

# ANNUAL DAY- Wednesday 23/10/2019

## PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH



Chairperson Mrs. Nidhi Pathak, respected Mummyji Mrs. Nirmala Satyendra Pathak, Honourable Former Minister of State and a mentor to all of us Mr. Sanjay Satyendra Pathakji, MD SYNA Group Mr. Varun Gautam, Buaji Mrs. Uma Mishra, Members of the SMC Mrs. Neelima Bajpai, CA Mr. Sushil Sharma, our well-wishers Mr. Rishi Arora, Dr. Rajiv Bajaj, Mr Harsh Kapoor, Dr C. Rajesh Kumar, Principal Syna College of Management Studies, my respected mother Smt. Vijay Laxmi, distinguished Principals from schools in Katni, people from Press and Media, Alumni of Syna, distinguished guests, staff, parents and the incredible students of Syna International School. I welcome you to the 13th Annual Day and Prize-giving ceremony.

My warm greetings and a hearty welcome to our Chief Guest of the evening, a renowned personality from Raipur Mr. Raghunath Mukherjee and his wife Mrs. Yashodha Mukherjee, a passionate educator. Mr. Mukherjee is a post graduate in Physics from Jabalpur University. He served in Scindia School in various capacities such as Head of Physics Department, House Master, in-charge of School Basket Ball etc. A keen photographer, Mr. Mukherjee has also been a proactive sportsman and represented hockey at the national level. He has many prestigious awards to his credit. He is currently heading DPS Raipur as the Principal. He holds a vast international experience working with British Council and International exchange programs with many renowned schools of UK. He is an active social worker and a regular member of the panel discussion on Doordarshan and other electronic media too. Once again I welcome Mr. Raghunath Mukherjee and his wife Mrs. Yashoda Mukherjee to our Annual Day and Prize giving ceremony and thank them for sparing their valuable time to grace the occasion.

Ladies and gentlemen as we tread on yet another academic year, I thank the Almighty God and our Patron Shri Satyendra Pathakji for their manifold blessings that they have showered upon us all these years. I feel content to share with you that we, at SYNA, have taken a completely new promenade for blooming up the education system by striving for excellence in academics, emphasizing on co-curricular, inculcating moral values, conferring Indian traditions, and instilling virtues in our students. We believe that every child is varying in nature and needs; the institution is committed and supportive to benefit our students through their mercurial musts. We aim to meet the needs of each child as an individual and provide a range of specialist programs and service to help children to excel in their lives ahead.

I am pleased to table the '2018-19 Annual School Report' to the school community. This report reflects upon the advances our school has made towards

our school vision— at SYNA International School. We facilitate a learning community which enables students to be articulate, self motivated lifelong learners who can successfully use and evaluate information in a future focused environment. As a result of our school initiatives in the past years, students are better aware of the criterion required to move to the next level of learning. This report also celebrates the outstanding academic results achieved in 2018–19, a credit to our whole school community. I request you all to refer to the seventh issue of annual magazine SYNAPSE which is going to be unveiled after a short while from now and the print version of Principal's speech for more detailed account of the achievements of the current session.

## **ANNUAL DAY THEME**

We dedicate this 13th Annual Day to the amazing and talented young boys and girls of Syna International School, who are deservedly receiving the rewards for their hard work, extraordinary efforts and outstanding achievements throughout the session.

The theme of this 13th Annual Function is- “RISHTEY” - HARMONY OF EMOTIONS

Education is the passport to the future and tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today but, education without values makes man only a clever devil. In the words of Pope Francis “We need to provide an education that teaches critical thinking and encourages the development of mature moral values.” Only deep moral values and strong social institutions can restrain the darker impulses of human nature. It is so unfortunate to see that the moral values, customs and culture look like patients in declining health.

Swami Vivekananda said: “Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man...” Schools have introduced a subject called moral science so that moral teachings can be disseminated among today's modern children. Inculcating a sound moral base is becoming a tougher challenge day by day. In this industrialised era, most of the parents are working because of which they spend less time with their children due to which they lack moral values and are not able to differentiate between what is wrong and right. In order to keep the children away from the modern gadgets, internet and television we must encourage them to move out of the homes, play games and most importantly spend time with them, the parents must not pamper their children and learn to say no whenever required. The present scenario needs to undergo a radical change as the country's future depends on its children.

The process of intellectual development should engage the child to extend his/her learning so that he/she can express the experience and evolve as a lifelong learner. Ultimately, every child is an achiever and should regard every day as an opportunity to change things for the better and live up to his own expectations.

A good School education must focus on the following aspects, which contribute immensely to the development of the young minds as they step into

adulthood. Mental aspect, which includes independent thinking and questioning, social aspect which teaches us values and integrity, physical aspect for the abode of fit mind in a fit body. An excellent academic result is just a byproduct of smart integration of all these aspect.

## **ACADEMICS**

### **AISSCE (All India Senior Secondary Certificate Examination 2018-19)**

SYNA students produced a 100% pass result once again, consecutively since past ten years. Carrying forward the legacy of top results in the CBSE board examination, the school once again created history by producing the best result in the region. Head boy Harsh Mishra of Science stream topped the school with 95.8% whereas the head girl Shivi Shuka of Commerce scored 95%. Harsh scored 100% marks in Physical Education, 97% in Computer Science, 95% in Chemistry, 94% in Mathematics and 93% in English subject whereas Shivi achieved the landmark of 100% marks in Economics & Physical Education, 95% in English and 92% in Accountancy. Manisha Khilwani, Khushi Shivhare and Abhinav Anand scored 100% marks in Painting subject. This result is the outcome of not only the endeavours of the students but also the untiring efforts of the dedicated teachers and support of the parents.

### **AISSE (All India Secondary School Examination 2018-19)**

In All India Secondary School Examination (X) Pavnoor Kaur Khurana topped the school with 95%, Parth Dev Singh secured 94.2%, Aryan Nagaria 93.2%, Pritpal Singh 93.2, Aadit Wadhwa 93%, Erya Modi 92.8%, Vedant Agrawal 92.6%, Harsh Maurya 91.4%, Janvi Rajarshi 91.4% and Khushi Panjwani secured 90.2%. As many as 10 students secured 90% and above. All the students cleared the examination with first division marks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents for supporting the cause of the school by sending their children to attend the "WINTER STUDY CAMP" and keeping their children away from mobile phones, internet and television. The school organises winter study camp for class X & XII students every year for a sound preparation of the board examination. The study plan comprises of rigorous revision, doubt clearing, solving of last year question papers and daily tests. The past study camps have been extremely successful and have rendered wonderful results. This year too I look forward to your support and co-operation, especially from the day boarding parents, in encouraging your ward to join the hostel.

In order to promote the reading habits in students, the school organized a book fair from 10th of April to 12th of April 2019. The featured stalls by eminent publishers displayed a string of books that pan across all possible genres from children's books to adult fictions. The fair also showcased a massive collection of books across subjects like Indian art culture, music, dance and philosophy.

Professional development of teachers is an ongoing programme at SYNA. To keep them updated with the latest in their respective fields, teachers at Syna International are sent to attend various seminars and workshops all over India. In the current academic year a total of 15 teachers have attended various such workshops and seminars organized by the CBSE in different places, besides the in-house workshops organized by the faculty in our own school. The school invests heavily into professional development of teachers and we ensure that all this update gets translated into more effective and better teaching-learning in the classrooms. Principal, Dr Aditya Kumar Sharma has been appointed by the CBSE as the City Coordinator and a Lead Collaborator for the Hubs of Learning. He has also initiated the Katni Sahodaya Complex in order to bring schools and students closer. Sharing ideas and activities always help in the child's growth. I would request all the Principals of Katni to come forward and support the student community. It is a matter of pride that SYNA International School has been ranked by Education World among the BEST 50 CO-ED AND DAY-CUM-BOARDING SCHOOLS of the country and also in the list of top ten schools of Madhya Pradesh. This ranking is based on the different parameters such as Academic reputation, Competence of faculty, Teacher welfare & development, Co-curricular education, Sports education, Life skills education and conflict management, Individual attention to students, Leadership/management quality, Parental involvement, Infrastructure provision, Internationalism, Special needs education, Community service and Value for money. It gives us immense pleasure to proclaim that we have been consistently improving our position among the top schools of India.

## **CO-CURRICULAR**

### **SYNA Dance Carnival**

In its pursuit of promoting 'beyond-the-classroom' activities SYNA organized a six-day SYNA Dance Carnival in the month of April this year in which star choreographers from Mumbai such as Yogesh Sharma (Sony TV Super Dancer Finalist), Ashutosh Mohanty, Jignesh Deboriya, Durva Aparna, Santosh Panchal were invited to give exposure to the young learners of not only the school but the budding dancers from the city and places around. The carnival received an overwhelming response and more than hundred young dancers from SYNA and Katni city got a rare opportunity of training of different popular forms of modern dance in the five-day workshop.

This year in the month of June, SYNA's Dance Instructor Mr. Rahul Dixit was awarded with the NATIONAL DANCE ACCOMPLISHMENT AWARD by Gwalior Sahitya Sansthan, Jiwaji University Gwalior.

## **CYCLING EXPEDITION**

In the month of April this year a group of 35 Synaites along with 4 teachers took on a challenge of 260 km. cycling expedition from Katni to Amarkantak via Shahdol

and Dhanpuri. The school sent the students on this challenging and adventurous excursion with a message "Mere Sapno Ka Bharat-Swachh Bharat". The expedition is a part of Duke of Edinburgh's International Award for Young People (IAYP) Scotland. We, at SYNA, believe that the students of today are capable of doing wonders they only require proper guidance and motivation and the enthusiasm and zeal of the youth needs to be channelized for the construction of a happy society.

### **13th Foundation Day, Annual Exhibitions, New Play School (The SYNA Kids)**

The School celebrated its 13th Foundation Day with great pomp and show on July 9, 2019. S N Education Society on this occasion inaugurated a new unit of Syna International School, 'The SYNA Kids'- a play school in Nirmal Satya Garden at Bargawan, Katni. From the current session the new day school wing has also started functioning. We thank people of Katni for an overwhelming response. The Foundation Day also marked the inauguration of the Annual Exhibition which drew a large crowd from all the schools of Katni. The event saw young enthusiastic participants from different departments putting up participatory exhibits comprising of innovative working models and projects from Photo Gallery to Mathematics, Science, Robotics, Social Sciences, Commerce, English, Hindi, Primary, Library and Art & Craft Gallery etc. As many as 300 exhibits were displayed by the students from Primary to Senior Secondary classes following the theme 'Parivartan- Be the Change'.

### **Dr. NIDHI PATHAK**

### **AWARDED BLACK SWAN FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT**

It gives us immense pleasure to apprise the audience that the Chairperson of SYNA International School Dr. Nidhi Pathak was awarded in September 2019 with prestigious BLACK SWAN AWARD FOR THE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT by ASIA ONE and UNITED RESEARCH SERVICES, one of the greatest brands of Asia. This award was conferred by the Excellencies for the Italy and Bahrain in a grand felicitation ceremony in Mumbai at the 12th Asian Business and Social Forum. Dr. Nidhi Pathak has been awarded for her appreciable social work done in the field of women empowerment. In the context of Women Empowerment I take this opportunity to congratulate President of Ladies Club of SYNA International School and the Coordinator at SYNA International College of Management Studies, Professor Bharti Sharma, on having received the Hotel Accounts National Award for the Best Accounting Faculty in a felicitation ceremony organised in D Y Patil University in Pune on 28th of July 2019.

### **8th ECOTHON**

The school organized a 10 km. long Half-Marathon tagged 'Ecothon' following the theme "Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat" on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary

of the father of nation Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti on 2nd of October, 2019. As many as 230 students from SYNA and other prominent schools of Katni participated in the event. The Ecothon received tremendous response from not only the parents of SYNA students but, prominent businessmen, professionals and the fitness-conscious people of Katni as well. The highlight of the event was the youngest participant, Arshiya Gilani a girl of class I of SYNA, merely 6 years old, she became a source of inspiration for all, the strength and courage which she showed was exemplary. Later in the day, the students and the staff went around and cleaned the campus thereby furthering the noble message of Prime Minister, the cleanliness drive. The Shramjeevi were served lunch by the boarders as a part of community service.

### **SPIC MACAY-SHALINI SHARMA'S KATHAK PERFORMANCE**

In order to make education more holistic and meaningful through the promotion of Indian Classical Music and Indian culture amongst the students, SYNA International School organized a Kathak Dance performance in collaboration with SPIC MACAY. Dr. Priyadarshni (Prof. Gynecology-Jabalpur Medical College) and Mr. Mahesh Dikrajkar (Doordarshan Cinematographer) were the special guests on this occasion. The renowned doordarshan artist, Shalini Sharma shared details about 'Tandav' and 'Lasya'- the two main dance form of Kathak followed by a mesmerizing 'Shiv Stuti' dance performance. The students enthusiastically participated in the 'jugalbandi' with Shalini Sharma.

### **ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TOURS**

Educational trips form a valuable part of curriculum for students. SYNA International School organizes a yearly National and International tour. Synites explore the different destinations of the world and learn by 'travel theory'. Around 350 students escorted by 40 teachers visited the destinations like Mumbai, Puri, Hyderabad, Ramoji Film City, Mussoorie, Dehradun, Bhuvneshwar, Wagah Border-Amritsar, Dalhousie, Haridwar, Konark, Rishikesh. Educational tours impart valuable learning and parents must encourage their children to avail these opportunities.

### **SPORTS**

The school endeavors in encouraging sporting talent as well as the students' indomitable will and skill to win is testified by the success of our students in varied Sports competitions at all levels. Abhishek Patel participated in the CBSE National Athletic Meet in November 2018 held in Davanagere, Karnataka.

Lakshya Dev Singh participated in the prestigious SGFI Football Tournament in December 2018 held in Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan)

A team of 18 students participated in the District Hockey Championship in the month of February 2019 in Katni and secured **SECOND POSITION**.

SYNA International School hosted the district Swimming Championship in the month of August 2019 NINE out of TEN swimmers of SYNA were selected for Division level, whereas Five out of Nine students were selected for State level who participated in the Division Swimming Championship held in Jabalpur. The State Swimming Championship will be held later this year in Bhopal and Indore.

Out of 34 Students who participated in the District Football Championship, 18 were selected for Division level and later 6 students participated in the State Football Championship held in Sagar /Neemuch/Chindwara in the month of September 2019.

7 students participated in the District Karate Championship held in Katni in the month of August 2019. Out of 7 students 2 were selected for Division level and they participated in the Division Karate Championship held in Jabalpur.

13 students participated in the District Hockey Championship which was hosted by SYNA International School in the month of August 2019. All 13 students were selected for the Division level. Out of 13 students who played at the Division Level, 5 students played in the State Hockey Tournament held in the month of August and September in Gwalior and Bhopal.

13 students participated in the District Chess Championship held in Katni in the month of August and 8 were selected for Division level and 7 represented at the State level.

SYNA International School chess team comprising of Vanshika Bajpaye, Ishita Bajaj, Omi Jain, Prakriti Manodhaya and Jatin Hirani won the KCA Inter School Chess Championship held in August 2019 in Katni.

The most thrilling and proud moment for SYNA School came in the month of September 2019 when the SYNA Athletic team won many laurels in the CBSE CLUSTER XII Athletics MEET 2019-20 which was held in Satna. Yuvraj Singh won a Gold in Discuss Throw and a Bronze Medal in Shot Put, Arpit Singh won two Silver Medals in 1500m and 5000m track events, Akhand Pratap won a Silver in Javelin Throw & Bronze Medal in Long Jump, Roshan Raj won Silver Medal in 800m track event, Anmol Kumar (3000m) & Anushka Jain (1500m) secured Fourth Position.

4 students Yuvraj Singh, Arpit Singh, Akhand Pratap Singh, Raushan Raj are selected for the CBSE NATIONAL ATHLETIC MEET which will be held in the month of November 2019 in Raipur and Bemtera Cities Of Chhattisgarh.

## **CONCLUSION**

Our mission is to continue to do what we have always done: develop this school and the students with integrity and values; also, to give our students the best opportunities and the best all-round education. Our vision is to produce conscientious, smart and confident citizens of India who will go out into the world and be true humans.

The success story of SYNA is woven around the unrelenting efforts in equipping the students to meet the changing needs of the society, exploring the professional potential of the teachers and cultivating a happy and motivating environment in school.

I would like to place on record my most sincere thanks to the management of Syna International School and Syna Kids. Thank you very much Mr. and Mrs. Pathak for the trust and excellent support you have been giving me. We can, without exaggeration, boast of state-of-the-art facilities at our school, and we are confident that Syna will be the school of choice for discerning parents. My report on the school would be incomplete if I do not make mention of our wonderful team of teachers who work with dedication and put in their all out effort for the welfare and education of their charges. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my most sincere thanks to our primary Coordinator Mrs. Reet Monga, Middle School Coordinator Dr. Lokesh Dubey, Day School Coordinator Mrs. Pooja Bhargava, Senior Coordinator Mr. Kamal Sarecha and the entire teaching staff for their unflinching support and cooperation, and for making things happen very efficiently and smoothly at the school.

I extend my thanks to all the Hostel Wardens, staff members (teaching, admin and mess), Head Boy, Head Girl and school officials for their commitment and devotion. I would also like to place on record my thanks to Mr JSK Lal and the team of Administrative department who keep the whole system going and our records intact and in a scrupulous manner. I would like to thank Mr Sanjay Chorasias and the entire mess team for timely providing tasty food. My thanks are due to Mrs Shalu Khurana and the entire team of support staff for their 'behind the scene' work to keep the school environs tidy and presentable.

I would like to thank our beloved Mummyji Smt. Nirmala Satyendra Pathak, members of the Governing body, my mother Smt. Vijay Laxmi and wife Smt. Bharti Sharma for their support and allowing to devote my time for the students. My sincere thanks to MD SYNA group Mr. Varun Gautam, college Principal Dr. C. Rajesh Kumar, Mr. Harsh Kapoor, Dr. Rajiv Bajaj and the school Nurse, C.A. Mr. Sushil Sharma, Mr. Rishi Arora and all the parents, alumni, people from press and media and the district officials.

I thank you all for being patient listeners and I now invite you to enjoy the beautiful cultural programme our children have prepared for you.

***May God bless you all.***

***Jai Hind.***

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