknesses in any area, and seeks to maximize the potentialities of all the students. When we listen and celebrate what is both common and different, we become a wiser, more inclusive and better organization.

Jeevan Jyoti Higher Secondary Inclusive School started in April, 2011, with a limited number of students, but in its journey of 10 years, it has shown a steady growth and consistent performance.



Following are the brief review of performance of the school –

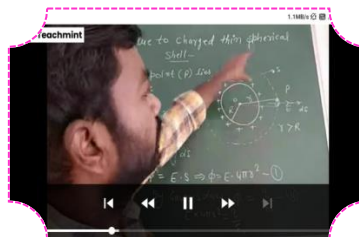
Enrollments –

- Pre-Primary – 121 Students
- Primary – 540 Students
- Junior High School – 603 Students
- High School – 240 Students

Among these, there are 42 visually impaired pupils, 8 children with other disabilities, 48 academic staff, 5 office staff and 15 supportive staff currently working in this school.

BEGINNING OF NEW SESSION 2020-21

AS the world was hit by the pandemic and everyone stayed at home, our school had successfully implemented the changes that had come in the academic field. We started our ONLINE classes on 7th April, 2020, through various digital applications. From the very beginning of the session, we had started our very own E-portal, SMS facilities, etc.



ONLINE COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

We had online competitions as well as activities in co-scholastic areas such as Drawing, Poster Making, Singing, Poem Composition, Fancy Dress Competition, Rangoli Making, Diya and Thali Decoration, Skit, Best out of Waste, Planting Trees at home, etc. for all classes.



FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Here are the list of festivals which we celebrated online and in school –

1. Raksha Bandhan - activities and competitions were conducted.
2. Janmashtmi - activities and competitions were conducted.
3. Teacher's Day – classes 9 to 12 had organized a small celebration online as a gesture of respect towards their teachers.
4. Gandhi Jayanti - activities and competitions were conducted.
5. Dussehra – students celebrated the holy festival on 26th October, 2020, by preparing rangoli and posters. It was celebrated online.



6. Diwali and Children's Day – Diwali as well as Children's Day was celebrated in the school with the students of classes 9 to 12. The celebration included lightening of lamps, prayers and rangoli making, skit and songs.
7. Christmas – it was celebrated on 19th December, in the special school ground, with the students of 9 to 12, while the other lower classes celebrated in online by taking part in activities like cap decoration, Christmas tree decoration, card making, etc.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

1. Earth Day – activities and competitions were conducted.



2. Independence Day – only counted number of teachers were called to school, following the guidelines given by the government. A small function was organized.
3. World Sight Day – this day was celebrated with a handful of teachers, sisters and few students to create awareness among all regarding vision impairment and blindness. Sisters, students and teachers spoke a little about the importance of the day.
4. Constitution Day – this day is also known as National Law Day. It was celebrated in the school on 26th November, to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. It was observed with a reading of Preamble by all the teachers and the students of class 9 to 12.
5. World Disability Day – it is celebrated on 3rd December every year in the school. Villagers from vicinity were invited, following all the proper precautions and social distancing. Food boxes, eatables and woollen blankets were distributed among them. Sr. Shruti, the President of the Congregation was the chief guest of the event



6. Society Day – Father Antonius Bodewig’s Birthday is marked as Society Day by the missionaries of Queen of Apostles, every year on 8th December. This year, it was specially celebrated in the institution with the welcome of a new idol of Mother Mary in the Inclusive School, along with a procession and a short prayer.



7. Charity Day – The members of the institution, celebrated Sr. Irene’s birthday, as Charity Day, with a small programme of cake-cutting and birthday song.
8. World Braille Day – this year it was celebrated in the special school premises for everyone on 4th January, 2021, with a small function.
9. National Youth Day – this day was observed on 12th January, 2021, with the classes 9 to 12. There was a group discussion on the topic – Awareness of Youth. Students of each class had participated enthusiastically and gave their best.
10. Republic Day – on 26th January, 2021, Jeevan Jyoti Institute celebrated the 72nd Republic Day in Special School Ground. Students from classes 9 to 12 took part in various programs. The chief guest for this event was Dr. Beni Madho, the Principal of Mahabodhi Inter College, and Dr. Bhawe.



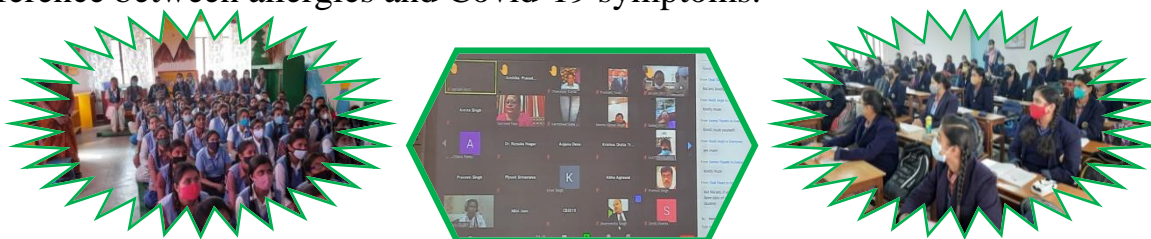
It was the first time we celebrated few events online, and it was a huge success and students from their home participated with great zeal.

WEBINARS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Webinars and Seminars were conducted for teachers’ assistance to deal with this new normal which was dealt during the pandemic –

- W.H.O. Courses – World Health Organisation had introduced different courses for a better understanding of Covid-19 virus in the months of June and July, 2020. Teachers were asked to take up any 10 courses and get certificates.
- Heartfulness INSPIRE Webinar – Various sessions of meditation and heartfulness were organized by Madam Shobhita and her group for the mental peace of all the teachers between the months of June and July, 2020.
- Prevention of Cyber Crime and Child Marriage/ Help and Rehabilitation
- NEP Innovative and Assessment Multi-School Webinar (COE Prayagraj) – Teachers were asked to take up one or two courses related to their subject and were awarded with certificates after completion. This was conducted in the month of February, 2021.

- Webinar on #AllergyFree – A webinar was conducted on 23rd December, 2020, by India's best healthcare expert Dr. Ashok Rai to spread awareness regarding the difference between allergies and Covid-19 symptoms.



- CBSE Workshop by Wadhwani Group
- Oxford University Press Workshop
- Leadership Talks by IIEC and School Lalaji – Different sessions were organized for the teachers.
- NEP 2020 Discussions by COE Allahabad
- A 5-day workshop was organized from 17 to 21 February, 2021, to discuss and analyze students with Dyslexia and ADHD and several other problems, their special needs and help.
- Seminar on Stress Management – A special Seminar was organized on 6th March, 2021, in the institute presided by Father Sebastian Francis, a renowned lawyer and educationist, for the teachers of all the departments.



AWARDS

On the occasion of Teacher's Day, there was a Live Felicitation of Teachers by members of Sahchariya Group in which Madam Sudha Yadav was felicitated as **Best Teacher**.

COMPETITIONS

1. English Olympiad – Unified Council conducted online English Olympiad for classes 2 to 10 on 24th September, 2020.
2. Byju's Competition – Byju's conducted a national level online quiz competition on 20th October, 2020, for the students of class 3 to 10.
3. Rangoli making Competition – Madam Swapna organized rangoli making competition on the occasion of Dussehra for classes 9 to 12.
4. Maxtop Olympiad – this Olympiad was conducted on 9th November, 2020. Madam Rani was teacher in-charge. The participants received exciting prizes and certificates.
5. Debate Competition – on 6th February, 2021, an online debate competition was organized by Sahoday Group of Varanasi. The topic of debate was – Exams only measure the memory of students not their learning.

6. Drawing and Poem Composition – on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, drawing and poem writing competition was conducted for classes 9 to 12 by Madam Anjana.



FAREWELL AND WELCOME

On 26th September, 2020, the members of the institution bid adieu to beloved Sr. Irene, the former Executive Director of the Institute. It was a day full of emotions as there was welcoming of the new Executive Director, Sr. Sweta, as well as, farewell of Sr. Irene. The day was made special as the whole programme was organized by all the staff of the institute.



AWARENESS PROGRAMS

1. Shakti Mission – on 19th November, 2020, officers of traffic police visited the school to spread awareness of the Mission Shakti: The Power of Women. They spoke about different important helpline numbers which the girls can use in their difficult times.



2. Ganga Purnah Utthan Jan Jagaran Mission – on 5th February, 2021, 137 CETF (Composite Ecological Task Force Battalion) Territorial Army 39 GR, arrived in the institute to spread awareness of Ganga Swakshta Mission. The chief colonel Vineet Seth and Subedar Mahendra Yadav talked about the mission of keeping the holy river Ganga clean of various pollutants and planting more trees.

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

The government had ordered to reopen the school for classes 9 to 12 after 6 months of pandemic following all the protocols and guidelines in two shifts. Committees of teachers were formed to look after the safety rules and regulations as mentioned in the guidelines.



ASSESSMENT (DIGITAL AND PAPER-PEN TEST)

All the exams of L.K.G. to class 8 were taken online and overall performance was 100%. Paper-pen was conducted for class 9 to 12 after the school reopened on 19th October by following all the safety measures given by the government. The result of class 9 and 11 was up to the mark. Students of class 10 and 12 have performed well in pre-board exams.



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Students of class 9 and 11 were selected on 12th January, 2021, to take up the responsibility as School Captains and Vice-Captains, in the presence of Sr. Sweta, the Executive Director, and Sr. Lima, the Principal of Inclusive School. The captains and vice-captains of allegiance to this institute and its values.



FAREWELL

On 20th February, 2021, with a heart full of joy and emotions, the faculty members bid adieu to the passing out students of class 12 with a short function which included lightening of lamp, games, skits and dances.



TEACHER'S DAY OUT

On 13th March, 2021, teachers of Inclusive School, along with Sr. Lima, Sr. Shobha and all the supportive staff of Inclusive School enjoyed a day out of school to "Markande Mahadev Temple" which is famous for its divinity and the serene banks of river Ganges. It was a fun-filled day for everyone.



CONCLUSION

Although, the times were hard for everyone, and the whole world came to a standstill, yet education and the educators persisted and kept on striving to reach every child and in future we wish to grow consistently and steadily in the coming years and take Jeevan Jyoti and its "mission" to its peak and make a difference for the young minds.

"When everyone is included, everyone wins."

Jesse Jackson

THANK YOU

