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Prakashites
S.Surya Neha &
P.Tejaswini's Project
'Swachhata Hi Seva
Suction Mission'
Selected for the
National Level
at CBSE Regional
Science Exhibition



Our Inspiration - Our Guide
Sri Ch.V.K. Narasimha Rao

Nurturing holistic individual is what we are looking at and while inculcating the same at Sri Prakash have impelled academic requirements initiating and propelling methods to augment various skills like logical thinking, application, creative thinking, oratorical and Mathematical. Apart from strengthening academic knowledge we also stipulate aesthetic skills and physical fitness. Dramatics, cinema in class room, declamation, book reading contests, Rubik's cube challenge, spell bee, interactive sessions with world renowned scientists, Mathematicians and artists, are conducted to ensure that children not only have a happy schooling but also are equipped to face the challenges of the oncoming world. We believe in, 'Great men were children one day and children can be great men someday' 'Prakashites' achievements at various art, sports, science, literary based and Quiz competitions are the reflections to their smart work and the zeal to face the oncoming competitive world with happiness and cheer. I extend my earnest happiness and joy in congratulating Daniya Kulsum, Std V for winning the Doodle 4 Google contest at the

amongst 100 finalists at National Level in PCRA Customs Quiz - In co-ordination with HPCL -D.Sai painting competition on the theme "Save fuel for Harsh(IX) and G.Aswanth,IX -1st Place -15,000



Daniya Kulsum,
Class V

GROUP WINNER,
NATIONAL FINALISTS
3 STUDENTS OF SRI PRAKASH
WERE AMONG THE TOP 20 FINALISTS



My Desk, My Inspiration



C. Jayavant Kamesh
CLASS II



B. Sathwik,
CLASS VI



Beach - My Heart Beat



Nature At Its Best

better environment". V.T. Likitha, Std.IX - Consolation prize at National Level PCRA Essay Writing Competition in English. B. Mohit Raj, Std. VII: His story got published in the book titled "Anaga Anaga in Andhra" out of 25,000 entries. M. Sudheer, cash prize. At the outset I firstly extend my humble regards to **Dr. Sudhakar C. Agarkar** Retd. Professor Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Ms. Maarit Irene Rossi, Global Teacher Prize winner, **Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail**, Director Eco - Science

K.V.Subbarao, Retd. Professor IIT Mumbai, **Sri CH. Satyanarayana**, **Dr. Mahender Kota**, **Dr. R. Nagendra**, Child Paleontologist, B. Aswatha, and **Mrs. K. T. Vijaya Rani Biju**, **Prof. Jeelani**, Retd. Curator Science Centre, Kolkata to have postulated their precious time to succor our children on the occasion of World Fossil Day. The event was organised for the first time in the country at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan making it an unforgettable experience for the prakashites. I extend my true thanks to **Sri B.Prabhakar Sarma** - Retd. Chief Editor, The Hindu for having consented to guide our students on the 21st century communication and creative skills. The Hindu. I extend my humble thanks to **Ms.Subha Das Mollick**, **Dr. Mrinal Mukherjee**, **Ms. Lavanya Srinivas**, **Mr. Sayantan Mukherjee**, **Mrs. B. Saraswati Rao** for the three day workshop on the art of cinema in classroom. I extend my heartfelt thanks to **Prof. Sudhakar Reddy & Dr. C. V. L. Srinivas** for their august presence for the Sankranthi Sambharalu. Further I extend my appreciation to **Dr. C. V. L. Srinivas**, for the theatre workshop. Save the snakes Campaign is possibly a much needed workshop for the conservation of these rep-

4th International Children's Science & Mathematics Festival
SRI PRAKASH
NOVEMBER 19 - 21, 2018 - VIZAG
INSPIRING INNOVATORS OF TOMORROW

Venue :
VUDA Children's
Arena,
Sripuram
Vizag

**Sri Prakash 4th International
Children's Science
& Mathematics Festival**

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CHENNAI



Master D.Dheeraj, wins First Place
with 2 lakhs Cash Price in the Finals of
Padutha Theeyaga Singing Competition

Nationals, C. Jayavant Kamesh, Std II, B. Sathwik, Std VI for being amongst top 12 doodles at the National Levels. B. Swetha, Std X - 3rd Prize - 1st Prize - 300 cash, 2nd Prize - 200 cash.

& Ch. V. S. Adithya, X secured 1st & 3rd position respectively in a quiz competition organised by Ramakrishna Mission, S. Sai Sathwik of Std VIII, secured 1st position in Young World Painting competition organised by The Hindu on the theme 'Corruption Free India'. B. Tejasri (IX SSC) - 1st Position, V. A. Kundan (VII SSC) - 1st Position Eastern Power (Energy Conservation Week Celebrations) painting (senior) V. Aswika Kundan std VII for winning Consolation at the PCRA Painting competition, Abhishek Kumar Sharma, Battula Praneeth, Abhijeet Kumar - Alcohol Detecting Programme - 1st prize, Kiran Satwik, Muthyala, Venkata Sumanth Garapati - Automated Robotic Arm - 2nd prize, B. Swetha, N. Surya Kiran - Coin Counting and Separating Machine - Consolation prize Dredging corporation of India Ltd - Vigilance Awareness Week

Research Foundation, Chennai **Dr. P.J.L.G. Nonis**, Eminent Educationist, Sri Lanka, **Dr. A. P. Jayaraman**, Retd. Senior Nuclear Scientist, Mumbai, **Dr. D. Raghunadha Rao**, Director Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam, **Dr. P. D. K. Rao**, Dedicated his life in Outreach Poor Children, **Prof. G. S. Murthy**, President Sanskruthi Gourav Samstha, **Dr. Janchai Ying Prayoon**, Dy. Director Suan Sunanda Rajabhat University, **Dr. Arun Raaza**, C.E.O. ARCOMM Tech. Solutions, Chennai, students of Technical University, Denmark **Mr. Emil Bach Andersen**, **Mr. Kristian Julius Moltved**, **Ms. Mathilde Vester**, **Mr. Simon Klinck Borregaard**, **Mr. Nikolas Thuesen**, **Prof. V. Bala Mohan Das**, Former Vice Chancellor Acharya Nagarjuna University, **Sri Rahul Pandey**, I.F.S., Chief Conservator of forests, **Prof. Dr. Rao Tatavarti**, Director, Senior Professor G.V.P. for making the 4th ICSMF a grand grand success with their presence and guidance and most importantly with their innovative suggestions and thought provoking advises. We are ever so grateful to all our guests **Sri C. Selvam**, I.F.S., **Prof.**

titles and in this regard I truly thank **Dr. David Wajnowski**, **Ms. Chotisingh**, **Mr. Michael G Starkey**, **Ms. Maaike Plomp**, **Ms. Zuzuna Dolinay**, **Mr. Matej Dolinay**, **Mr. K. Murthy** for an awakening workshop and presentation. Prakashites could pay their humble gratitude to the Youth Icon of India, Swami Vivekananda due to the motivating talk and knowledge given by **Swami Atmavidanand**, Secretary, R.K. Mission, Vizag. I would like to extend my humble thanks to one and all for being there with the school. I extend my thanks to parents and congratulate the winners of various competitions at school.



Sri Ch. Vasu Prakash
Director - Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan

"As a journalist, your details always tell the story."
said **Sri B. Prabhakar Sarma**



Prakashites had an interaction with Sir Prabhakar Sharma, retired Chief Editor of The Hindu Newspaper. Sir started his career as a journalist in 1973. He interacted with the students and gave them an idea about team work and gave brief information about journalism. He also advised them to be quick, alert and attentive. He opined that students should have co-ordination, organization and quick grasping power within them. He advised the school multimedia team to present the report in an interesting way and give the report in a simple manner with simple words so that it could be easily understood.



Padmasri. Dr. M R Rajagopal, the father of palliative care in India conducted a seminar offering precious moments of learning to the Prakashites. Sir briefed the children about the physical, mental, social and emotional agony that is borne by the innumerable people suffering from several diseases across India. The session kindled a thought of 'caring for others' in the minds of every student present. It made the children be aware of the service that can be extended by sparing little of our time with the people who need it most, thereby making a difference in their life, though momentary. Dr. Gopal referred to the palliative care provided by the general public including students on the World Palliative Care Day that is observed on the Second Saturday of October every year. Students got their ambiguous thoughts clarified in the interactive session, with regard to the care that they can extend to the patients suffering from diseases, being in their own purview.



Prakashites interacted with
Padmashri Dr M.R. Rajagopal, Chairman, Pallium India.

Release of School Calendar - 2019 by Sri Sarada Peetham head Swami Swaroopanandendra.



An Overseas interaction with
Whately Elementary School,
Massachusetts, USA
on the project **Animals Around us and
their habitats across different Nations**



Skype Talk.....

An Overseas interaction with
REAL International School,
Malaysia
on the project
Rivers as Lifelines of Nations



Collaborative Project on Waste Management with Thailand Students



Ms. Rajeswari Menon,
Retd Principal,
S.B.O.A. School Chennai
Interacting with Teachers



Paper from Water Hyacinth : A curiosity arousing workshop was held to create flutter in the minds of Prakashites involved in it. The students were highly energetic in practically making the paper under the guidance of Sri T. Sudhakar Reddy, Retired Professor, Andhra University, using Water Hyacinth (a fresh water weed), caustic soda and bleaching powder. The synthetic binders are not used in the process of making these papers. Hence the life of the paper is longer when compared to the regular ones.



Prakashites Pay Floral Tributes To NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE



NCC Cadets of both Air Wing and Navy Wing of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan paid homage to **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** on his **122nd Birth Anniversary** on **15th August 2015**.
Commander **B. Ravi Kumar, 3(A) Naval Unit NCC, Vizag** Garlanded the Statue of the **Legendary Personality** on the Beach Road



Let us salute Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose - The Founder of the Indian National Army on his 122nd Birth Anniversary - SRI PRAKASH

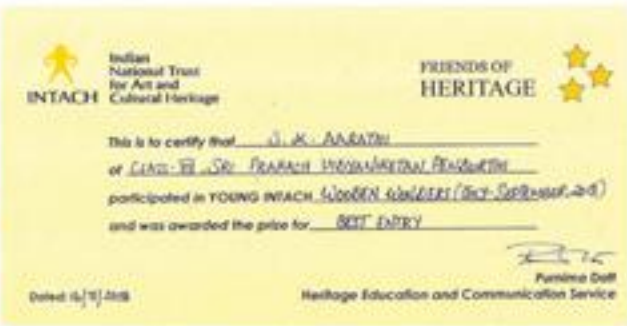
Yeoman Service by Prakashites Distribution of Sports Dress to M.P.U.P. School, Kapuluppada



Distribution of Blankets and Winter Kits Under Privileged Children by Sri Prakash Interact Club in the Presence of Swami Atma Vidhananda, Secretary, RK Mission, Vizag



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

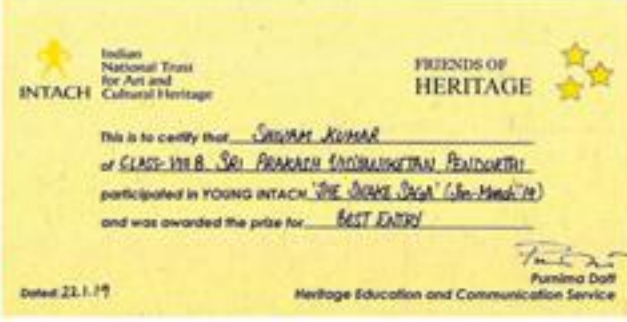


S. Sai Sathwik awarded **First Prize** in **Painting Competition** conducted by **The Hindu and LIC** on the theme **Corruption Free India**



Congratulations

V. ASHWIKA KUNDAN, VII RECEIVING **FIRST PRIZE** FROM **SRI HARI NARAYANAN M, IAS** COMMISSIONER, GVMC. INTER SCHOOL SPOT PAINTING COMPETITION



Congratulations

M. SUDHEER, SECURED 1ST PRIZE IN QUIZ COMPETITION ON THE OCCASION OF **125TH YEAR OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA'S HISTORIC SPEECH AT WORLD PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS IN CHICAGO, SEPTEMBER 1893**



Interschool Basket ball Tournament (PRATHIBA)



Prakashites D. Sai Harsh & Ashwant, IX Std Bagged **First Prize** in Quiz Competition Conducted by Indian Customs Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India



B. Mohit Raj's story is one among the 15 stories selected out of 2500 entries published in a book "Anaga Anaga in Andhra"

Vizag Junior Literary Fest



B. SWETHA, R. RECEIVING THIRD PRIZE IN **SAKSHAM NATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION** CONDUCTED BY PETROLEUM CONSERVATION RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (PCRA) UNDER THE AGIS OF MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS, GOVT OF INDIA



NTSE

NATIONAL TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION



Prakashite **P. Gnana Prakash, X Std.** bagged **7th Rank** in **National Talent Search Examination (NTSE)** conducted by **NCERT**.



CHEMUN XII

Delegates of **CHEMUN XII**



V.T. Likitha, IX received a cash prize of **Rs.5000/-** at the **National Level PCRA Essay Writing Competition**



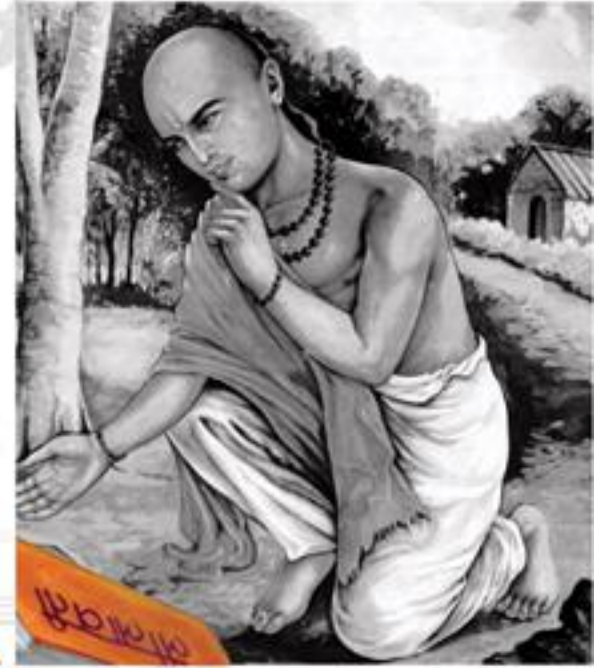
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SRI SRINIVASA RAMANUJAN

REMEMBERING HIM ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY



PRIDE OF INDIA

December 22nd, the birth anniversary of Indian Mathematics Legend Sri Srinivasa Ramanujan is

observed the day with great reverence to the contribution of this legend. To mark this day, the students of Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, presented themselves in the roles of the famous mathematicians - Johannes Widmann, Robert Recorde, Christoph Rudolff, William Oughtred, William Jones who introduced the symbols of addition, subtraction, equal to, square root, multiplication, pi to the world of mathematics respectively. Also the Role of Sri Ramanujan and G.H. Hardy who introduced Ramanujan to the world was effectively portrayed by the students. Prakashites participated enthusiastically in preparing and displaying nearly 90 Origami Models, Puzzles in mathematics were also displayed. All students and parents appreciated the exhibition. The day

started with garlanding the portrait of Pradarshan): Exhibits of different models on different Mathematical concepts were displayed by the students. Children showcased the models and explained the concepts in detail. The celebration has made the students highly excited and involved them in fun learning.

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being observed as National Mathematics Day. He continues to be an inspiration for mathematicians across the world even today. Prakashites



Fossils, the key for the geologic time table



Andhra Pradesh Natural History Parks and Museums Trust, Vizag and Natural History Society of India, Department of Forest, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh and Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India celebrated International Fossil Week with exhibition on fossils on 11th October, 2018 at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan. Prof. K.V.Subba Rao, President of Natural History Society of India and Member Secretary of Andhra Pradesh Natural History Parks and Museums Trust, Vizag gave introduction to these celebrations and highlighted the importance of fossil studies. Prof. KothaMahender of Goa University, Prof. Nagendra of Anna University explained to the students about fossils, their formation and how fossils help in understanding past history of Earth and



its climatic conditions. Child Paleontologist Aswatha Biju was the star of the event and she mesmerized all with her collection of fossils. She has been collecting fossils since the age of five and remained the inspiration for many Prakashites. Around 100 fossils dating back to Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras along with explanation charts were on display. Prakashites and many parents visited the exhibition and interacted with experts. Dr.S.Vijay Kumar of Vijay Nirman, Sri C.Selvam, DFO, Visakhapatnam, Dr.Shaik Jeelani, Scientist-in-Residence, KSR Trust, Sri C.Satyanarayana were also present during the celebrations.

Pictures awaken our thought process, scientific temper and global trends in the classrooms'



A 3 day workshop on 'Cinema in the classroom', an initiative of 'Bichitra Pathshala and VigyanPrasar' was conducted at Sri PrakashVidyaniketan for the teachers by Mrs. Shobha Das Mollick, Dr. Mrinal Mukherjee and Dr. Sayanthan Mukherjee along with Mrs. Lavanya Srinivas. The workshop reinforced the fact that pictures can trigger different kinds of mindsets hence the necessity to extend their usage in the classrooms for teaching multiple concepts is of prime importance. The principal objective of the workshop was to

make the 40 minute class an exciting journey. Prakashites had an interactive session where they were asked to comprehend a video on "Kharai Camel" which are facing extinction. Students created and presented their ideas on creating awareness among people to save this breed of camels. Later in a valedictory the participants were presented certificates by the director Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash. While speaking to them he also emphasized on extending the classrooms for teaching multiple concepts.

**TECH-2K18
Visakhapatnam**

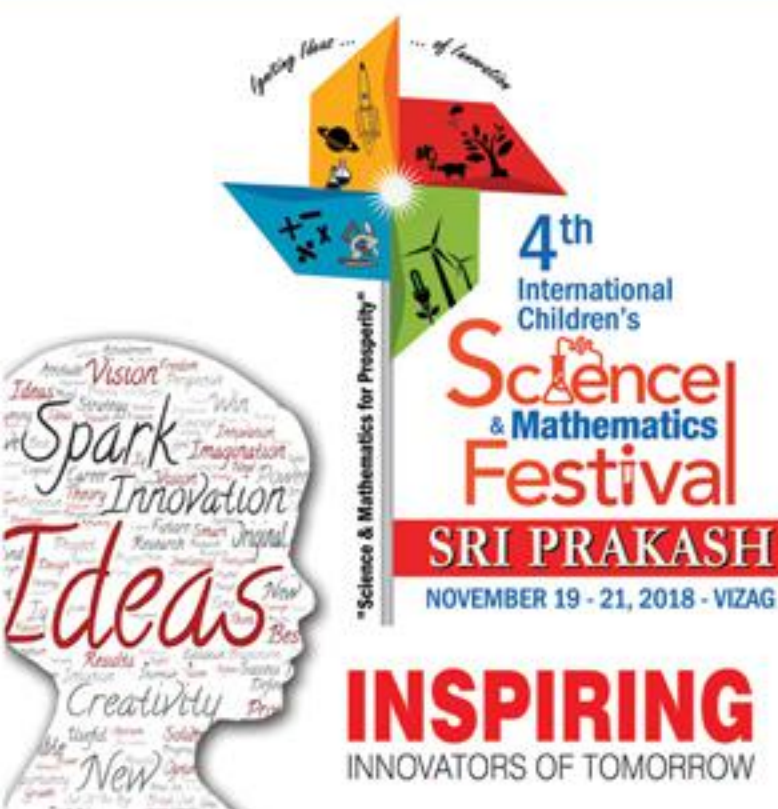
Prakashites took immense pleasure and joy to share the experiences they had at TECH-2018 held at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It was a huge International Platform where the distinguished guests from round the corner gave their gracious presence. The conference saw participation by over 1,000 registered delegates from over 50 countries on a daily basis and witnessed highly engaging deliberations by experts in various domains related to education and technology such

as games for learning, artificial intelligence for education, social and emotional learning and data privacy & ethics. The meet was basically to bring about improvement in the present day technology in the field of Education. TECH 2018, held over three days, showcased the role of games and digital learning in enabling a shift from "transmissive pedagogies" to "transformative pedagogies" to create peaceful and sustainable societies.



**Felicitation
to our
Beloved
Director
by
Sri Prakash
Alumni**





300 Delegates from India, Thailand, Malaysia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Denmark & Finland



Felicitation to Dr.PDK Rao & Prof. GSN Murthy



Dr.D.Raghunadha Rao
Director, Homi Bhabha
Cancer Hospital
& Research Centre, Vizag
DR.B.C.ROY
NATIONAL AWARDEE

“Circumstances help man to think out of the box
Opportunities help him ponder over the thought
Support gives him encouragement and
Facilities equip him with the objective to give a concrete shape to his thought”

This is how the International Children's Science and Mathematics Festival (ICSMF) originated. The ICSMF 2018 was inaugurated in the august presence of the noble personalities like **Dr. D. Raghunadha Rao**, Director Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Hospital, Visakhapatnam, **Prof. G. Surya Narayana Murthy**, President, Sanskruthi Gaurav Samstha & **Sri. P D K Rao**, a renowned social activist.



Sri Rahul Pandey, IFS
Chief Conservator
of Forests

Director, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, **Sri. Ch.Vasu Prakash**, inaugurated the three day event recalling the humble beginning of ICSMF in 2012 and how it succeeded in fulfilling the objective of igniting the scientific minds of the youngsters since then. He reminisced how ICSMF grew in leaps and bounds, with increasing number of participation from both within and outside the nation. As always, the host Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan took great pride in hosting the 4th ICSMF on 19th of November, 2019 at VMRDA Vuda Children's Arena. It was a platform for high school children to spare a thought or to seek solutions for social problems and also look for means to tackle them. The arena buzzed with ideas as nearly 300 students displayed around **95 science Projects** on various topics. Many of these participants flew overseas from places such as Malaysia, Thailand, South Africa, Hong Kong and Sri Lanka. For all these young inquisitive minds the festival was a boon as they had the opportunity to meet eminent personalities from the field of science and mathematics. The event was studded with honourable dignitaries, guests and delegates, both national and international. It was an opportune moment for all the participants to get brushed off by the immensity of the knowledge of these specialists. The three day programme was a rich experience for everyone who gathered around. The event was planned with forenoon sessions of discussions, lectures and interactions of the renowned scientists, while the display of models of the budding innovators was open in the afternoon. Speaking to the audience, **Dr. Sudhakar C Agarkar** congratulated all the mentors and the future scientists emphasizing that it was an opportunity of its kind for them to display their scientific ingenuity for collaborative learning. He added that it is a time to celebrate science and exchange views and ideas to enhance knowledge. **Dr. A P Jayaram**, Retd. Senior Nuclear Scientist and former head of Media Relations, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, in his address said that taking science to people, disassociating it from the steril-

ized classrooms and globalising the same is the purpose of science festival. Dr. A P Jayaraman gifted an exhilarating, participative and educative interaction with the students wherein he said that science is

there is a lot of untapped potential in the children who are immensely intelligent and practically skilled. He also threw light upon the need of the hour to stop polluting our planet and also to use science and technolo-

experiment based teaching and activity based learning for meeting future requirements of the global society. He stated that questions become inventions while finding solutions and observation lead people to formulate hypotheses. He specified that sketching, creativity, imagination and application are the key factors to learn science. 18 out of the 95 projects were presented by the overseas students and the rest were from different Indian states. There was also wide participation from within the state and also from within Visakhapatnam. The inquisitive minds of Prakashites came up with 37 innovations which competed with international models. Some projects which attracted the gaze of the visitors were Micro Nutrients for Macro Benefits, Patient Tracker, Swachhta Hi Seva Suction Mission, Probogenation, Smart Village, Fire Fighting Robo, Cymatics and Blind Aid. The visitors were particularly enthralled by some of the innovations like Zero Waste Composer, Automatic SRB Detector, BIO-SAP, Rain-water Catchment, Bioplastic, Development of Energy sources from community waste and Renewable Electricity projection for 2035. Other exhibits which drew the attention of the onlookers were the absorption capacity on the dried Hydrilla power, Disabled Parking Aid, Low-cost balanced diet, Notification system using oximeter, Train sensor, Fossil study, Kisan bot, Cell phone spy vehicle, Bulwark, Utilization of sound energy, ADA Lazer multipurpose bag, Free Energy mobile charger using magnets and Traditional methods of health care. The Cultural extravaganza began with a welcome dance by the Prakashites, followed by two mesmerizing dance performances by the Thailand students. The Awe inspiring yoga performance by Prakashites was lauded by the audience. Brilliantly portrayed skills of the dancers - be it classical dance, a TikTok song, Farmer Dance or an Indian Folk Dance, each one stole the hearts of the spectators. The various cultural performances by the participants within India and also from other countries highlighted the cultural amalgamation of different countries.



DR.P.J.L.G.NONIS
An Eminent
Educationist
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Prof.G.S.N.Murthy
President
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Samstha



SRI P.D.K.RAO
Founder of Sodhana

observation and cognizance of thinking. He elaborated on 'Future proofing with six Mindsets' - namely Ramanic mindset, Marie Curie mindset, Dmitri

gy efficiently in making the Earth a better place to dwell. on the occasion **Sri Ganti Surya Narayana Murthy**, was felicitated, In his



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Mendeleev mindset, creativity Mindset, Kalam's mindset and Prof. Micheal Sandil's mindset. He asserted that one should have all the six mindsets for a successful future. **Dr. D.Raghunadha Rao**, Director, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre Vizag and also a B C Roy National Awardee encouraged all the participants and emphasized that innovation is nothing but making the existing system work better. Speaking on the auspicious occasion, **Dr P D K Rao** renowned social activist paid reverence to all the factors which led to this journey. Science according to him should acquire a human face. He emphasised that

address to the gathering he opined that the role of a teacher in the development of a society and advised them to impart knowledge with pleasure. The inaugural day included an enthralling interactive session by **Mrs. Maarit Rossi**, CEO of Paths to Math Ltd., Finland and Global teacher prize winner who shared several secrets of the success of Finnish Class rooms. She summarized her speech by saying that mathematics is a powerful tool that helps us to understand the world and that whatever is the question, education is the answer. **Dr. P J L G Nonis** an eminent educationist from Sri Lanka, emphasized on the need for





Dr Jimmy K.Y.Wong
Centre Director Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Science Innovation Centre

The second day of ICSMF was a day of interactions and demonstrations. When a bevy of inquisitive minds in quest of knowledge meet a galaxy of intellectuals the clock doesn't really tick. The interactions captured the attention of the audience. The session started with Dr. Jimmy K Y Wong, Centre Director, Hong Kong New Generation Cultural Association Science Innovation Centre, Hong Kong, addressing the to be scientists of tomorrow. A pioneer of STEM and creativity education **Dr. Jimmy K Y Wong** explained that STEM integrates Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics into a cohesive learning paradigm based on solving real world problems. He has emphasized that learning should be futuristic for a robotics driven society. He further enumerated the five levels of STEM education as Enrichment of STEM knowledge,



Dr. JANCHAI YINGPRAYOON
Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University,
THAILAND

Demonstration of STEM activities, hands-on practical activities, task oriented problem solving and open-ended real life problem solving. He cited a success story of STEM Education where two students from Hong Kong invented self-sanitizing

door handle which has now become famous across the world and been patented. Finally, he urged the students to develop creativity through curiosity, risk taking, exposure, awareness, thinking, imagination, vision and eccentricity.

Dr. Janchai Yingprayoon, Deputy Director of International College, Suan Sunanda Rajabhat University, Bangkok, Thailand, spoke on inspiring Science and Maths at home through various captivating audio visual clippings. He has given

quick tips on some useful math calculations in daily life like tables. He went on to show how simple activities can make learning of difficult concepts easy by showing many prototypes of origami and said that origami engineering is



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Director, Eco-Science Research Foundation,
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being used in space research. **Dr. Sudhakar C Agarkar** Prof. Dean VPM's Academy of International Education and an idol of knowledge and experience, in his interactive session with the students said how mathematics can be made interesting and palatable for learners through stories. He said that India has given mathematics to the world and also has a long tradition of story-telling. He has narrated many a stories of Newton, Euclid, Einstein, Galelio Galili, Alan Turing, Ramanujan, Francis Galton and Radhanath Sikdar. He reiterated that having the right attitude is the key to successful learning of mathematics. **Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail**, Msc., M.Phil., Ph.D D.Sc., M D of the Eco Science Research foundation Chennai, in a session shared his rich expertise in environmental issues with the students. In his inspiring speech he said that students should learn and not just listen in the class room and advised them to learn the art of questioning. He has urged the students to research on such projects which are affordable and are of social value with a fool proof design. The audience was excited to learn that the term 'Vermitech' was coined by Dr. Ahmed. He briefed students about 'Vermitechnology' which he has perfected and propagated extensively over the years. Dr. Ismail stated that soil management and water management are the need of the hour. He expressed his concern over the shift from biodiversity to genetics slavery and urged the students to work for protecting biodiversity. The Demonstration of the **Young and Dynamic Team of students from Technical University of**

Denmark Science Show enthralled the students with a number of experiments using various chemicals like potassium permanganate, Acetylene, Hydrogen peroxide etc. The exciting experiments included hydrogen balloon, acetylene balloon, reaction to potassium permanganate with fire and soap, blue cap bottle with methylene blue, water on candles and flaming colors compounds in



A Team from TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DENMARK

different chemical reactions. It was a visual treat as well as a catalyst to make chemistry interesting to all the students. Following the tradition of Sri Prakash, the cultural fiesta of the second day com-

menced with the prayer followed by the scintillating melody rendered by the choir of the school, in the graceful presence of **Dr. A P Jayaraman**, Retd. Senior Nuclear Scientist, Mumbai, Sri Arun Raaza - CEO ARCOMM Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, Dr. P J L G Nonis, an eminent educationist from Srilanka and **Dr. V. Bala Mohan Das**, former Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University. Dr. V Bala Mohan Das was felicitated and the guests were honoured by the Director of the school, Sri. Chitturi Vasu Prakash. He also expressed his gratitude to all the delegates and invitees and also congratulated the enthusiastic participants of ICSMF.

It was a celebration time as the Prakashites captivated the audience with their electrifying performances, as the evening unfolded the cultural bonanza. Ganesh Shuti followed by a Hoola Hoops dance, tiny tots swayed their way on to the stage with their performance amidst the thundering applause. The moments of curiosity and suspense filled the air as the audience focused on the 'big picture' that was being drawn by the artists of Sri Prakash Vidyamketan. A huge picture of one of the sought after sons of India, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai was open to the audience in less than ten minutes by the promising young artists. The visual delight continued with the events that followed, such as A Thai Dance, five elements, a South African dance, a skit, a Malaysian dance, Dance of Lord Krishna and a patriotic dance.... leaving an enticing effect on the minds of one and all present.



PROF. V.BALA MOHAN DAS
Former V.C. Acharya Nagarjuna University





The team of young scientists from the Technical University of Denmark, has yet again captivated the audience with their live demonstrations of

come to all the guests. Dr. Agarkar speaking for the Valedictory congratulated the Director, the mentors and all the participants for organizing

The third and the last day of the fourth ICSMF began with the display of exhibits followed by an interactive session by one of the youngest dignitaries Dr. Arun Raaza, CEO Arcomm Tech. Solutions Chennai. Dr. Raaza is the inventor of Automatic Control System for power conservation which is deployed at over 3000+ ATM consoles of SBI and Indian Bank. Exemplifying the purpose of science innovations, Dr. Arun Raaza gave some important suggestions to the young innovators on patenting and commercializing innovative products with the help of funding agencies.



some chemical reactions. They showed that hands-on activities and experiment-based learning makes chemistry very amazing and interesting. The grand evening of the third day marked the closure of the fourth ICSMF in the

an event of such grandeur which offered a common platform for the students from the length and breadth of the world to learn and exchange their innovative ideas. The three-day festival has provided a great global learning experience to

tions which are useful, commercially viable and which can be patented. Dr. A P Jayaram opined that the ICSMF gave a technological forecasting of how India would be in future. He complemented the management on bringing together such talent pool from across the world. Dr. P J L G Nonis described ICSMF as a celebration of imagination. He encouraged students to inculcate life skills and moral values alongside scientific and innovative thinking. Dr. Rao Tataavarti congratulated all the participants. He propounded that innovation is essential for the economic development and self reliance of any country. He inspired the students with success stories of some of the innovations he has guided through SPURTHI - Society Problems highlighted, Understood, Researched to Herald Innovation, an organization he initiated. Mr. Rahul Pandey commending all the participants said that proper planning, organization, self-discipline, belief in oneself and confidence are the keys to a successful career. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. C V Narasimham, Principal, Ramnath Secondary School, NSTL, said that the fourth ICSMF is an excellent platform for the students for an intellectual exchange of ideas and experiences. Citing an example of an 8th grade girl's

Smiles 2018 Volume 17 Issue-1 of Sri Prakash was released by the galaxy of dignitaries. The most exciting moments of the day which all the participants eagerly awaited was the announcement of the names of the projects that are adjudged the best by the panel of experts. The



achievers were awarded with prizes and certificates. The host Sri PrakashVidyaniketan expressed a heartfelt gratitude to all the guests for their support and their gracious presence throughout the three day event. As a part of it Ms. Maarit Rossi, Dr. A P Jayaram and Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail were felicitated by the Director of the school, the other dignitaries and all the invitees. It was also a privilege for the management to show their reverence to all the judges and

"I feel very honoured. It's my first time to travel overseas and I've never been to such competition."

Star College South Africa



"The projects are very good. I am privileged to be a part of this programme. We have a lot of theory in Sri Lanka, so the education system here is more practical."

Lyceum International School, Sri Lanka



"It's amazing, it's wonderful to see how things come together and are organised especially in Sri Prakash 4th International Children's Science & Mathematics Festival"

Bal Shiksha High School, Akola, Maharashtra



"Sri Prakash 4th international children's science & mathematics festival : The phrase that excites me to dream it and live it"

Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan Visakhapatnam



"Let the children enjoy childhood and be healthy and also be themselves"

Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail
Director, Eco-Science Research Foundation, Chennai



"Every student should have fathomless depth of knowledge like C.V.Raman. Lyse Meltner so evaluate natural and probable consequences of your actions"

Dr A P JAYARAMAN
Retd. Senior Nuclear Scientist, B.A.R.C



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"Imagination is more important than knowledge and creativity is the final frontier. Process scientific skills by thinking solutions to existing problems."

Dr. P.J.L.G. NONIS
An Eminent Educationist, Sri Lanka

presence of the honourable personalities like Dr. Sudhakar Agarkar, Retd. Prof. Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai, Prof. and Dean at VPM's Academy of International Education and Research Thane; Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail, Director, Eco-Science Research Foundation, Chennai; Dr. Jayaraman, Retd. Senior Nuclear Scientist and former Head of Media Relations, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai; Dr. P J L G Nonis an eminent educationist from Sri Lanka; Prof Dr. Rao Tataavarti, Director Senior Prof. GVP-SIRC, GVP college of Engineering and Mr. Rahul Pandey, Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam. Sri. Chitturi Vasu Prakash, the Director of the institution, extended a warm wel-



Prize Winners of 4th ICSMF- International : Mary Knoll Father's School, Hongkong(Special Prize); Lyceum International School, Sri Lanka(1st prize); Star College, South Africa (2nd Prize)& REAL International School, Malaysia (2nd Prize); Thatoomprachasermit School, Thailand(3rd Prize)
National : Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, Kapuluppada(1st Prize); Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, T.P.T.Colony(2nd Prize); Mother's Public School, Bhubaneswar(2nd Prize); Saraswati Upper Primary School, Tirora, Maharashtra(3rd Prize); DAV Public School, Wadi, Karnataka(3rd Prize); Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, Pendurthi(Consolation Prize)

all. He thanked all the delegates for overwhelming response and their contribution in making the festival a grand success. He hoped that the next ICSMF would witness a manifold increase in participation. Dr. Sultan Ahmed Ismail appreciated all the projects displayed in the fest. He also urged the students to come up with innova-

desire to convert the noise of a grinder into melodious music inspired innovators to work on it. He observed that Sri PrakashVidyaniketan is organizing such events not only for the benefit of Prakashites but also out of concern towards the society. It was a proud moment for Prakashites when the much awaited News Letter Young

the mentors, educators and young innovators for their excellent contribution in marking the event a grand success and wished that the present participants would leave their strong footprints for their successors to continue the vibrant journey of scientific and innovative thinking.

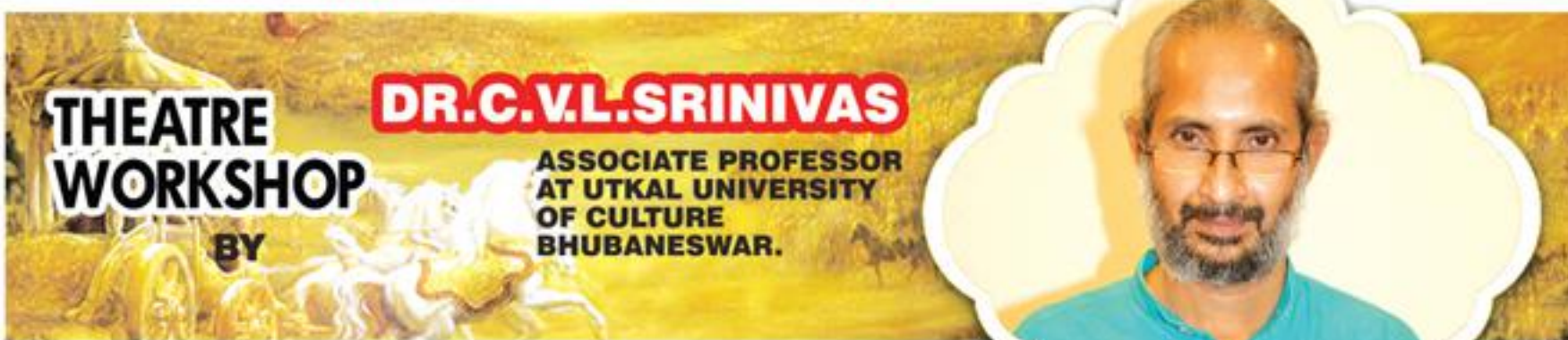
honorable guests. Further the child Paleontologist and Fossil expert Ms. Ashwatha Biju from Chennai was recognized, acknowledged and appreciated on the event. Dr. Sudhakar C Agarkar in his closing remarks complemented the Director of the school, Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash and congratulated all

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**OUR COUNTRY.. OUR CULTURE.. OUR HERITAGE
AND THE AMBASSADORS OF IT...**



"Theatre arts nourish creativity and independent thinking and elevate the heritage"



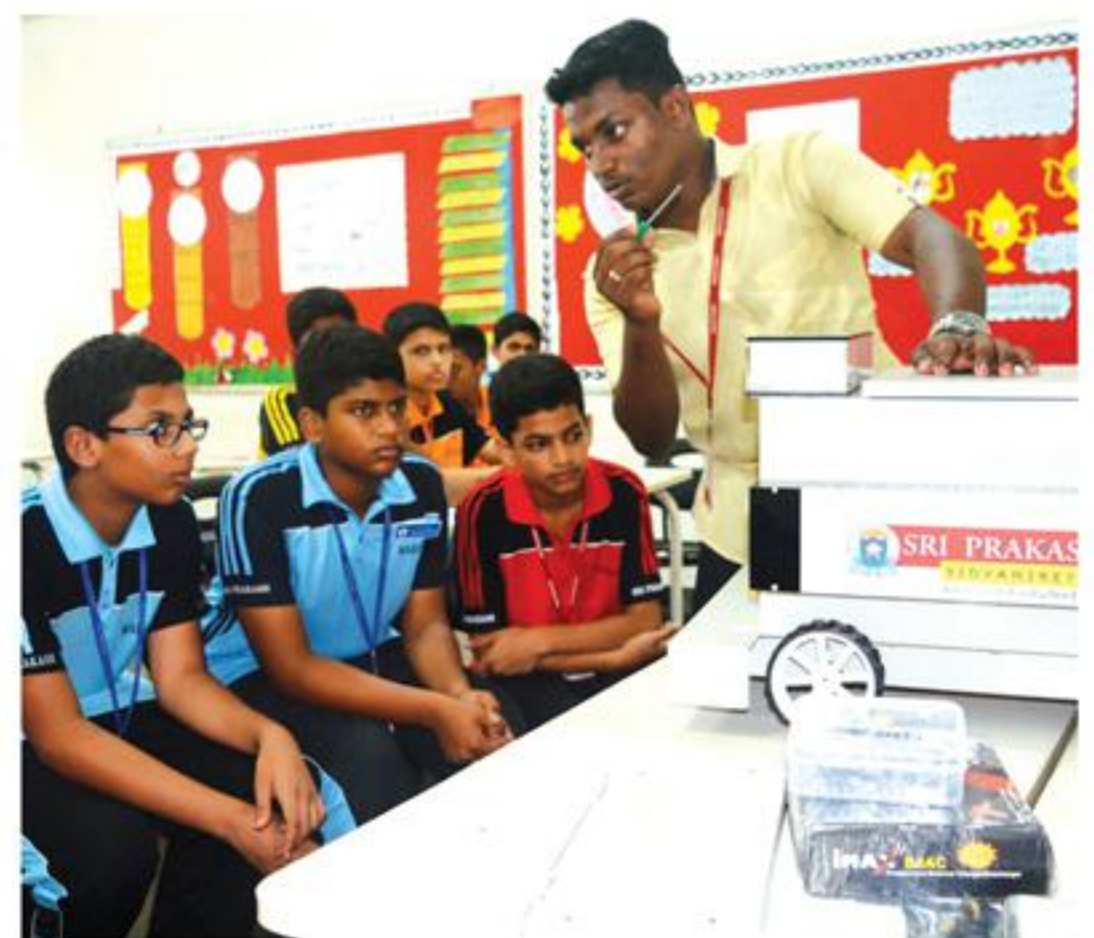
A workshop on theatre arts was conducted by Dr. C.V.L. Srinivas, Associated Professor of Utkal University of Culture, Bhubaneswar. It was a three day workshop (30.11.18 to 2.12.18) The students were briefed on a skit and were asked to perform it the next day. This nourished the enthusiasm and interest in the children. On the third day the skit was performed by Prakashites from classes VI, VII,

VIII. This helped them to shun their stage fear. Many students who never thought of acting found it interesting. They were asked to present the play within the stipulated time of one day. They were surprised at their own ability to perform on stage. The workshop definitely boosted the morale of the students.

**A DAY AT SEA Prakashites
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ROBOTICS WORKSHOP

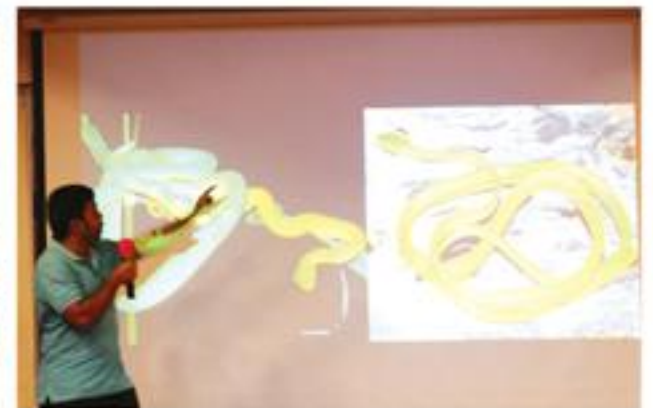




'SAVE THE SNAKES' TEAM AT SRI PRAKASH VIDYANIKETAN

A seven membered team of 'Save the snakes', a US based non-profit organization works relentlessly in studying and conserving wild life especially snakes. The members of the team are Mr. Michael G Starkey, Ms. Maaik Plomp, Dr. David Wajnowski, Ms. Choti Singh, Mr. Matej Dolinay, Ms. Zuzana Dolinay and Mr. K. Murthy. Prakashites spent an afternoon of curiosity as the team opted to spend their time with the students, educating them on mitigating the human - snake conflicts. The students

remained spell bound, looking at the curiosity arising, spectacular and deeply educating information that was transferred in the most interesting manner. Children were made to understand the difference between the venomous and non-venomous snakes. Also the lessons to remain away from the dangers of snake bite were loud and clear. "The best way to avoid a snake bite is to move away from any snake and leave it alone." This message was conveyed with optimum clarity.

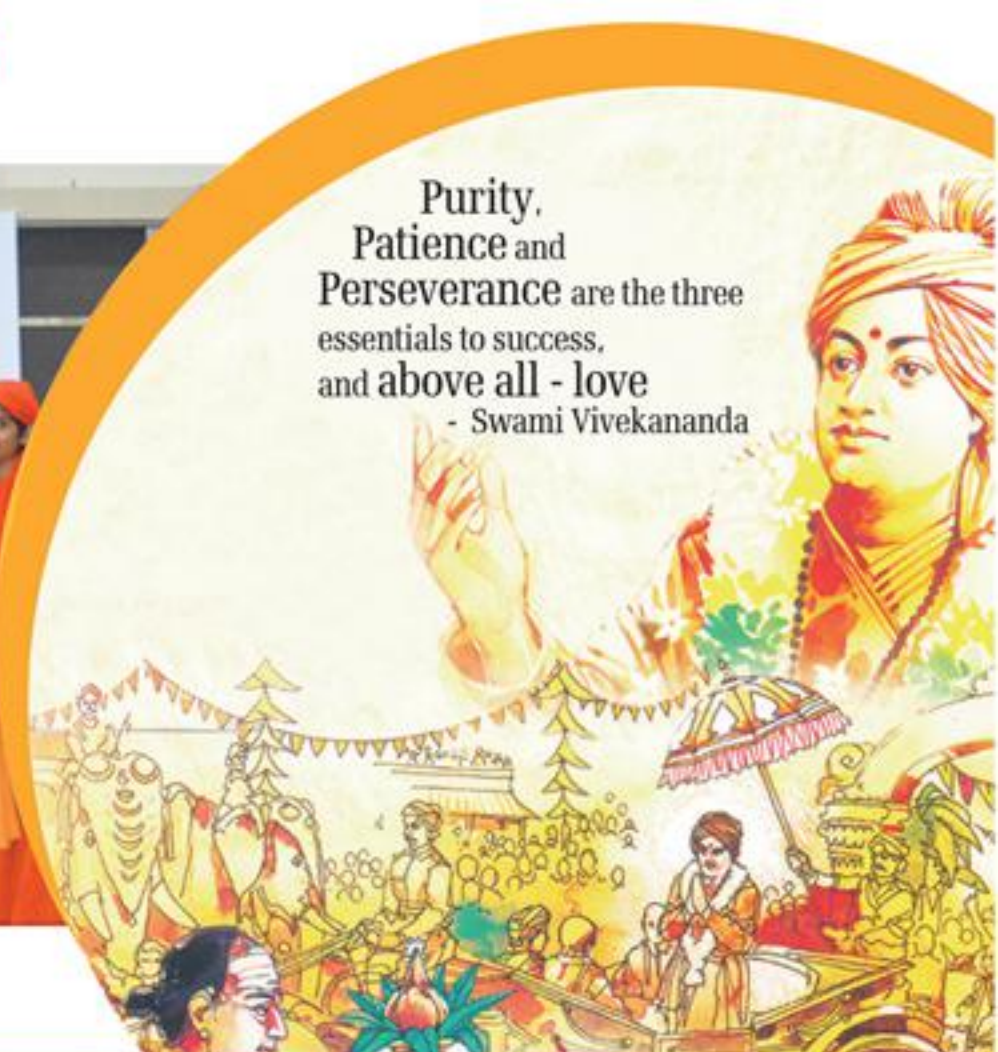


Prakashites pay tribute to the Youth Icon with an artistic Collage SWAMI VIVEKANANDA ON HIS 156th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

(12 JANUARY 1863 - 4 JULY 1902)



Swami Atma Vidananda Maharaj, Secretary, RK Mission, Visakhapatnam



The 70th Republic Day was celebrated with utmost patriotic reverence and immense zeal at Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan. The celebrations commenced with the customary unfurling of the National Flag by the guests followed by a march past by students. Col. Alok Punj Rai, Training officer and Adm. Officer, NCC Gp HQ Visakhapatnam; Prof. Rajaganapati Pragada, Founder member of Gayathri Vidya Parishad, Visakhapatnam; Swami Guneshananda Maharaj, Monk from Ramakrishna Matt; Sri A S Rama Sharma, Advocate; Sri SV Narasimha Murthy, CEO, Visakha Co operative Bank; Sri Venkateswara Rao, Retd. Addn. Dy. Commissioner of Police and Sri Ch. Vasu Prakash, Director, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan were present. The school choir then set the mood of all as proud citizens of India with perfect rendition of the National song.

The enlightening and inspiring talks of the guests were followed by speeches by students in Sanskrit, Hindi, Telugu and English, kindling the patriotic fervor in all present there. Students also filled the air with nationalistic spirit through their mellifluous rendition of some patriotic songs.

The cultural program comprised of an awe-inspiring display of martial arts - Taekwondo, a very informative and engrossing skit on the importance of Indian constitution, a guitar - Casio synthesis, a thought-provoking role play on Preamble and an energetic dance medley show casing the enthusiasm and love of Prakashites for the Mother Nation. Winners of various competitions held to mark the occasion were awarded.

The curtains of the celebrations came down with singing of the national anthem leaving everyone with the fragrance of love and reverence towards the motherland to linger on for a long time.

The Director, Sri Chitturi Vasu Prakash, motivated prakashites to take great pride in being Indians and also to promote the values and features of the world's largest written constitution.

Swami Guneshananda Maharaj, a Monk of 'Ramakrishna Matt and Mission'; Sri A S Rama Sharma, Advocate; Sri P.V.Narasimha Murthy, CEO, Visakha Co-Operative Bank, Sri Venkateshwara Rao, Retired Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police; Prof.P. Raja Ganapathi, Col.Alok Rai Punj, Sri Ch.Vasu Prakash, Director, Sri Prakash Vidyaniketan, adorned the National Occasion with their gracious presence.



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The Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) honoured the winners of the Infosys Prize 2018 at an awards ceremony in Bengaluru. The Infosys Prize is given to individuals who have made significant contributions across six fields, namely Engineering and Computer Science, Humanities, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Physical Sciences and Social Sciences. The event was attended by eminent scientists and academicians from India and abroad, business leaders, young researchers and students. Trustees of the Infosys Science Foundation, K. Dinesh, President of the Board of Trustees, N. R. Narayana Murthy, Nandan Nilekani, T. V. Mohandas Pai, S. Gopalakrishnan, S. D. Shibulal and Srinath Batni, were also present at the event. Director Sri Ch. Vasu Prakash is one of the invitee for the grand event. He interacted with Nobel Laureates and Academicians.



Dr. AMARTYA SEN
Nobel Laureate



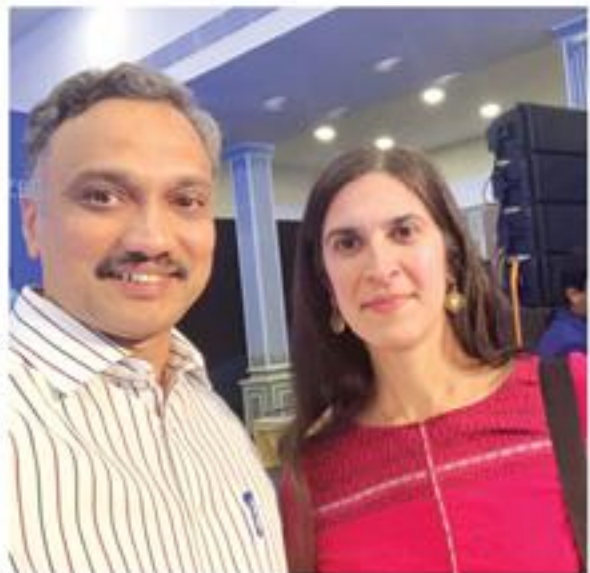
Prof. MANJUL BHARGAVA
R. Brandon Fradd Professor of
Mathematics at Princeton University
Winner of the Fields Medal (2014)



Ms. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
CMD, Biocon Ltd.



Dr. Wally Gilbert
Nobel Laureate



Prof. Nalini Anantharaman
Professor and Chair of Mathematics,
Institute for Advanced Study,
University of Strasbourg



The Learning Dais...

School provides us with various opportunities to interact with eminent personalities and enrich our knowledge. School celebrates various festivals like Christmas, Pongal etc. to inculcate cultural values. CCA activities at school help in all round development

- G.Sai Sanjeev, VI

School- A Learning Home. In this school, learning happens not just through books but also through 'Audio- Visual' classes which I liked the best. Many Scientific and General Knowledge videos have expanded my scope for learning. The way they are related to our chapters is all the more interesting. Hence my curiosity increased for more...

-R. Harshit, VIII

A remarkable and motivating workshop on The Theatre Art was conducted in my school. Sri Srinivas briefed us about the basic skills of performing dramas and plays by conducting different activities which could improve our concentration and memory. This workshop helped me to improve dramatic and presentation skills. I also learnt that patience is the key to success. I wish to be a part of many more such fun filled and interesting workshops.

-Rudra Prasad Mohanty, VIII

I learnt many interesting facts about Mathematics during the Mathematics Day Celebrations. What Dr Sudhakar C. Agarkar shared is extremely valuable and it helped me to know a lot about the great Mathematicians and the symbols discovered by them. Knowing about the book 'Lilavati', an Indian mathematician Bhaskara II's treatise on mathematics is one among the best I got to know this year.

- Ishika Patel, IX

Like everyone else, I was just a normal student but it was this school which helped me discover my potential. Being entrusted with a job of a House Vice-Captain, I learnt coordination, compassion and leadership skills. Marching in a Patriotic Parade, holding the majestic flag of my house, ignited my dream of joining the 'Navy' and serve the nation.

- P.Prakashita Raj Kumari, X

Being a Prakashite has always been a privilege to me. Our school celebrates different cultures and traditions. In the school, we have a Cambridge Language Lab which helps us to enhance our listening and speaking skills. The school also gives us amazing opportunities to interact with eminent personalities to enrich ourselves.

- V.Eesha Veena, VII

ART GALLERY...



B.HAVISHMA SREE, IX



B.TEJA SREE, IX



ASHMI SUBUDHI, X



V.LAKSHANA, VIII



M.PUSHPANJALI, VII



J.SAMHITHA, VIII



NIMMI KURIAKOSE, IX



VEERAJ JAISWAL, X



Home Away from Home

Life in a hostel comes with a combination of fervor, frolic and festivity. Prakashites as hostellers complete the meaning of their childhood with a holistic and all round development in the school residential. A homely atmosphere is set throughout the year with the celebrations of 'Birthdays', 'Festivals', 'Outdoor visits' in the city and so on. This year too the hostellers had celebrated 'Diwali' bursting Eco-friendly crackers and a grand photo with bright smiles. New Year celebrations also found its platform elevated when the hostellers performed a drama on 'Child Prodigies of the 'Hindu Mythology', songs and dances with high spirits. They also took in the emotional and moral value through a speech delivered by the Director Sir.



Father of the Nation - Mahatma Gandhi



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi) was born on October 2, 1869, into a Hindu Modh family in Porbandar, Gujarat, India. His father, named Karamchand Gandhi, was the Chief Minister (diwan) of the city of Porbandar. His mother, named Putlibai, was the fourth wife; the three other wives died during childbirth. Gandhi was born into the vaishya (business caste). He was 13 years old when his parents got him married to Kasturbai (Ba) Makhanji. They had four sons. Gandhi learned tolerance and non-injury to living beings from an early age. He was abstinent from meat, alcohol, and promiscuity.

Gandhi studied law at the University of Bombay for one year, then at the University College London, from which he graduated in 1891, and was admitted to the bar of England. His reading of "Civil Disobedience" by David Thoreau inspired his devotion to the principle of non-violence. He returned to Bombay and practiced law there for a year, then went to South Africa to work for an Indian firm in Natal. There Gandhi experienced racism: he was thrown off a train while holding a valid first class ticket and pushed to third class. Later he was beaten by a stagecoach driver for refusing to travel on the foot-board to make room for a European passenger. He was barred from many hotels because of his race. In 1894, Gandhi founded the Natal Indian Congress. They focused on the Indian cause and British discrimination in South Africa. In 1897, Gandhi brought his wife and children to South Africa. He was attacked by a mob of racists, who tried to lynch him. He refused to press charges on any member of the mob. Gandhi became the first non-white lawyer to be admitted to the bar in South Africa.

During the South African War, Gandhi was a stretcher bearer. He organized the Indian Ambulance corps of 300 Indian volunteers and hundreds of associates to serve wounded black South Africans. He was decorated for his courage at the Battle of Spion Kop. At that time Gandhi corresponded with Leo Tolstoy and expressed his admiration of the Tolstoyan principles of non-violence. In 1906 Gandhi, for the first time, organized a non-violent resistance against the Transvaal government's registration act. He called upon his fellow Indians to defy the new law in a non-violent manner and suffer the punishment for doing so. He was jailed on many occasions along with thousands of his supporters. Peaceful Indian protests caused a public outcry and forced the South African General J. C. Smuts to negotiate a compromise with Gandhi. However, Gandhi supported the British in World War I and encouraged Indians to join the Army to defend the British Empire, in compliance with the full citizenship requirement. Back in India, Gandhi became active in the struggle for Indian Independence. He spoke at the conventions of the Indian National Congress, becoming one of its leaders. In 1918, Gandhi opposed the increasing tax levied by the British during the devastating famine. He was arrested in Champaran, state Bihar, for organizing civil resistance of tens of thousands of landless farmers and serfs. In jail Gandhi was on a hunger strike in solidarity with the famine stricken farmers. Hundreds of thousands of his supporters gathered around the jail. Gandhi was addressed by the people as Mahatma (Great Soul) and Bapu (Father). He was released. Then he represented the farmers in negotiation with the British administration. His effort worked. The tax collection was suspended and all prisoners were released. He declared



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that all violence was evil after the Amritsar massacre of 379 civilians by British troops, which traumatized the Indian nation. As the leader of the Indian National Congress party Gandhi launched "Swaraj", a campaign for independence and non-cooperation with the British authorities. He urged Indians to replace British goods with their own fabrics and goods. He was imprisoned from 1922-1924, being released after an appendectomy. During that time a Swaraj party was formed by his anxious opponents; it later dissolved back into the Congress.



Gandhi spinning yarn, in the late 1920s

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Gandhi and his wife Kasturba (1902)



On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1929, the Indian National Congress unfurled its flag of independence. Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru issued the Declaration of Independence on January 26, 1930. Gandhi planned to achieve stability through the secularization of India, as the only way of uniting Hindus and Muslims in one peaceful nation. The religious divide was growing under the British colonial rule, which prospered from the monopoly on the salt trade. Everyone needed salt. Gandhi wrote to the Viceroy, Lord Irwin: "If my letter makes no appeal to your heart, on the eleventh day of March I shall proceed with co-workers of the Ashram as I can take, to disregard the provisions of the Salt Laws. I regard this tax to be the most iniquitous of all from the poor man's standpoint. As the Independence movement is essentially for the poorest in the land, the beginning will be made with this evil."



Mahatma Gandhi leading volunteers of the Indian National Congress during the historic march to Dandi in March 1930

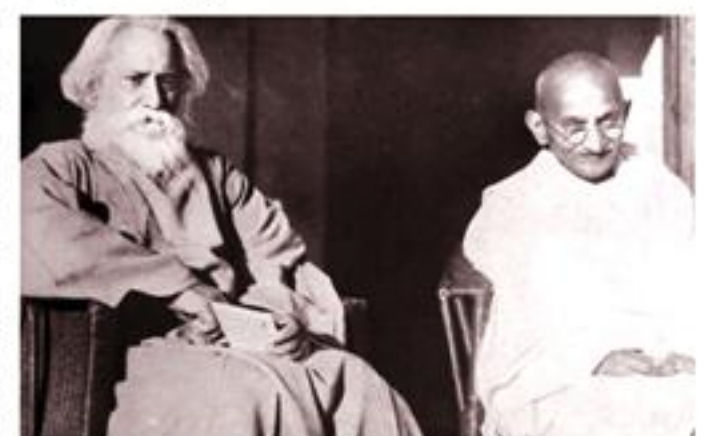
From March 12 to April 6, 1930, Gandhi made the famous Satyagraha ("Satya" - truth, "Agraha" - persuasion). The Salt March to Dandi. He walked on foot to the ocean in protest against the British salt monopoly and salt tax. He led thousands of Indians on a 240 mile (400 km) march from Ashram Ahmedabad to the village of Dandi on the ocean to make their own salt. For 23 days the two-mile long procession was watched by every resident along the journey. On April 6, Gandhi raised a grain of salt and declared, "With this, I am shaking the foundations of the British Empire." Gandhi's plan worked because it appealed to people in every region, class, religion, and ethnicity. The successful campaign led to the reaction of the British government and imprisonment of over 60,000 people for making or selling salt without a tax. The British opened fire on the unarmed crowd and shot hundreds of demonstrators. Gandhi was arrested in his sleep on the night of May 4th, 1930. Eventually the British government, represented by Lord Irwin, signed the Gandhi-Irwin Pact in March 1931, agreeing to free all political prisoners. Gandhi was invited to London as the leader of the Indian National Congress, but he was disappointed with the British attempts to destroy his influence by dividing him from his followers. Gandhi campaigned to improve the lives of the untouchables, whom he called Harijans (the children of God). He

promoted equitable rights, including the right to vote in the same electorates as other castes. In 1934 Gandhi survived three attempts on his life. In 1936, he briefly resigned from the party, because his popularity was stifling the diversity of membership; ranging from communists and socialists to religious conservatives and pro-business groups. He returned to the head of the party with the Jawaharlal Nehru presidency. At the beginning of the Second World War Gandhi declared that India could not be a part to this war, unless it has independence. His "Quit India" campaign led to mass arrests on an unprecedented scale of struggle. He was arrested in Bombay (Mumbai) and was held for two years. During his captivity his wife passed away and his secretary also died. Gandhi was released in May of 1944, due to a necessary surgery. His campaign led to a release of over 100,000 political prisoners before the end of the war. India won independence in 1947, followed by the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947, and partition of India. Gandhi said, "Before partitioning India, my body will have to be cut into two pieces." About one million people died in the bloody riots until partition was reluctantly asserted by Gandhi as the only way to stop the Civil War. He urged the Congress Party to accept partition, and launched his last "fast-into-death" campaign in Delhi, calling for a stop to all violence. Gandhi also called to give Pakistan the 550,000,000 rupees in honor of the partition agreement. He tried to prevent instability and anger against India.

Mahatma Gandhi on a 1969 postage stamp of the Soviet Union



Gandhi was shot three times in the chest and died while on his way to a prayer meeting, on January 30, 1948. His assassins were convicted and executed a year later. The ashes of Mahatma Gandhi were split in portions and sent to all states of India to be scattered in rivers. Part of Gandhi's ashes rest in Raj Ghat, near Delhi, India. Part of Mahatma Gandhi's ashes are at the Lake Shrine in Los Angeles.



Gandhi with Sri Rabindranath Tagore



The Gandhi Mandapam, a temple in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu in India, was erected to honour M.K. Gandhi.



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