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The Ballygunge Shiksha Sadan has now been rechristened as The BSS School and stands tall and completely recognizable at 51, Gariahat Road Kolkata 19. The sombre grey edifice with a large all-embracing gate faces a quiet spot of greenery and shade in a well maintained park opposite. This is what sums the school up in dignity, respect for the environment and pluralistic.

We are proud that the school which is now part of Council of the Indian School Certificate Examinations (WB446). It is a school that has a powerful message and vision. We are a school that is cosmopolitan and inclusive. We admit girls with a view to keeping the pupil demography cosmopolitan and multi-cultural. We cater to vast majorities from every ethnic, religious, social and economic stratum. We offer them a safe space to grow into young women who are dignified, progressive and academically sound.

Despite the easily affordable fees, we boast of fully air-conditioned classrooms and smart classes for everyone. We have invested in infrastructure that caters to the building of scientific, artistic and multi-dimensional learning experiences. We are probably one of the fewest schools that offer a pottery room along with the Math Lab.

The Kothari Commission Report begins with the words "The destiny of India is being shaped in its classrooms" and we at The BSS School fully accept this responsibility and commit ourselves to the making of this ideal into a reality.

The BSS School, with its motto "Commitment to Excellence", has been completely involved for the past 73 years in spreading Education for the girl child and making them completely future-ready for the global canvas.

The last few years have been quite challenging, for not just The BSS School, but for all schools in general. Covid 19 brought with it major changes in the mindsets of all, and the entire education system underwent a shift, which equipped all of us to balance online teaching with



The BSS School receiving the Sera Vidyalaya award 2023 from the Hon'ble CM Mamata Banerjee

THE SCHOOL FOCUSES ON ECO-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES FOR MORE THAN SEVEN DECADES. THEY HAVE A RESOLVE TO PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS ISLAND PARK IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL SERVES AS A SHELTER FOR BIRDS, SMALL INSECTS, BEES AND BUTTERFLIES WHO ARE FAST DIMINISHING IN NUMBER

- All classrooms Smart-Class enabled
- All 110 Personal Computers with i7-8700 CPU, 3.20GHz Processors in all 3 Computer Labs
- Mathematics Lab with 32 latest laptops - 13 500GB HDD 4GB RAM
- English Language Lab with 62 computers - 800 G4 AIO - (All in One - I7-8th gen)
- Multimedia Lab 31 Intel(R)Xeon W-2012@2.90GHZ Processor with 24 inches LED Monitor
- LAN connections in all the labs
- High speed 30mbps Airtel internet lease line for providing internet connection at all the different places
- Wi-Fi Connectivity in the School

Supportive Infrastructure :

- The infrastructure of the school is constantly upgraded by a progressive and forward looking Management.
- 78 Solar panels to conserve electricity
- All Air-Conditioned classrooms
- State-of-the-Art Auditorium
- Water-treatment plant
- Canteen with health food
- Generator back-up of 160 KVA
- Modern techniques of Fire Fighting
- Fully equipped infirmary with tie-up with AMRI hospital
- G4S Housekeeping and school staff to keep the premises clean
- Lightning Arresters with 79 mts. radius each, along with stroke counter
- Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Incinerators
- State-of-the-art sports arena 457 sq. mts. dedicated to the different sporting activities

It will not be out of place to state to all of this is made available to each pupil as a matter of their right and is provided at an extremely affordable cost further amplifying our faith in the child's right to education.

Extra-Curricular Activities :

The array of disciplines for extra-curricular activities include : Eastern / Western music - vocal and instrumental, Dance, Aerobics, Pottery, Swimming, Basketball, Skating, Public speaking, Quiz, Martial Arts, Table Tennis, Robotics, literary Club, Bulbul and Girl Guide, Chinese, French and Spanish languages. Many of these activities were put together this year in a spectacular musical "Coco" - which was staged at Sangeet Kala Mandir between June 22 and 23, 2023. This is a first of its kind and all departments of music, art, choreography, dramatics and speech came together for this musical extravaganza.

Safety and Security measures in the School including School Buses

- GPS enabled buses with a male

- G4S Male and Lady Security Guards
- Constant surveillance on 230 CCTV cameras of all areas
- A Dedicated System Administrator for overseeing the cameras at all times.

These precautions are not mere cosmetic or accessories. They are vital because they provide for the girl child a safe space. All the personnel have been trained in the POSCO Act and well aware of their responsibility in making the school a protected environment.

Eco friendly initiatives

For more than seven decades, The BSS School, Kolkata has been standing firm in its resolve to protect, preserve and promote the cause of the environment. Friday, 16th September, 2022, witnessed the inauguration of a freshly renovated island in front of the school building under the guidance of Shri G.K. Khaitan, Trustee and Honorary Secretary, and Mrs Dipti Khaitan, Additional Secretary of the Managing Committee of The BSS School. Mr Debashish Kumar, Hon. MLA and MIC, Parks and Gardens, officiated the inauguration of the park. This park serves as a shelter for birds, small insects, bees and butterflies who are fast diminishing in number and are bordering on extinction. The BSS School realizes how important it is for children to take responsibility for the protection of all life and actually watch them hatch and see the fledglings emerge. In association with SHER, the school initiated the installation of 20 Earthen pots, as birds nest, in the Park, to rehabilitate the birds whose numbers in the city are dwindling because of their habitat loss. The drive began to commemorate the 126th birth anniversary of the legendary ornithologist, Salim Ali.

Cultural Exchange Programme

Constant interactions take place with visiting schools from UK, USA, France, Sweden and Germany. Teams from Oxford, Harvard and Cambridge, in association with Calcutta Debating Circle, engaged the students in a verbal battle of Debating, along with workshops which indeed was a unique experience for all.

A School that Cares

Students of Kolkata were all set for the festive season with The BSS School's Annual Inter-School Fest, 'Interface 2022'. With the tagline, 'A Fest with a Cause', Interface always aims at reaching out and helping the less privileged section of society. With the gracious contributions of the Title Sponsor P.C. Chandra and the association of the NGO, SHER, the school arranged to donate new clothes for the upcoming pujas to two hundred children of Dayapur Vil-

Awards and Accolades

The BSS School has received the following recognition :

- Times Business Awards - West Bengal 2022 and 2023 for Times Best School of South Kolkata
- The Telegraph School Awards - Certificate of Honour for Excellence in Academics (West Bengal Board) 2023
- The Telegraph School Awards - Certificate of Honour for Excellence in Extra Curricular Activities 2023
- The Telegraph School Awards - Certificate of Excellence in Maintenance and Eco-Friendly Initiatives 2023
- The Telegraph School Awards - Certificate of Appreciation for "A School that Cares" 2023
- Ram Awtar Gupt Pratibha Puraskar - Shreshth Vidyalaya for Excellent Results in Madhyamik and Higher Secondary 2022 hosted by Sammarg
- ABP Ananda Shiksha Samman 2022 for Excellence in School Education for Girls
- Gurukul Awards - School of the Year for West Bengal Board Results 2022
- Sammarg Best School Award for academic performance 2023
- India K-12 Awards 2023 for Excellence in imparting Value Education Programmes
- Sera Vidyalaya 2023 (Best School) of Kolkata conferred by the Honorable Chief Minister Smt. Mamata Banerjee, on behalf of the Government of West Bengal

CONCLUSION

Watching our pupils surge forward to take their rightful place as shapers and leaders in the third decade of this new millennium we are confident that the seeds that we have sown will reap a rich harvest in the years ahead.



School Building



Activities by the Students

lage, located on the opposite bank of Sajnekhali Wild Life Sanctuary, Sunderbans. New clothes and toys were donated to children less than five years old, from the Women's Correctional Home, Alipore, and young students from The Future Hope School, adding meaning to the purpose of the fest.

The student council members of the BSS School, along with the teachers, donated 200 kg of rice to serve 70 underprivileged children of Shishu Tirtha School in Joka, since they are still not in the scheme of midday meal.

A team of 9 students with 2 teachers visited Chunkhabari Sri Durga Balika Vidyalay in Midnapore, to donate books and an almira as a part of the outreach programme in association with the NGO, Pukar under the tutelage of Ms.Swati Gautam.

