

## ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, SR.SEC.SCHOOL, FETRI, NAGPUR

### Annual Report - Major Events and Activities conducted during the session 2020 – 2021

#### Introduction

St. Joseph's Convent, Senior Secondary School, Fetri, Nagpur strives to enkindle the values implied in the School Motto: Virtue Alone Ennobles - in the tender minds of our children so that they grow up to become responsible citizens of today to shine forth tomorrow.

Value-based education is a process of growth – social, cultural, environmental, religious and intellectual. This report encapsulates what St. Joseph's Convent, Senior Secondary School, Fetri, Nagpur has achieved from the last academic year towards this goal.

We thank God Almighty for showering on us His blessings. I acknowledge the relentless support and encouragement of our President, Sr. Lorraine Marie Delaney, School Management- Sr.(Dr.) Charmaine Coutinho, Sr. Ritika Michael, Principal and Sr. Lisy Vallooran, its Board member.

I also acknowledge the dedicated and untiring efforts of the teaching and support staff. We have a strong team of **66** staff with all capabilities, which includes **56 teaching faculty, 3 administrative staff and 7 non – teaching staff** who are a well-knit, qualified and are a serious and purposeful group of dedicated individuals. Together we are a large Josephite family marching forward together to achieve our goal of enlightening all. With high expectation and academic vigour, the school resumed its journey on 1st June 2020, for the session 2020-2021 through online platform.



**Training & Update:** To empower the teachers to face 21st century challenges in education, a two-day workshop was conducted by Dr.(Mrs) Sharmistha Gupta (left) on Stress Management and Sr. David Delaney (right) on Qualities of an Effective Teacher. A special Workshop on NEP was conducted for all the teachers by Miss Sherya Lalwani. In- House Training Programmes our trained teachers through CBSE, and Annual Training through CBSE Training Portal, Diksha Portal and other Govt. agencies conducted successfully



**Toppers of the tenth Board (2020) Examination** were felicitated at a special function. Together with their parents they were honoured and congratulated and given tokens of appreciation.



Parental programmes were conducted for parents on

NEP and online classes. Twice a month, parent- teacher meetings were regularly held to update parents about students' progress.

**Remedial Classes:** Various techniques, activities and extra classes were arranged to eliminate weaknesses or deficiencies in struggling learners.



**Counselling & Stress Management:**

The School strictly opposes the use of corporal punishment; rather, it advocates distress-sensitive discipline policies. The school counsellor helps teachers to handle psychological behaviour of students through counselling and conducting workshop for teachers and students.

**Awareness Programmes:** Seminars, discussions, visual aids, awareness programmes, etc., were conducted for students to overcome challenges encountered during childhood and adolescence and to create an environment that is safe, protective and conducive for student development.



**Curriculum & Examinations:** The curriculum is meticulously planned and programmed on the guidelines of CBSE. The School successfully conducted Term I & II examination and the results were published online.

**Infrastructural Facilities**

- School has completed its construction with three floors while the emergency exit is under construction.
- Spacious, well-lit classrooms to aid the process of learning.
- A scientific and technological environment is nurtured through fully equipped and suitably designed laboratories for Science, Maths/Physics and computer.
- The school library is fully furnished, housing over 5500 General books, 1500 Reference, Periodicals, Dailies, Magazines .
- Interactive smart boards are used for classroom teaching to involve students to learn with technology. Students are actively involved in their learning through presentations, notes, flowcharts and drawings, using the whiteboards.
- The not-too-large hall of the school is used for assemblies, parent orientations, conferences, workshops, celebrations and competitions.
- The school Sick Bay is equipped to take care of minor exigencies. In case of an emergency, parents are informed and the student-patient taken to hospital in the school vehicle.
- Sports facilities at school consist of basketball court, badminton courts, skating corridor, volleyball court, football, hockey, throw ball and kho-kho fields.
- There are sufficient Staff Rooms, where Staff can relax and complete their work. Each staff member is provided a work area.
- To ensure students' health, hygiene and dignity, separate gender segregated comfort rooms and cool water filters are added to the basic amenities.
- A totally parent friendly office room with online fee payment and card payment.
- School has added another feather to its cap by launching a Mobile App. This App gives an entire scenario of the school's functioning, student's progress, quick and easy money transfer, etc.
- Increased safety and security for all of our students is established through appointing a full-time security guard, heightened supervision on the playground during recess, improved volunteer policies, Locking or monitoring doors and gates, are intended to limit or control visitor access to school campus, while others,

such as the use of security cameras are intended to monitor or restrict students' and visitors' behaviour on campus.

**Inter & Intra School Activities:** Co-curricular activities were conducted to hone social and intellectual skills, moral values, personality progress and character-appeal in students. This included competitions



like Poster-Making, Comic Strip competition (left is a sample done by Alisha A. Sheikh Class 7 A) Essay-Writing, Slogan-Writing, Table-Dodging, Memory-Retention, Dance-Competition, Spell Bee, Extempore, Story Telling, skits, Debate and Elocution for Primary & High School students. For the Kindergarten students, fancy dress, talent hunt, Hindi recitation and English recitation were conducted.

**A week focussing on each of the various important languages** taught in the school aroused much interest in Staff and Students. Hence, a week was dedicated to each of these languages: Hindi, Marathi, Sanskrit.



**Sports Activities:** At St. Joseph's Convent School, apart from academics, a strong emphasis is placed on sports and physical development. Ample opportunities and regular coaching sessions in football, cricket, basketball, skating, karate, table tennis, caroms, chess were provided to sharpen their sporting acumen and prove their mettle. Besides, online Yoga, Pranayama, exercise were given due importance at the daily morning assembly.

**Celebrations:** Various events and celebrations conducted were: Independence Day, Republic Day, Environment day, Teachers' Day, Children's Day, Grandparent's Day, Raksha Bandan, Diwali,



Christmas etc. to help students and Staff respect and integrate cultural & social values into their own lives and learning, while at the same time, instilling a sense of togetherness. Kindergarten celebrated Green Planet day, Orange colour day, Pink colour day and Red colour day to mark the importance of each colour as well as to celebrate the colours of life.





**Art-Craft-Science Exhibition:** The Virtual Art-Craft-Science exhibition, inaugurated by the Manager, showcased the Models and Projects by Students. As most students were unable to attend school due to the pandemic, the presentations were videographed for the benefit of those absent.

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA):** Parents are vital for the success of our Institution. The school is strengthened and supported by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA). As the school was not in a position to conduct an election for PTA due the Covid 19 pandemic, the school reinstated the previous EPTA members, with Mr. Vinu Mathew, as Vice-president, Mr. Dipankar Pal and Mrs. Chitra Nikose as Joint Secretaries, Mrs. Teney Mathew as Secretary. The PTA meetings are held every two months and PTA members are strongly encouraged to be actively involved in school activities.

**Fee Concession:** 95 Students were given Concession in school fees due to job loss, financial crisis in the family amidst pandemic. The amount for Concession during the academic session 2020-21 amounted to 5 Lakhs+.

**RT-PCR tests** were duly conducted s per instructions of the Health Authorities.



**COVID RELIEF WORK:** Our Staff members reached out to several families, refugees and migrants, including our own marginalised Staff personnel, with food kits, provisions, even to the extent of offering shelter to wandering migrants. Around 50 food kits amounting to Rs. 500/- were distributed. Teachers generously donated cash and clothes to families. Towards the end of March 2020, the sudden demise of our Staff member, Mr. Dennis Paul (22), only child of his ailing parents, sent shock waves among the Staff members. The Management and Staff reached out to the bereaved family with an amount Rs. of 10,000/- for his funeral and burial rites.



**Physical re-opening of School** for few weeks in December 2020 and February 2021 was faithfully conducted including the purchase of all necessary equipment, sanitizers, Oximeter, masks, fogging machine, thermal gun – whatever was necessary.

The school continues to be regularly sanitized and maintained clean and virus-free. Several students gladly opted for physical, offline learning but alas their joy was short-lived!



**Conclusion:** As we conclude the report, we bow our head in deep gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings He has showered upon this institution. All these achievements were possible because of the commitment of the Management, teaching and non-teaching staff, students, parents, benefactors and well-wishers. We express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all who have been with us in our journey and for their continuous support and co-operation.

We conclude this report by entrusting our school to the protective hands of our Patron, St. Joseph and by invoking his intercession for the journey ahead.

**Thank you and God bless us all.**

**Sr. Rashmi Michael  
Principal**