

Annual School Report: Academic Session 2023-24

In the continuum of excellence and educational prowess, Saraswati Paradise International Public School traversed yet another academic year dedicated to nurturing young minds and fostering holistic development. The symbiosis of tradition, innovation and a child-centred approach has been the cornerstone of our educational philosophy.

Academic Achievements:

From its inception, Saraswati Paradise has consistently demonstrated a commitment to academic excellence. The academic session 2023-24 proved to be no exception as our students exhibited unwavering dedication, resulting in a commendable 100% pass rate in both 10th and 12th CBSE Board Examinations. These outcomes reflect not only the diligence of our students but also the efficacy of our pedagogical approaches.

Moreover, the curriculum has been meticulously designed to cater to the multifaceted needs of our diverse student body, fostering intellectual curiosity and critical thinking. The tireless efforts of our educators in crafting an enriching academic environment have undoubtedly contributed to the continued success of our students.

Tech Upgrade:

The old Promethean Boards were replaced by cutting edge Flat Panels in eleven classrooms. Additionally, one panel had been installed in the School Assembly Hall. These state of the art panels measure an impressive 75 inches and with a cost of around 2 lakhs, providing our students with an immersive and engaging learning experience.

Teachers' Professional Development:

Saraswati Paradise continues to strive towards innovation and latest practices in the field of pedagogy. Recognizing that the foundation of an exceptional educational institution lies in the continuous growth of its faculty, the school prioritized comprehensive teacher development initiatives. Throughout the year, our educators were engaged in online and offline CBSE training courses, numerous in-house training sessions were conducted, providing educators with the tools and insights needed to navigate the evolving educational landscape. Covering a spectrum of topics including guidance and counselling, life skills, etc. in line with NEP 2020, these sessions not only honed teaching techniques but also fortified the teachers' ability to serve as mentors to our students.

Sports and Physical Fitness:

Beyond the confines of the classroom, our students demonstrated exceptional prowess in various extracurricular arenas. Sporting achievements, in particular, reached new heights, with several students earning coveted spots in state-level Cricket competition. The school's commitment to physical well-being was further emphasized through activities such as Boxing matches, Tug of War, Athletics, and Kabaddi matches.

Two students brought laurels to the school in All India Karate Championship and one student excelled in First Pachhad Chess Championship.

Skill Courses, Awareness Drives and Workshops for Students:

Recognizing the evolving landscape of education, Saraswati Paradise introduced skill courses tailored for students in grades 6-8. These courses, spanning Design Thinking and Innovation, Marketing, and Financial Literacy, aim to equip students with practical skills essential for their future endeavours.

An awareness drive on drug addiction – 'Say No to Drugs and Yes to Life' was organised to sensitise the students about this evil rampant in the society which was graced by the honourable Officiating SHO Dhalli & Incharge of Sanjauli, Chowki, Shimla.

An educational trip to Amar Ujala Printing Press, Shoghi was organised for the senior students to educate them about the processes involved in printing a newspaper.

With an aim to educate girl students about Menstrual Health and Hygiene, a workshop was organised which was headed by Dr Sarita, an experienced gynaecologist from KNH Shimla.

A Cleanliness Drive – 'Ek Ghanta Ek Sath' was organised to impose upon the students about the importance of making our surroundings clean and green.

As part of our commitment to providing practical knowledge and skills to our students, a visit to State Bank of India, Shanan was organised with the objective to familiarize the students with real-world financial operations and transactions.

A workshop on Artificial intelligence was conducted by Orange Education Pvt Limited for the students of classes IX and X in which Mrs Sneh Lata, a renowned CBSE Resource Person emphasized upon the importance of AI in the current scenario.

Value Education:

We believe that educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. Therefore, value based sessions were conducted for self-development and personality development of the students with an aim to inculcate them values like honesty, gratitude, forgiveness, kindness etc.

Extra-curricular and Co-curricular Accomplishments:

Co-curricular activities have been woven seamlessly into our academic tapestry, creating a vibrant and dynamic learning environment. Storytelling sessions, recitations, debates, dance, declamation, puppet shows, etc. competitions served as avenues for students to hone their communication skills and express their creativity.

The talented students of the school got a proud privilege of being specially invited for performing in the event Silver Jubilee Merit Scholarship Scheme hosted by SJVNL, Shanan.

One of our students won the first position in Inter School Declamation Competition and other student bagged the third position in Inter School Poster Making Competition organised by Keekli Charitable Trust in collaboration with Language and Culture Department HP in the Children's Literature Festival.

A Quiz Competition on General Awareness and Knowledge was organised under the aegis of SJVNL, Shanan in which the participants exhibited their mettle.

A team of very talented and well deserving students bagged the first prize in 'Enviro-Ideation Hackathon' organised by Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board on the occasion of World Environment Day which was graced by the Honourable Chief Minister HP. They won a cash prize of Rs 20,000 as well.

Aakash Institute Branch Shimla organised a Felicitation Ceremony for the meritorious students of CBSE class X Board Examination in which 15 students were felicitated for giving an outstanding result.

A felicitation ceremony – 'Shimla ke Medhavi' hosted by Divya Himachal Media Group was organised in Govt. Senior Sec. School, Chhota Shimla which was graced by Honourable Governor HP and Honourable Education Minister HP in which 15 meritorious students got felicitated.

Participation in 'Bharat Ko Jano Quiz' competition showcased the students' comprehensive knowledge and earned them the opportunity to represent the state in a competition held in Amritsar. Their exceptional performance extended to inter-school events, where they secured the first prize in a competition organized by the Rotary Club Shimla, competing against students from 36 other schools.

One of our students achieved a remarkable feat by securing the second position in the Inter School Declamation Contest – 'Manthan' organised by the Rotary Club Shimla Midtown competing with 36 students from renowned schools of Shimla.

The first ever Inter School Robotics Competition – HP Teck League, was organised under the aegis of Vignan Learning Solutions. More than 150 enthusiastic contestants from around five districts of Himachal Pradesh participated in the event. Our students bagged the first and second position in Code-O-tsav, and second position in Kala Srujan.

The budding actors of the school participated in Children's Theatre Festival – Inter School Hindi Drama Competition organised by the Keekli Charitable Trust. The students delivered a captivating performance which bagged the first

position in four categories – Best Adaptation, Best Performance, Best Direction and Best Costume. They also won a cash prize of Rs 26,000.

Many intra class, inter class and inter house competitions like Spell Bee, GK Quiz, Science & Math Quiz, Language Quiz, IT Quiz, Soft Board Decoration, Drawing and Painting Competitions etc. are organised to instil a spirit of healthy competition and bring out the talent and creativity of the students.

Special Events and Celebrations:

A pivotal aspect of Saraswati Paradise International Public School's ethos is the celebration of diversity and familial bonds. Special events, including Funfair, Mother's Day celebrations, and Grandparents' Day across all school clusters, provided moments of joy and reflection. These events not only served as platforms for students to express gratitude but also strengthened the sense of community within our school.

Saraswati Paradise advocates a secular approach which is reflected in the celebration of important festivals of various religions and communities.

Emphasis is given on the celebration of Important Days of both national & international significance.

The Annual Day Celebration – 'Vibrant Visions – The Annual Day Spectacular' divided in four clusters – Foundational, Preparatory, Middle School and High School was a resounding success.

As we conclude the academic year, we celebrate the achievements of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the support of parents. The school looks forward to another year of fostering a culture where excellence, perfection and creativity continue to thrive.

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