

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK  
NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL, INDIRANAGAR  
AN OVERVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

Dear Parents

Greetings of the season!

As we come to the end of the current academic year 2019-2020, at National Public School, Indiranagar, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some important events and look forward to an even more successful 2020!

Firstly, I thank you all for your continued support for the school. We have enjoyed meeting so many of you and Parent Teachers' Conferences have been extremely well-attended with over 98% of parents joining us each time. This is a positive indication and I thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that your ward 'aspires and achieves.'

Below are some of the key achievements of this year. Of course we await the Annual CBSE results; I am confident that the hard work of our pupils and a high degree of support from the parents will really pay off and put us on the map to being an outstanding provider of education for young people of the city.

**SOME ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020:**

Our students have indeed made all of us proud of the achievements they have notched up in every arena at various national and international forums.

We celebrate success with NPS, Indiranagar. *The Times Education Excellence Awards 2019* helps one get a glimpse of the best of educational institutions in and around Bengaluru that offer top-notch faculty, infrastructure and ultra-modern amenities. The winners were adjudged post a rigorous and detailed research based on various parameters. 350 schools and 90 preschools from across the city of Bangalore were part of this study. National Public School, Indiranagar, Bangalore, was adjudged No 2 in Bengaluru for institutions under CBSE Curriculum, and No 5 in the state at Times Education Excellence, Bengaluru 2019.

**The School's Annual Results 2019**

The School results of Class 10 and 12 for the year 2018-2019 were the icing on the cake with an overall Average at 89.90%, with Narayani Sai Pemmaraju scoring a brilliant 98.40%. Our class 12 results for the year 2018-2019 were top notch with our Science stream average at 87.90% with Aparna A Gupte scoring a commendable 98.40 %. Our Commerce students did us proud with their average of 84.04% with Harshita Battacharjee scoring a massive 96.00%.

We are extremely happy to inform you that we have achieved 100% results in the All India Secondary School Examination (Class 10) and All India Senior School Certificate Examination (Class 12).

## **Techies of National Public School Indiranagar Break Language Barriers Through Coding 18 January 2020**

Our team, comprising Anirudh S, Abhinav Chinta, Anand Balivada, Vrishab Krishna and Luv Singhal of Class 11, developed a software called *Drishti* that translates books in English or Hindi to books in braille of Indian languages, targeting publishers of braille books. Our team, which was also the youngest team at the event, won the Hackathon and bagged a prize money of Rs 1 lakh.

## **Aria Vikram - Global Finalist in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge 23 September 2019**

NPS girl, Aria Vikram of Class 10 became a global finalist in the Breakthrough Junior Challenge, a Global Science Competition where participants had to explain a complex Math or Science topic in an engaging manner.

Aria's video was based on telomeres, the caps at the end of our chromosomes which are major predictors of one's lifespan.

The competition received more than 3,200 submissions from 122 countries out of which Aria's video was chosen in the top 15 by a judging panel which included Sal Khan (founder of Khan Academy) and Lucy Hawking (daughter of Stephen Hawking)

**Aria Vikram** – Grand Prize Winner. In addition, Aria Vikram was named Grand Prize Winner by Open Roberta for exceptional contributions to open source software as part of Google Code-in 2019. Google Code-in is a global online contest that encourages teenage students to use a range of skills, like coding, design, quality assurance, research, and outreach while contributing to open source software. Aria Vikram completed 48 tasks as Winner in the contest.

## **Toyota Hackathon India November 2019**

Siddhant Attavar and Shreyas Viswanath of Grade 9 bagged the 1st place in the Toyota Hackathon India 2019, Bangalore Edition, organized by Toyota-Kirloskar and Indian Road Safety Campaign. The hackathon saw participation from 700 teams from all across Karnataka with competition spread over three tough rounds.

DriveSafe, an app which uses inbuilt sensors in the smartphone to monitor driving behaviours such as sudden braking, sharp turns etc, was created by Siddhant and Shreyas and was selected amongst the top 10 ideas at the hackathon. NPS Indiranagar will receive a cheque of Rs. 25,000 from the organizers of the event.

### **Kanna at Intel ISEF 2019**

Viswesh Krishna and Vrishab Krishna won a Grand Award securing the Third Place Recognition at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2019 (Intel ISEF) in the category of Translational Medical Sciences for their project *Kanna* - A Deep Learning Approach for Screening Amblyopia using Facial Images. They were awarded a \$1000 cash prize and also awarded a certificate of Honourable Mention in the Special Award Category by the American Statistical Association for the statistical analysis of their results.

Their ISEF project can be found [here](#).

The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF <https://student.societyforscience.org/intel-isef>) unites the top young scientific minds, showcasing their talents on an international stage, where doctoral-level scientists review and judge their work.

### **World Water Summit August 2019**

Param Nayar and Ashvin Raghavan of Grade 10 participated in the World Water Summit, held from 21-23 August 2019, New Delhi. They won the 'Best Paper Award' for their case study presentation on "Water Security for Growth and Development" from Mr. Anil Razdan, Former Secretary, Power, Government of India and Chairman, Energy and Environment Foundation.

### **Nandita Kadkol Emerges Among the Top 30 Debaters of the Country December 2019**

The Indian Schools Debating Society (ISDS) held its national debating camp in Chennai between the 20-24 December 2019.

After a series of online quizzes that tested logic, economics, science, knowledge of current affairs as well as video selections in which participants had to upload a video of them speaking on a debate motion, Nandita Kadkol of class 10 was selected as one of the top 54 debaters of the country to attend the World Schools Debate Training Camp.

**Advay Ajayan Thangoor and Tarun Ashok** of Class XI took part as a team in the Young Leaders' Initiative Competition at New Delhi which was held from 12<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, conducted by Shri Ram College of Commerce, New Delhi. They have emerged winners!

Out of the teams registered from 445 Schools, their team "Bangalore Blitzkrieg" was the only one from South India. The Finals, covered a number of rounds, each designed to test the skills of over multifaceted areas of Finance, Marketing, Management and Analytical Skills. Kudos to the winning duo!!

**Samvar Harshil Shah** of class 6 took the Asset Talent Search test which is higher than the current grade level. As his score was in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, he was awarded the Asset Gold Scholar title. He also received a scholarship for the same. This score enables him to qualify for several gifted programs across the US. He has applied to and received acceptance from the Summer Institute for the Gifted at UC Berkeley.

## **SPORTS**

### **6th United International Games November 2019**

Dubai Sports Council and JAM Sports Academy had organized their 6th United International Games in association with Sanyukta Bharatiya Khel Foundation from 8-10 November 2019 in Dubai. Two of our students, Kaustubh Kulkarni and Smaran Dhyani Maletira of Class 8 represented India in U -17 Boys Category and made headlines securing a Bronze Medal.

### **Gold in Boxing**

P Shivani, studying in Class 10 has won a Gold in the CBSE South Zone Boxing Championship, defeating a boxer from Army School, Maharashtra in the finals. She also won a Gold Medal in the Karnataka Dussera Boxing Championship in the Senior Open Age Category. Not to be out done, she won a Bronze Medal in the CBSE National Boxing Championship held in Haryana in November 2019.

## **MUSIC**

### **Mridangam Competition June 2019**

Kaushik Sridhar of Class 12 won the Annual Mridangam Competition under the senior category (above 17), conducted by the Rasika Ranjana Sabha, Trichy in June 2019. The award presentation was done in August 2019 by the veteran Clarinet Vidwan Sangeeta Kalanidhi, Sri A. K. Natarajan. Kaushik also won the prestigious Annual Mridangam Competition in the Junior category (below 18), conducted by the The Music Academy, Chennai in September 2019.

## **WISSEN 2019**

WISSEN 2019, an All India Quiz hosted by Greenwood High School on August 29, 2019 saw the participation of more than 300 teams. Our team comprising Dhyani Vyas and Vishnu Sampathkumar of Class 10 won the second place in this prestigious event walking away with a cash prize of Rs 50,000/-

### **Science Olympiad Foundation Winners**

#### **Siddharth L Pai of Class 12 won the ICSO Zonal Gold Medal**

**Architha Panikkar** of Class 6 won the NSO International Gold Medal **Spandan Jena** of Class 5 won the following in the SOF Examinations held:

- NCO – Zonal Bronze Medal
- NSO Zonal Gold Medal
- IMO International Gold Medal
- Academics Excellence Scholarship of Rs. 5000/-

**Tanish Singh Khurana** of Class 9 won the following in the SOF Examinations held:

- NCO International Silver Medal
- NSO Zonal Bronze Medal
- Academics Excellence Scholarship of Rs. 5000/-

### **Transcendence June 2019**

St Joseph's Boys High School conducted its science fest *Transcendence*, on 21st and 22nd June 2019. Once again, the students of our school did us proud.

In *Square Up*, the puzzle event that required participants to come up with practical solution the team comprising Anshul Panda, L Lakshmanan and M Sai Aashrith Reddy of class 12 NPS, INR bagged the 1st position yet again

### **Prasiddhi Quiz July 2019**

The Prasiddhi Quiz was held on Friday, 5 July 2019 at Prasiddhi School. Over 80 teams of students from classes 8, 9 and 10 took part in the event. Our team consisting of Vishnu Sampathkumar and Dhyan Vyas of Class 10 were placed first in the event, winning a rolling trophy and two individual trophies.

### **FIT INDIA MOVEMENT – FITNESS WEEK CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 2019**

The Nationwide “FIT INDIA MOVEMENT- FITNESS WEEK” was celebrated in our school in the 3rd and 4th week of November 2019. Various activities such as sports, fitness quiz, poster making competition on fitness, staff fitness activities, indigenous games and sports from Partner State 1–Uttarakhand, doctor visits, morning yoga and mental fitness exercises, etc were conducted through KHELO INDIA app across all classes.

The accomplishments of our students in various spheres of school activity are authentic examples of the NPS dedication to the development of each and every student's potential in a positive environment. We abide by the NPS motto to 'Reach Out, Reach High and Reach Beyond' and encourage our students to utilize their academic, creative, social and emotional skills.

Please find below some key dates for your diary.

### **SUMMER VACATIONS AND DATES OF RE-OPENING**

The school will remain closed from 1st April 2020 for the summer vacations.

The detailed schedule of the re-opening of the school is as follows:

Class 9, 10, 11 and 12	Thursday, 28 May 2020
Class 1 to 8	Wednesday, 03 June 2020

### **TEXTBOOKS AND NOTEBOOKS**

We have come across a large number of parents who have expressed their concern and difficulty in organizing textbooks and other materials well in time. We have made arrangements for books and materials from different agencies and will distribute them to the students in order to avoid any academic loss when the school re-opens. The prescribed cost and schedule of issue of books will be notified to the students separately.

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER CERTIFICATE**

We have tremendous pressure from parents seeking admission both from India and abroad. In this context, it would be appreciated if parents of wards who are withdrawing from the school from the next academic year could inform us of the same latest by Saturday, 14 March 2020.

I would like to wish you all the very best for the summer vacation and look forward to welcoming you all back, refreshed, for what will be another exciting, new academic year.

Warm regards

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