

# From The Principal's Desk

*Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don't fight them. Just find a new way to stand. The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it and join the dance.*

Life gets better by change not chance. Keeping all the above quoted positive thoughts and thinking that the secret of one's future is hidden in one's daily routine, we all geared up for the new academic session 2021-22. No matter how dark the night may get, there is a hope of dawn to come. The previous year's pandemic had shaken each and everyone out of his wits. All the necessary provisions and guidelines were made for the smooth and safe functioning of the school in adverse conditions.

The new session embarked on 05 April 2021 in the offline mode for the Senior classes and online mode for the rest of the school. The pandemic situation was quite under control and with the blessings of the Almighty the new session commenced. It was hoped to be an exciting comeback for all the students as life had not been easy and quite unpredictable during the previous session. No sooner had the session got underway, than the lockdown was announced once again and the entire education system shifted to distance learning. Ever since the system of education has been blended learning. The sooner we adapt ourselves to the current situation, the better.

An important decision was taken by the educators and leaders with regard to the Board Exams 2021. After many rounds of discussions by the policy makers, the decision was taken to protect the safety of the students amidst COVID-19 pandemic and cancel the Board Examination. An alternative policy of tabulation of marks for classes X and XII was devised. No doubt, it was an uphill task but certainly not impossible. Finally the results were declared in July and our students came out with flying colours! Congratulations to all the students for adding to the glory of their alma mater!

The goal of early childhood education should be to activate child's own natural desire to learn. Times have changed. The question that triggers one's mind is are we forming children who are only capable of learning what is already known? It is high time we tried to develop creative and innovative minds, capable of discovery from the preschool age on, life throughout. Positive school cultures provide a secure, sympathetic, heartening, alluring, and challenging environment for students and staff, which in turn allow students' academic achievement to evolve. Culture includes what people actually do and what they believe. Culture influences greatly how we see the world, how we try to understand it and how we communicate with each other. Therefore, culture determines, to a great extent, learning and teaching styles.

Myriad of activities related to the national and cultural festivals is planned and executed to sensitize the raw minds so that they get connected with their culture and surroundings and have a positive outlook of life. The students of Pre-Primary school couldn't join physical classes due to the pandemic but remained connected with the school virtually. This did not mar their spirits and all the activities, festivals and events were conducted with full vitality and zeal.

- On 30th April, 2021 kids of Nursery class celebrated Freshers' party for which they were asked to wear a party dress and have a fruit and healthy drink of their choice. All the kids were enthusiastic about the maiden event and were smartly dressed for the occasion. They attended their online party with great enthusiasm and joy in their new surroundings.
- On 01 May, 2021 children of Pre-Primary wing expressed their gratitude by saying a few lines to the helpers on the occasion of Labour's day. They made cards and flowers to show their love. The young ones were overwhelmed by this activity of thankfulness and enjoyed it.
- Health is wealth was observed on 24 July 2021 by the Pre-Primary wing. Activities related to self hygiene and good health were conducted. Importance of healthy diet was discussed and the students prepared healthy sandwiches. The little ones were acquainted with the use of first aid box too.
- The Pre-primary wing celebrated the Independence Day on 13 August, 2021. The nursery students prepared the tricolor flag, KG class prepared tricolor badges and adorned the uniforms by pinning it on their school uniform; the prep class students prepared tricolor physical map. The little kids enthused themselves watching the video of the freedom struggle.
- Rakshabandhan preparations were done on 21



August, 2021, where the little ones prepared beautiful *rakhis* for their brothers with lots of love thus strengthening their bond.

- On the occasion of **Janmashtami** different activities were conducted in Pre-Primary wing on **27 August, 2021**. Nursery class conducted the *Mukut* making activity, KG class conducted the *Matki* Decoration and class Prep made cut outs of *Morpankh*.
- It is a matter of great delight and pride that the tiny toddlers who have just begun to walk, participated in **Freedom Run 2.0** organised from **13 August to 02 October 2021**. The zeal of these young kids was worth witnessing. They were felicitated with certificates.
- Pre-Primary children made beautiful cards on the occasion of **Teachers' Day** for their teachers in spite of that day being a Sunday. They wished their teachers by sending quotes and voice messages.
- **Hindi Diwas** Activity was conducted on **10 September** by the Pre Primary wing. Nursery children spoke a few lines in Hindi on Sangam, KG children spoke on Anand Bhawan and Prep children on Prayagraj.
- **11 September 2021, Ganesha Chaturthi**, was the day to welcome Ganpati. The students of class Prep prepared Ganpati with the help of thermocol.
- On **02 October** the Pre-Primary children celebrated **Gandhi Jayanti** with full enthusiasm. They all remembered Gandhiji by participating in various activities. Class Nursery children did coloring on Charkha. Class KG children cut and pasted pictures of Gandhiji in their drawing books and class Prep children made the three monkeys of Gandhiji giving the lesson of see no evil, speak no evil and hear no evil.
- October is the month of festivals and gaiety in India. On **08 October 2021**, the little ones participated in **Online Fancy Dress Competition**. They dressed up as Ramayana characters in order to acquaint themselves with the epic Ramayana and imbibe the principles of the legendary figures in their life.

The senior school functioned in a hybrid way switching between online and offline mode according to the prevailing circumstances. A plethora of academic and curricular events were also held accordingly to ensure holistic development of the students. The highlights of the same are as follows:

On **21 and 22 May 2021**, under the project '**Namami Gange**', Indian Institute of Public Administration organised a comprehensive Students' Virtual Training session on improving connection with our National River Ganga and support of the school children towards the River Ganga ecosystem and improvement of its ecological health. This far-fetched endeavor for the protection and upkeep of our cultural legacy was attended by the students with great enthusiasm as our students do not leave any opportunity to upgrade themselves.

Environmental awareness is an incredibly important part of human lives. All the denizens of this earth, especially the youth need to be more committed to be environmentally aware. In order to have a safe, healthy and ecologically-balanced environment, **World Environment Day** is observed on **05 June** every year. On this day, various online events were organised in different categories from classes Nursery to XII, to sensitize the students on various environmental issues and to help them play a more active and contributory role.

**21st June 2021** witnessed the **7th International Yoga Day** celebration. The theme of the day, i.e. 'Yoga for well-being' held a lot of relevance in the ongoing pandemic. An online webinar by the eminent yoga expert, Dr. Bhaskar Shukla, Assistant Professor, H.N.B. Govt. P.G. College, Naini Prayagraj was the highlight of the day. It was attended by the Senior School students.

The **75th Independence Day** was celebrated in the presence of the members of the Management, Principal and staff members of all the institutions of Saraswat Khatri Pathshala Society. All the guidelines and protocol of COVID-19 pandemic were strictly followed. The students, parents and teachers also showed their active participation in **Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** organized by **Fit India freedom run 2.0**.

**Milestones 2021**, the annual inter-institutional confluence of co-curricular and creative activities was held at Tagore Public School on **Friday, 27 August**. The event was organised virtually due to the constraints of the pandemic. Students of classes III to VIII from 11 schools all over Prayagraj participated in this mega event. Tagore Public School was the overall winner of this prestigious event whereas Nyaya Nagar Public School bagged the Runners up trophy.



29<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, National Sports Day, commemorated the 116<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the legendary hockey wizard, Major Dhyan Chand. The main goal of this day is to raise awareness about the importance of sports and physical activity in our lives for a healthy mind and body. All the staff members paid homage to the legendary player for his great sportsmanship and exceptional skills.

*"Language is the road map of a culture. It tells you where its people come from and where they are going."*

Since we all take pride in being Indian and our national language, Hindi, celebration of Hindi Diwas is customary in Tagore Public School. Besides the internal activities in the month of September, the current session also witnessed inter-institutional competitions on 25<sup>th</sup> September in *bal geet, vaad-vivad, bhakti sangeet, nibandh lekhan, etc.* for the first time. Tagore Public School secured the first position, Semstar Global School bagged the second prize followed by Nyay Nagar Public School at the third position.

Tagore Public School participated in the world's largest vaccination drive to inoculate the citizens against COVID-19 since 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Ever since the school has been on spot centre for vaccination. All the protocols are followed and the drive is a great success each day as huge number of people turn out for vaccination.

Poshan Abhiyaan is the Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescents and women. Every year the month of September is celebrated as *Poshan Maah* across the nation. The senior school students visited an orphanage in *Kathghar* and distributed fruits, biscuits, sweets, etc. This was an attempt to create awareness about healthy diet and also to bring a smile on their faces. Along with the entire school, the Pre-Primary kids also donated eatables to the helping staff.

02<sup>nd</sup> October marks the birthdays of two great leaders, i.e. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and Lal Bahadur Shastri, the former Prime Minister of our country. On this occasion, all the staff members paid floral tributes to the great leaders and patriotic songs were sung in their name.

02<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 was also a day of fun and frolic for the faculty members as a staff picnic was organized which was a much required break from the monotony and the disrupted frame of mind due to the pandemic. The destination chosen was *Lonikot Village Retreat*, situated 60 km from Prayagraj. It was a relaxing and comforting experience in the lap of nature.

The newly elected Student Council members were bestowed with the responsibility of leading their school in the prestigious *Investiture Ceremony* of Tagore public School on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021. All the members were conferred with the badges along with the respective

position that they held. The office bearers took the oath to uphold the flag and honour of the institution and abide by its regulations.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2021, National Law Day or the Constitution Day was celebrated in the school. Several interactive activities were held for the students of Senior School highlighting the salient features of the Constitution and its importance in the life of the citizens.

12 students of classes 11 and 12 participated in *Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav and National Mathematics Day Celebration at National Academy of Sciences, India* on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Our students got the golden opportunity to interact with eminent scientists.

Annual Cultural Fest, 'Unnayan' was held on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2021. It was held after a gap of one year due to the pandemic. This colourful, cultural extravaganza had a plethora of performances and a gamut of emotions. The achievers of the academic year 2020-21 were also felicitated on the occasion. All the students and staff members' hard work was evident and commendable.

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change held National



School Paryavaran Competition from 06<sup>th</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> January through EcoMitran App. Indian students from 87 countries participated in the competition. Uttar Pradesh ranked second in the order of participation. About 410 students of Tagore Public School participated in this prestigious national event. The students had to make an eco brick as a registration fee. This was an effort to sensitize students towards developing eco-friendly habits.

73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day was celebrated in school on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 with the same patriotic fervor that unites all Indians. Members of the management, Principals of all the four institutions, staff members and NCC cadets were present for the unfurling of the







national flag on this national festival.

It is a matter of great pride to share that **Shaurya Malviya** of class IX B was felicitated with 'Bravery Award' on this day as he saved the life of a stranger who met with an accident on road. He showed his presence of mind and commendable courage by taking him to the nearest hospital and providing him with immediate first aid and all the necessary medical help there.

The Saraswat Khatri Pathshala Society celebrated **Basant Panchami** on Saturday, 5 February, 2022. The festival which marks the preparation for the arrival of spring began with the invocation of the Goddess of Learning followed by the chanting of *mantras* and *aarti*. Prayers were offered by all the staff members followed by the holy Prasad.

The date **23rd February** Founder's Day is significant for Tagore Public School as it is the day to commemorate its establishment. We have stood together and served for 34 years.

### ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS

Online International Yoga Sports Championship was organized by Army Public School, Jhansi Cantt. On 22 June, 2021. Five students from Tagore Public School qualified for the final round. In the boys' category, **Vansh Bhola** of class I



B secured the third position and **Parth Jaiswal** of class I D stood sixth in the row. In the girls' category, **Sanvi Kesarwani** of I B secured the III position while **Siddhi Kesarwani** of II C and **Honey Kapoor** both got the V position. Khelgaon Public School organized a Yoga competition on 30 July 2021 where **Aarit Jaiswal** of VI C secured III position in the Boys' category.

- The Rotary Club of Prayagraj organised an inter-institutional debate competition on 22nd September on the topic 'Pros and cons of virtual education'. Tagore Public School was represented by **Palak Behani** and **Gun Jaiswal** of class X.

- **Tanvi Arora** of X A has brought laurels to Tagore Public School by her active participation in **Karate Championship**. She participated several times in the District level Tournament in the under 15 age category and was placed at the second position. She also participated in Sangam Cup National Karate E-Tournament and secured the third position. Not only this, she secured a silver medal for herself in the International E- Tournament World Series. We are really proud of her achievements.



- **Amar Ujala** held a "Sampoorna Swadeshi- Mega Drawing Competition on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. **Gauri Agarwal** of Class VIII won the First Prize, **Archit Agrawal** of class X bagged the second prize and **Shreya Jaiswal** of class VIII stood third. Tagore Public School was the winner of all the three prizes.
- Army Public School held an inter-school painting and speech competition on 23rd November, 2021. **Kartikey Tiwari** and **Nabeel Jafri** of class XI participated in the speech competition. All the three participants of the painting competition, i.e. **Mohd Rushan** of VI B, **Vani Srivastava** of VII A and **Sarika Srivastava** of VIII D won consolation prizes.
- **Dev Sanskriti University, Haridwar** held an International Essay Writing & Painting Competition in January, 2022. The topic was "PURANO MEIN YAGYA." **Shambhavi Singh** of class IV-C secured the second prize and **Aarav Keserwani** of class V-D bagged the incentive Award.



- ❑ Khelgaon Public School organised an Inter School online General Knowledge Competition for the little kids on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Paavani Kesarwani of KG got the first prize in the same.



- ❑ A Speech & Debate Competition was held at St. Joseph College by the Old Boys' Association on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Gun Jaiswal of class-X-B won the Third Prize in the Speech Competition. Kislay Pandey and Srijan Malviya of class XII-B represented Tagore Public School in the Debate Competition.



### Teacher achievers

Our faculty members have also made us proud.

- ❑ Ms Garima Dwivedi organized an online seminar on 19<sup>th</sup> May on the topic 'Uncertainty and its impact on adolescents during COVID-19'. The resource person of the seminar was Dr Sweta Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, TNB College, Bhagalpur. The participants were enlightened on how to respond to uncertainty and alleviate mental strength during pandemic.



- ❑ The 7<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day witnessed a huge response of students on the virtual seminar on Google Meet conducted by Mr. Vijay Rai, Mr Ashish Kumar, Mrs. Sadhna Mishra, Mrs Saumya Rathore and Mrs



**Pooja.** This seminar was a great learning session where students learnt the benefits of yoga and synchronized themselves with the inner self.

- ❑ Mrs. Sangita Kapoor was felicitated by the Praygoday Sahodaya School Complex for her services in the field of education. Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of high standards and outstanding excellence in teaching was presented to Mr Sourabh



Malhotra by ICFAI Business School, Dehradun on September 2, 2021 on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

- ❑ Mrs Rashmi Singh (PGT English), Mrs Shalini Dubey (PGT History) and Mrs Aparna Wahal (TGT Science) were the resource persons for seminar conducted by the Board of High School and Intermediate Education Uttar Pradesh on Evaluation of Answer Scripts in Board Examination as per NEP 2021 and participated



in the workshop for the Updation of the New Progress Report Performa for the schools affiliated to UP Board.

- ❑ It gives me immense pleasure and a sense of pride to share with all that 26 faculty members of Tagore Public School were appointed observers for the **National Achievement Survey** conducted by the Ministry of Education And CBSE. Their hard work and precision for the duty was highly appreciated.

The following faculty members of Tagore Public School were appointed as Observers of National Achievement survey



Survey 2021 by the Ministry of Education. Their diligence and hard work was instrumental in the smooth and fair conduction of the Exam by the Central Government.



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Last couple of years, all the faculty members have been gearing themselves for the New Education Policy. In order to update our teachers with innovative trends in education, we encourage them to attend *workshops and seminars* on various topics.

***"In order to be irreplaceable one has to be different."***

The TPS battalion has proved its mettle since the day of its inception in the school. The National Cadet Corps (NCC), is the Indian Military Cadet Corps which inculcates the quality of discipline and patriotism among the youth of the nation. The cadets are given basic military training in small arms and parades. This year NCC appreciation medal from D. G. NCC Lt. General Tarun Kumar was given to Anjali Jaiswal of IX A, a second year cadet for her overall performance. Throughout





the year many times cadets went to Battalion for the training where they were trained for self discipline, self protection, health and hygiene, use of arms and other equipment used in military and army. Activities like poster making, slogan writing, online debate, tree plantation, cleanliness drive (Swachch Bharat Abhiyan) were organized. An inter school quiz was organized on World Environment Day. Cadets have got themselves registered on digital forum where they can easily upload their activity. They have also registered themselves for Gallantry Award where their spirit of courage and decision making skills will be acknowledged.

God's blessings go far beyond one can ever dream of. With the blessings of the Almighty the previous session was a smooth sail and all the staff members and students are hale and hearty. The staff and students of Tagore Public School aim for excellence in academics, art, culture and sports and are committed towards it. I congratulate my team for fighting against the adverse circumstances like real warriors scaling new heights! I look forward to the new session ahead with new zeal and enthusiasm.

***With best wishes***

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