

SRI DASMESH ACADEMY, ANANDPUR SAHIB
DISTT.RUPNAGAR (PUNJAB)

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INTRODUCTION

Sri Dasmesh Academy, Anandpur Sahib member of IPSC, CBSE affiliated, co-educational boarding-cum-day boarding school stands tall on the picturesque lower Shiwalik hills. Sri Dasmesh Academy owes its origin to the vision and dream of the then Chief Minister of Punjab Sardar Parkash Singh Badal. This dream became a reality on September 24, 1978, when the then President of India, Shri Neelam Sanjiva Reddy laid the foundation stone of the Academy. Over a span of more than 40 years, Sri Dasmesh Academy has emerged as one of the leading public schools in the country.

Another year has set in but filled with doubt fear and uncertainty caused by the third wave of COVID-19 pandemic. In adaptation to unforeseen circumstances lies the answer. As part of Covid Protocol members of Sri Dasmesh Academy staff were duly vaccinated. Shift to online way of teaching was the first big shift in order to make up for the loss due to the closure of the schools.

Despite constraints of online teaching multifarious activities were carried out.

ACADEMICS

The Academy at present is functioning with strength of 700 students and 33 teachers. The senior classes work on tutorial basis where the teachers are able to pay individual attention to their students. We have a set of very hard working teachers. To improve the academics standard extra coaching classes for the weak students are conducted.

In the 2020-21 Board examination, the results in Class-XII was 100%. Out of 82 students, 50 students obtained 75% and above marks in which 8 students got 90% and above and 28 students obtained 80% and above marks. In Class XII Science Stream Miss Sharuti Sharma obtained 96% marks, Sakhshi Sharma obtained 95.6% marks and Master Chandanbir Singh obtained 93.8% marks. In Commerce Stream Miss Sejal and Komaljot Kaur obtained 95.2% marks, Miss Navdeep Kaur obtained 87.8% and Navjot Kaur obtained 87.4 marks. In the Arts Stream Miss Ripudaman Kaur got 92.8% marks and got Ist position, Saksham Thakur obtained 86.8% and Umed Singh got 83.6% marks. In Class X board results, Kavleen Kaur got Ist position by obtaining 95.5%, Nitish Sharma obtained 94.66% and Komalsameer Kaur obtained 93.5% marks.

SPORTS

The Academy has excellent infrastructure for sports with adequate fields and courts. A Gymnasium with good indoor sports facilities. We are fully utilizing this infrastructure. Inter House competitions in various games and sports have always been of very high standard in our Academy. These competitions are held in three levels i.e Sub Juniors, Juniors and Seniors in Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton. We also have an excellent Gymnastics Team. We have been regularly taking part in the different sports competitions. Due to Covid-19 pandemic in the year 2020-2021, these events were not conducted. However, regular online Yoga classes and other physical activities were organized for the staff and students to keep them physically and mentally fit.

LIBRARY

The Academy Library has more than 10,000 books and planning to purchase more. We have world class reference books and have a regular flow of good magazines. We also have our cable T.V. in the hostels and our students have monitored access to channels like the BBC, National Geographic and Discovery.

SOLAR POWER STATION

The Academy has a 200 KVA Solar Power Station which is generates electricity for the use of the Academy To conserve energy all lights have been changed to LED tubes/bulbs.

NCC

We have full fledged Army Wing NCC. Our NCC Army wing having strength of 100 cadets are regularly trained. Our NCC cadets and Band Party regularly takes part in the Republic Day as well as Independence Day Parade held at Anandpur Sahib.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTITITIES

In co-curricular fields, we conduct Inter House Competitions in debates and declamation in three languages. This provides the necessary impetus in public speaking, stagecraft and the consequent confidence building. Inter House Quiz, on the spot painting and drama competitions are organised.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Cleanliness is a mindset- a positive habit that keeps the body and mind neat and delightful. With an aim to inculcate the habit of cleanliness among the students several activities were organized on **World Health Day** on March 07. The students were motivated to wash and sanitize their hands and wear the mask properly. A poster making competition was held based on the theme. The school observed **Swachhta Pakhwada** from September 1 to 15. The activities including Swachhta Pledge, Green School Drive Community Outreach, Handwash Day, Personal Hygiene Day, Letter Writing, Slogan Writing, Swachhta action day and concluded with a Prize Distribution Ceremony. The school held **plogging** activities all around the school building on the Earth Day. The students pledged to plant trees, avoid the use of plastic bags and follow the mantra of '**Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**'. The school celebrated **World Environment Day on 5th June**. On this occasion, students took part in many online activities. They made eco-friendly bags, posters and wrote slogans on the theme 'save environment'. They also planted saplings at their homes.

National Festivals can be considered *festivals of national integration as they bring together the whole nation in a shared experience.* Importance of observing national festivals not only instills feelings of patriotism and pride for one's country but also allows us to have a peep into our rich and vast history. Thus, **Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti** were celebrated with great fervor and gaiety in order to fill the emotion of patriotism, success and victory among students.

The legendary heroes are the true effective ideals to discuss with the students. Birth anniversary of **Shaheed Bhagat Singh** was celebrated on 28 September with great devotion and patriotic fervour at Academy. A play on his life was organized on the occasion. Students **sang songs and recited mesmerizing poetry based on the message of truth and non-violence** in an event organized on 2nd October. They organized the presentation on the life of the father of nation. A friendly talk and a speech on the achievements of APJ Abdul Kalam were organized in the Central Assembly in reverence to the founder of Indian Missile Programme on his birth anniversary on 15th October, 2021. The birth anniversary of **Shaheed Udham Singh**, the freedom fighter who avenged Jallianwala Bagh tragedy was celebrated virtually on 26 December. Students sang patriotic songs in chorus in appreciation of the bravery of the martyr. Students came forward with self composed poem recitation and paragraph writing on Swami Vivekananda's birthday on 12th January, 2021. **Under The Veer Gatha project** organized by Minister of Defence in partnership with Ministry of Education from 21st October 21 to 20th November, 2021, students of Sri Dasmesh Academy actively took part in various activities to include Essay Writing, Painting and Multi Media presentations. The birth anniversary of **Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel** was observed by

celebrating **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas- National Unity Day** on October 31, 2021. Rashtriya Ekta Pledge to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation was taken by the students.

“If you want something said, ask a man, but if you want something done, ask a woman,” said Margaret Thatcher. Sri Dasmesh Academy celebrated **International Women's Day** with fervor to mark the social, economic and political growth of the women over the years. Poem recitation and essay writing competitions were organized.

International Yoga Day was celebrated in the Academy on 21st June with students and staff putting up a brilliant display of various postures in synchronization.

Every child is a different kind of flower and all together makes this world a beautiful garden.” On November 14 the **Children’s Day**. The celebrations began with the Morning Prayer, followed by variety of fun filled activities and games planned by the teachers for the children.

National Handwriting Day, coined by The Writing Instruments Manufacturers Association falls on 23 January of the year. Writing is just more than a skill learnt at school. It is an impression created on the minds of readers and onlookers. The **Creative Handwriting Competition** was held for all the classes to develop love for beautiful writing among the students. As a regular feature of the academic calendar, **Creative Writing Competition** too was held in English, Hindi and Punjabi to improve imagination and communication. In order to push the students for more creative activity an inter-class **Newspaper Making Competition** was also held.

As part of holistic development of the child and allow students to express their novel innovative thoughts and ideas, **CBSE Expression Series** were conducted on the theme ' **My Vision for India@100 Years's**. The activities included poem ,essay writing and drawing competitions.

Language is an inexhaustible treasure of any nation, its priceless property. It gives an immense pride and sense of togetherness. With an aim to recognize and honor the official language of India **Hindi Diwas** was celebrated on 14th September. A host of activities were carried out including an essay writing, poem recitation, slogan writing and collage making.

Department of Science and technology observes the **Vigilance Awareness Week** from 20th October 21 to 1st November, 21 every year. Several activities were organized in the school to spread this year’s theme-independent India@75; Self reliance with integrity. All students took the pledge. Students were encouraged to collectively participate in the prevention of and the fight against corruption and to raise public awareness.

A **National Achievement Survey** was conducted throughout the country for classes 3rd, 5th, 8th and 10th. The competency based test questions developed reflected the learning outcomes developed by the **NCERT**.

The Constitution Day was celebrated in the school on November 26, 2021 to mark the 71st anniversary of adoption of constitution of India. The Preamble of Constitution was read by the students. Apart from that, quiz and Essay Writing Competitions were also held.

To commemorate 75 years of independence the Prime Minister SHRI Narendra MODI inaugurated the **Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav**. A series of events were planned by the government of India in order to be followed by the educational institutions. The canvas of **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bhart (EBSB)** encompasses all the states and the union territories of India. Punjab has been paired with Andhra Pradesh. A host of activities were carried out to connect in the area of language learning, culture, traditions, music, tourism, cuisine, sports and sharing of best practices etc. It was rich language learning experience for the students and staff as well.

ENVIRONMENT

The Academy has vast infrastructure spread over an area of 163 acres land. The landscaping has been done in the Academy campus. Approximately 2000 trees of different varieties were planted in the Academy last year. The staff and students and the parents are motivated to save the environment, water resources and energy resources. Academy has established an ECO Club in which the students of the Academy are actively taking part to save the environment. Different ponds/tanks have been made in the Academy campus for water harvesting which is used during the summer season for watering the plants. Since the Academy has vast jungle areas in which a number of species of animals are living, the pond water is also very useful for them during summer season. Swachhta Abhiyan has also been introduced in the Academy as per the guidelines of the state and central government. We continuously promoting awareness amongst the children, staff and parents and the local public on environment conservation and cleanliness.

TRAINING THE TRAINERS

To cope up with the need of change in role of teachers and technologies amidst the COVID 19 pandemic several Capacity building seminars/programmes or sessions were held throughout the year to promote the **Adaptability: transmission from physical teaching mode to online** teaching among the teachers. Special training courses for "**Upskilling of Teachers on New Age Technology**" organized by CBSE in collaboration with NASSCOM were attended. Various other essential seminars held by CBSE to introduce Competency Based Education were taken by teachers.

PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Moreover, **parent–teacher conferences** (virtual) were held periodically to discuss a child's progress, find solutions to academic or behavioral problems and to connect with community to handle the stress caused by Covid19. Special teacher parent meeting were held by class teachers to introduce parents and students to the New Educational Policy.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Academy has a School Management Committee as per the norms of the CBSE and meetings are regularly conducted. In the School Management Committee, besides the three Trust members, two educationist, two parents and two teachers have been nominated. The decisions of the School Management Committee are conveyed to the parents, staff and students in the regular meetings.

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

The Academy has an excellent record of the achievements of its alumni. Most of the students who passed Class XII have settled down well in life. As per our Roll of Honour a total of 150 become Officer in the Defence Forces, 425 Engineers, 170 Medical Services, 50 Merchant Navy, 15 Police Officer and joined Civil Services and most of them have gone abroad and settled there. Meetings of the Old Boys are held in the Academy. The concern and caring attitude they have for their alma-mater is our great strength. We wish them all the best.

Students learn, retain and apply information most effectively when they receive personalized education paths and when sufficient resources are made available to them. In typical classrooms, students that require more attention or support are tended to, however, with pandemic, this was no longer the case. This challenge was responded to with the rise of online teaching platforms and digital learning apps. Despite heightened disengagement level due to loss of social interactions, students did learn new skills to include time management & responsibility, however with reduced learning time along with the loss of social connections, the development of child as whole has certainly been impeded.. We foresee numerous changes when life returns to normal with lot of activities, self development opportunities and personalized learning modules to enrich all facets of students' learning journey.

Our Academy has embraced this change as an opportunity. Virtual learning as the key strategy has been taken very seriously and digital infrastructure upgraded to match the best available in the market. The digital awareness of teachers too has improved multifold. It improved the parents' understanding of the caretaking role the teachers play and they appreciated the role played by the teachers during pandemic in students' well-being on a daily basis.
