

## **Annual Report – Ms. Nirupama Kapoor**

Honourable Smt. Rajashree Birla, Dr Santrupt Misra, Dr Ganguli, respected guests, on behalf of the Aditya Birla School, Bhubaneswar it gives me great happiness to welcome you to 1<sup>st</sup> virtual founders' day. The pandemic has opened the eyes of the world, to the role that teachers play, in shaping the future of our nation. All that came to a halt with the advent of the pandemic. We strongly feel that, during these difficult times, we need to be more resilient, to overcome any adversity facing us, and to adapt to challenging situations.

In response to the pandemic, everything went online; teaching, communication, learning, art, music dance, physical fitness, wellness sessions, webinars, contests and children participated with great zeal! Skill development activities from 'robotics' to 'delicious' were online. The school has joined 'Khelo India' programme. National and International days and festivals were celebrated virtually with great enthusiasm.

Our students brought laurels to the school at National and International level.

- In Taekwondo our students bagged silver medals at State and National level.
- In roller skating competition in Karnataka our student created Guinness World Record title for 48 hours nonstop roller skating.
- Our student won the BRICS Math Competition conducted by BRICS countries.
- Our student won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at Gajasma Japanese Anzan and Sorban Abacus International Competition in Dubai.
- Maiden book – 'The Laws of the Wind' launched by a student of our school.
- High Distinction award and High Distinction Excellence Award in Quiz conducted by Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Australia.
- Our student was selected in Young Scientist Programme, Yuvika 2020 organized by ISRO.
- Few students were also selected for shooting talent by Odisha Talent Adoption Programme.
- Our school took care of its social responsibility by gifting story books to the local school children and tied rakhis to soldiers to salute them.
- Our Social Enterprise team won Silver Level in School Enterprise Challenge U.K. and used the surplus to gift bedsheets to Asha Kiran; an Aquaguard water purifier and 27 blankets to Jeevan Jyoti Ashram.
- Swayamsiddha's journey as a writer and her maiden publication was showcased as a documentary in Kallola Film Festival in collaboration with UNICEF.
- Our children created 5 projects for Design for Change and UNICEF.
- A Tree Plantation drive was conducted in school.
- The school launched its e-magazine, Arunodaya.
- The best news this year; our CBSE Affiliation to upgrade the school upto class XII.

What has been most remarkable is the agility and adaptability of our young Adityans! They learnt to handle the technology quickly; learnt, sang, played and danced despite all the difficulties. It was wonderful to see parents help their children login and attend the classes along with the children. The teachers worked tirelessly, learnt new skills, created original content. They were ably supported by our staff members. The management stood strong with us during these difficult times. It has been a steep learning curve for every one and our people took it as an opportunity to learn, grow and innovate!

I am deeply grateful to the Almighty for all His blessings and thankful for the intensely focused work of our entire team, our teachers, our support staff, our students, our management and our parents.

I thank you all for your continuous support in all our endeavours.