ANNUAL REPORT (2017-18)

Honourable Chief Guest of the day, Prof Rose Varghese, Vice-Chancellor of National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi, C A Venugopal C Govind, Chairman, BVB, Kochi Kendra, Shri E.Ramankutty, Director, BVB, Kochi Kendra, members of Executive Committee, SmtShailaja, Staff Secretary, Neha Menon, Senior Head Girl, Karthik Tejus, Senior Head Boy, parents, staff, students and other guests of the day.

Good Evening

It is my privilege and pleasure to present before this august gathering the Annual Report for the academic year 2017-2018. Here is a brief record of our school's activities and achievements in scholastic and non-scholastic spheres and infrastructural developments in this academic year.

Scholastic Activities

Pursuit of excellence with sincerity & perseverence is what we strive for.

With boundless patience, persistence and perspiration, we strive hard for excellence and laurels. This year witnessed many milestones of enviable achievements in academics as well as co-curricular activities.

Our students of Std Xth and XIIth did extremely well in the Board exams. In AISSCE 2017, out of 147 students, 141 secured first class and 95 students secured distinction. The school topper in science stream was Master Ashwin with 96%. Anjali Raj emerged topper in commerce with 97.6% .16 students secured A1 in all subjects

Out of 157 students who appeared for AISSE 2016, 37students got A1 in all subjects.

Our school teams consisting of Adithya A and Narayan R, and Clifford and Aagama Sumesh of XI have qualified to participate in the National CBSE Science Exhibition.

Our joy knew no bounds when our teacher in Chemistry Geeta K won the P K Das Best Teacher Award 2018 instituted by Nehru Group of Institutions, Coimbatore.

Our teacher Lasya T R received Kalagaurav Award for encouraging the students to participate in Rangotsav celebration, an organisation for National Level Art Competitions.

I feel blessed and honoured to receive two prestigious awards this academic year. Jindal Best Teacher Award 2017 was bestowed on me by Shikshan Bharati, BVB and I also received the CBSE Best Teacher Award 2017.

My prayers of thanks to God almighty and profound thanks and gratitude to the management of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kochi Kendra, my staff, students and my family for helping me in every possible manner.

Co-Scholastic Activities

It was a moment of pride and joy for us when we lifted the coveted Ever rolling Trophy in the 22nd All Kerala Bhavan's Culutural Fest 2017. Aravind Nair was adjudged the Bhavan's Prathiba in the category V.

Adithya A, Ananthakrishnan K S & R Narayan of Std XI presented their project 'ZeWIT'-Zero Waste Integrated Technology in the Maker Mela held at Somaiya Vidya Vihar, Mumbai. They were awarded the title 'The Maker of the Year 2018'.

Aakash Anoop of VIC and Hrishikesh Varma of VB bagged the First Runners-Up Trophy in the Hindu Young World Quiz.

We lifted the Overall Trophy in Enguizard, the Inter School Literary Competitions conducted by Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Elamakkara.

Neha Menon and Poojitha Menon of Std XII were the quarterfinalist in the National Cryptic Crossword Contest.

Our school won the Overall Trophy for the Digi Fest held at Bhavan's MunshiVidyashram.

In the International Space Olympiad Manasvini Manoj of Std X secured 18th position in senior category.

Harry Noble and Malavika S Menon of Std XII received an appreciation and special cash prize of Rs 2000/- for their commendable projects in the Amateur Scientist Competition organised by PES University, Bangalore.

Five students along with the teacher Anjana Varma attended the National Integration Camp at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kodagu Vidyalaya, Madikeri, Coorg.

Tanya Antony won the first prize in Impromptu – (English Public Speaking) in TocH Inter School competition . The school bagged the 2^{nd} Runners- Up Trophy. She was adjudged the 2^{nd} Best speaker in the TocH Inter School English Debate Competition

Rohan Anilkumar of IV C won the first prize in Arithmetic Genius Abacus State Level competition. He also secured a cash prize of Rs 10000.

The School Protection Group is a community initiative involving the police and civil society, designed to counter and prevent occurrence of juvenile offences. The Student Protection Group was formed in our school on 3rd August 2017. The committee consists of the Principal, Vice Principal, 2 students, parents, teacher representatives, police constables and two shopkeepers.

The short film by Gokul Krishna and his team was adjudged the best film and the team received a cash prize of Rs 25000/ in the Interschool Short Film Challenge Competition conducted by Greets Public School.

Gautam Krishna of Std1 got the first prize in colouring in the 25th D C International Book Fair and Cultural Fest.

In the district level programme Arivarangu conducted by Deshabhimani Ms Tejaswi Ramesh got second prize in Kavithaalapanam.

Sangamitra of Std 2 secured Ist rank in the 7th SOF English Olympiad.

Mrunmayi Ashok Dalal secured the first and Anurag R Nayan secured the second position in Kavyageethi held in connection with Sahitheeyam -2017 organized by Bhavan's Adarsha Vidyalaya,

On World Blood Donation day, Dr George Paul gave a talk highlighting the Importance of donating blood to save lives and he stressed that donating blood is very essential to remain healthy and fit and people of 18 to 65 years could donate 450 ml of blood every 4 months.

Ms Divya Mathew of 'Bin It India' gave a talk on 'Cleanliness and its Importance'.

Magnum Opus- Zinios 2017, the Inter School Fest was successfully organised and conducted by our students of Std XI on 27 September. The event boosted their confidence and helped them to identify their talents and abilities.

Eminent children's author Sri Sippy Pallipuram gave a talk on World Reading Day. He talked on the importance of inculcating reading habit in children and the joy of reading.

Mrs. Ponnamma Parameswaran, District Professor of Red Cross addressed the students on First Aid and Safety Measures.

A rally was organised to bring an awareness among the people to nurture and rejuvenate our depleting rivers.

Prof Lal Mohan and Dr Jaya Lal Mohan addressed the students on International Yoga Day and helped them realise the immense benefits yoga offers and how meditation helps in achieving a sound mind and a sound body. Yoga display by students was the highlight of the day.

Dr U Vivek, Psychiatrist, Renai Medi City addressed the students of Std XI & XII on 'Drug abuse and Trafficking'.

On the International Day against Drug Abuse, Dr Vivek U, Psychiatrist, brought an awareness among the students about the hazards of drug abuse.

Students from Std 12 attended Food Awareness programme organized by Humane Society International.

ATAL Tinkering Lab was inaugurated by Hon MLA Shri Hibi Eden. The Chief Guest along with the dignitaries C A Venugopal C Govind, Chairman, BVB and E Ramankutty, Director BVB flagged off the cycle rally by the students to make the public aware of the mission behind this project of the government. Dr K P Vijayakumar gave an inspirational talk on 'Youth-Research and Create'.

K P Meenakshi S, Shrudhi S and M Aditi Raut won special mention as the Best Speakers at International Model United Nations Chapter, Kodaikanal 2017.

Annual Health check up was conducted for the students and teachers. A team of doctors from Health Wellness Solutions were gracious enough to extend their relentless service for a week.

In connection with the initiative 'Ek Bharath Shreshta Bharath' by the Government of India, to celebrate the idea of India as a nation and to promote brotherhood in each citizen, students of Std V came dressed in traditional attire of Himachal Pradesh. Various programmes were conducted to understand the customs and traditions of Himachal Pradesh.

Balajanasakhyam of our school was inaugurated by Shri K P Venu, Patron, Ernakulam Balajanasakham Charity Wing. The members handed over the stationery they collected from the students to Shri M P Venu, Secretary of Ernakulam wing, as their contribution for the needy children of government schools .The members of Balajanasakyam participated in the Ernakulam Union Cultural Fest- Sargotsavam 2017 held on 4th November at Greets Public School and won many prizes.

Dr Parvathy gave a talk on Health and Hygiene for the students of Std IX &X.

As part of Cultural Outreach Programme organised by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Infosys Foundation, the traditional ritual art form of Kerala Theyyam was performed by eminent artist Shri Srinivasan and his team on Kerala Pirivi Day.

Annual Sports Day was conducted at Maharajas College ground, Ernakulum.

Hyundai Group gave a talk on 'Road Safety' for the students of Std III to VIII.

Class magazines with unique themes were released and eductional trips for primary and secondary classes & industrial visits for Std XI & XII were undertaken.

Comprehensive Evaluation by Shikshan Bharati was held on 9th August. The team of Principals and senior PGTs from prestigious institutions headed by the Education Officer Smt Renuka Menon evaluated the classes of all the teachers. The strengths were highlighted and suggestions for improvement were given. The Education Officer complimented the efforts taken by the teachers to impart quality education.

Two teachers of our school Mrs Shanti and Mrs Rinku gave a talk and a demonstration on first aid to the students of Std 3, 4, and 5.

10 Students and 2 teachers attended the Annual Interschool Camp organised by Vidyodaya School Thevakkal. Bhavani B Prabhu was adjudged the Best Speaker and Abhishek won the Best Camper Boy. The accompanying teacher Veena V S and her team won the Best Teachers' Team.

WOW-Wealth out of Waste is a recycling initiative that works towards spreading awareness about recycling, and encouraging children to segregate and dispose waste responsibly. The students exchanged used paper for the equivalent value of new stationery supplied at the school.

Dhananjay Sriram, Anagha Muraleedharan, Anagha Girish, Shashank Venkatesan, Samanwitha Prashanth and Johann Mathews represented various committees at Harvard Model United Nations held at Hyderabad.

The achievement in the CBSE Kalolsav 2017 is another feather in our cap.

The following students won the first prize in the event Manbhavan in the Sahatheeyam -2017 conducted by Bhavan's Varuna Vidyalaya. Joanne Elizabeth Roshin, Manaswini Manoj, Smrithi Shammi Raj, Mrunmayi Ashok Dalal.

Adithya H, Abin Nelson & Madhavika Varma of Std XI bagged the second prize for Idea Presentation in Inovit 2018, Velloor.

Sports and Games

Our School Basket Ball team clinched the Championship Trophy in Under 13 Boys category in the 8th All Kerala Inter Bhavan's Games 2017 held at Bhavan's VidyaMandir, Perumthiruthi

Our school hosted the CBSE Cluster XI BoysFootball Tournament 2017. It was inaugurated by Smt Seena C V, Former Indian Football Team Member. Around 80 schools participated in Under 17 and 19 categories.

Our school bagged the Second Runners- up Trophy in the All Kerala Cluster Football under 19 category and the First Runners- up in the All Kerala RSC Cup under 16 Category.

We won the bronze medal in All Kerala Cluster XI Table Tennis under 12 Girls & Boys category.

Anagha S Menon of VIII won the first prize in Team Kata, category 12, in National Budo Martial Arts Championship.

Our school bagged the 2nd position in the YMCA chess competition under 18 category.

Dharmik Jain of Std IV won the First prize in Sparky's Speed Ice Skating.

In the District Karate Tournament by YMCA and Karate Association a few students reaped remarkable success.

We bagged the First Runners-Up Trophy in the Under 19 Girls Cluster XI Kabaddi Tournament held at Bhavan's Munshi Vidyashram, Thrivamkulam.

Pranav Raj Sunil won the Silver Medal in the Sabre Individual Event in the Sub Junior (Boys) category at the 19th Sub-Junior and 14th Cadet National Fencing Championship held at Indian Public School, Gwalior.

Our accomplished young sports persons made us proud by winning prizes in the All Kerala Bhavan's Munshi Meet 2017.

Aysha Sherif won the first position in Discus Throw under 19 category held at Marigiri Public School, Pala.

Alan Joy Jacob secured the first position in the event Sabre Team Event in the 8th Mini National Fencing Championship.

The laudable achievements of our competent sport persons in the 16th District Junior and Sub Junior Aquatics Championship organized by Ernakulam District Aquatic Association is a yardstick of enviable excellence.

S R Rohan won the gold medal in 200m & bronze medal in 100m, Antony Alen won the bronze in shot put in the Athletics Meet conducted by Ernakulam Lions Club.

Our school's ace tennis player Abhay Ramaswamy of Std XI brought glory to him and school by consistently winning prizes this year.

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Vedang Manu Varma was the winner in Under 16 Boys doubles and semi-finalist in Under 14 Boys in the District Tennis Championship 2017 held at RSC, Kochi.

Our promising athletes brought laurels to school by winning prizes in the Athletics Meet 2017 conducted by Ernakulam Sports Council.

S R Rohan won the gold medal in 50m and Rachel Koshy won the bronze medal in 100m in the Mini Athletics Meet, Ernakulam.

Lakshmi Manoj is the gold medallist in the Foil Girls Team Event in cadet category in the Kerala State Fencing Championship held at Pathanamthitta.

Our school lifted the 2nd Runners-Up Trophy in the Under 19 category in the cricket tournament held at Viswajyoti.

Functions at School

To mark the significance of the national, international and cultural days, several programmes and functions were organised at school, thus adding colour and vibrancy to school life. Starting with Environment Day, the school observed days like, World Child Labour Day, Kargil Victory Day, World Literacy Day, Constitution Day,Sanskrit Day, Hiroshima Day, Independence Day, Quit India day, Teachers day, Navarathri, International Yoga Day,Nagasaki Day,International Day of Disabled and Flag Day, Ocean Day, National Science Day for Peace and Development,Constitution Day,World Reading Day,Friendship Day and Children's Day. Gurupoornima, Ramayana Week, Onam, Navrathri, Janmashtami and Christmas Celebrations brought in a festive mood to the campus.

Charity Programmes

Medicines were distributed to Cancer Ward of Ernakulam General Hospital and Amrithakripa Hospital, Wayanad.

We extended financial assistance to provide wells at Wayanad.

In connection with Envirionment Day students distributed saplings in and around the locality.

The Young Indians have always been in the forefront of all civic related activities both in and out of school. Our YI members organized various programmes and actively participated in 'Horn Not, OK Please' campaign. The members of YI distributed provisions to the inmates of orphanages. Diya, the Annual Cultural Fiesta for the children of Santhwanam will be conducted in February.

NCC

I am proud to mention that the NCC unit that was incorporated 15 years ago is doing extremely well with an enrolment strength of 50 cadets. Students of Std VIII & IX attended the trekking camp held at Idukki. Anton Chris of Std IX was adjudged the 2nd Best Shooting Cadet. In April 2017,3 students of Std IX attended the RDC Camp held at Thiruvilamala.

Exchange Programme

As part of student exchange programme, this year a team of 28 students and 4 teachers headed by Mrs Vijaya C K visited the UK in June. About 25 students and 5 teachers will be paying a reciprocal visit in October 2018.

School Counsellor

The service of the Professional Counsellor has tremendously helped to solve to a great extent the students' mental, emotional, behavioural, social and educational problems. Counselling services and guidance are imparted to the parents of the students studying in the school. Resource room facilities have been made available to students with special needs.

School Library

The school library is enriched with the latest materials in literature, science, Art and Fiction catering to the increasing demand and giving the students an opportunity to delve into the world of information and knowledge. During this academic year alone, books worth Rs.25000/-have been added to the school library.

School Publication

The annual magazine Bhavana and the newsletter Toolika are nearing completion and will be published soon.

Parent Teacher Association

Our school's PTA plays a significant role in the progress of the school. A parent representative of each class was elected and the PTA is in full swing under the leadership of its President Shri Madhukuttan Nair.

Faculty Improvement Programme

Challenging and invigorating workshops and seminars helped our teachers to upgrade knowledge, expand teaching techniques, explore pedagogical issues and enhance learning process. The teachers of various department attended various seminars and workshops this academic year too.

Acknowledgements

I wish to celebrate our success with an expression of gratitude to the Almighty, who has showered on us plentiful blessings, to our illustrious management, whose vision, wisdom and missionary zeal inspired all of us to work with passion and commitment. I acknowledge in all sincerity, the hard work, commitment and team work of my dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff and thank them for doing their best to build this edifice of excellence.

My staff and I reaffirm our total dedication to the cause of our students' education and welfare. We continue to strive for excellence in our school and look forward to a prosperous upcoming academic year with even better results.

Thank you,

Smt Sunitha S.

Principal