



## Diya Academy of Learning Annual Report - 2022-23

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Diya Academy of Learning has come a long way since its inception in 2005, and though much has changed over the years, our mission remains the same. Diya is committed to nurturing students and equipping them with the 21st century skills of critical thinking, collaboration and problem solving abilities. As a result, year after year, Diya matriculates respectful, tech-savvy, responsible, and compassionate well-rounded young adults, who are well prepared to tackle the challenges of life.

As a school Diya is unique in many ways - like its untiring commitment towards academic excellence, its dynamic student body, an incredibly committed faculty, and a loving community where the students and families are proud and supportive of one another. Diya's co-educational environment reflects the world in which our students will one day live and work. Beyond mastering academic disciplines, our students are taught to respect all people and things, to be honest with themselves and others, put forth maximum effort, and seek ways to support their communities

The Annual Report provides a kaleidoscopic view of the various events and achievements of the school.

### **I) Parent Orientations**

The new academic year began with a string of Parent Orientations as we believe in the holistic development of our students and it can only be achieved with the support and encouragement of the parents. Hence to keep the parents well-versed with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies, co-scholastic activities, assessments, student score card, Parents' Orientation Programmes were organized for all the classes.

II) **Workshop for Teachers**-Teaching and learning are always like two parallel lines that are bound to go together. It is always seen that the students of well-informed and skilled teachers are better than the other students. Our teachers were engaged in a week-long training session at the beginning of the academic session which helped in equipping them with the latest skills of teaching.

II) We are proud to report that the 2021-22 Batch of grade X students have brought laurels to the school by their excellent results. We achieved 100% results in CBSE Grade X Examination. Eight out of twenty-one students scored Marks above 90%. Sreenanda Nambiar scored centum in AI.

III) **Achievements** - Our students participated in different inter-school competitions and brought laurels to the school by winning prizes wherever they went.

IV) **Department Wise Competitions**- Subject wise competitions were conducted throughout the year which focused on subject specific skills. Each and every student participated in these competitions and showcased their talents.

V) **Applied Academics**- Diya has introduced Applied Academics as a part of curriculum. We believe in imparting knowledge along with skills to prepare our students for the future. Our applied academics curriculum focuses on building 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. For the tech savvy future, we prepare our students through experiential learning. Activities based on problem solving, creative thinking, mechanics, electronics, robotics and data science help the students prepare themselves for the future. Additionally, math and science concepts are taught using hands-on activities, to have a strong understanding of the important concepts.

VI) **Counseling Cell** - Diya has full time dedicated school counselors who cater to the needs of the students on a regular basis.

VII) **External Exams**- Our students participated in external exams like Olympiads throughout the year and won many awards.

#### VIII) **Events**

##### 1) **5th June,2022 "NCC Environment Day Celebrations"**-

# Only One Earth was the agenda of the 2022 Environment day celebration. At Diya where there is a peaceful relationship between people and nature, a tribute was offered by our National Cadet Corps. Being the second year of their services this time they made it big. The Cadets enhanced the lush greenery of Diya by planting fruit trees. They even furnished the message and purpose of nurturing and saving the environment in the form of placards. The Chief Guest for the occasion planted trees along with the cadets and highlighted the importance of nurturing and protecting the environment on a day to day basis. It was indeed a

fruitful day by all means when all came together to nurture Mother Earth and create awareness.

2) **21st June, 2022 “International Yoga Day”** International Yoga Day was celebrated to create awareness about the culture of Yoga and benefits of practicing Yoga. Different Asana were performed by students. Yoga is the tool for practicing compassion, mindfulness, generosity, focus, strength and flexibility. Therefore, to maintain the health and well-being of students Diya celebrated Yoga Day with immense enthusiasm. The students along with the Yoga teacher demonstrated Surya Namaskara and various asana followed by Omkar chanting. Yoga teachers also instilled the young minds with the magical benefits of different asana. The physical, mental and spiritual benefits were explained. The celebration ended with a vote of thanks and a rendition of the National Anthem by the students.

3) **8th July, 2022 “Students’ Council Election 2022-23”** Elections are the very important part to understand the role of democracy. A Polling Booth was organized for voting. Elected members got their badges pinned on the Investiture Ceremony. By voting we add our voice to the chorus that forms opinions and the basis for actions. “The Student Council Elections (2022-23) were held on Friday, 8th July. The nominees for different posts were selected by the House Mistresses after rigorous rounds of Interviews. After two weeks of campaigning by the nominees the elections were held in a democratic manner on 8th July. It took place in online mode and total secrecy was maintained. Students and staff members cast their votes for their favorite candidates.

4) **23rd July, 2022 “Investiture Ceremony”**

The Investiture Ceremony for the academic session 2022-23 was held on 23rd July 2022. Its objective is to create leaders for tomorrow. The newly elected council members were presented with sashes and badges. After that they took a pledge to uphold the values and beliefs of the school. The Principal congratulated the Student Council and reminded them that with position comes responsibility. The ceremony began with a welcome speech followed by the ceremonial lighting of the auspicious lamp. A welcome dance, motivational song by the school choir and an instrumental composition added to the solemnity of the occasion. The highlight of the day was the majestic march of the Council Members to the band music as they

prepared to don the mantle of accountability. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks and singing of the national anthem.

#### **5) 15 August, 2022 Independence Day Celebrations”**

Diya Academy of Learning celebrated the 76th Independence Day with a lot of enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation the Chief Guest unfurled the tricolor flag and all in unison sang the National Anthem. The guests were welcomed by our Junior Head Girl followed by a graceful welcome dance. Then there was a splendid display of March Past by the four houses (Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire and Topaz), the school band and the NCC Cadets. The highlight of the day was a special performance by the cadets. The Cadets were honored with different ranks by the dignitaries. The school choir presented a medley of patriotic songs which enthused everyone with patriotic spirit. There was also a beautiful rendition of instrumental music by the budding musicians of the school. There were speeches by the Guests, Principal and students which highlighted the achievements of our nation and the role of the youth in helping the nation reach greater heights. The celebration culminated with a Vote of Thanks.

#### **6) 9th September,2022 “Staff Appreciation Day”-**

"Employees are an organization's greatest asset. Staff Appreciation days show how much an organization values their employees and keeps their morale high in the workplace. Staff Appreciation Day was organized in Diya on 9th of September. Staff members were awarded for different categories like completion of 10 years and 5 years of service in the school, excellent performance, perfect attendance, and outstanding contribution.

- 7) 14th September, 2022 “Hindi Diwas Celebrations” A splendid celebration of the Hindi Diwas was organized. The students presented a comic skit, speech, news reading, and collage presentation on the culture of different parts of India. Various competitions were held and winners were felicitated.

#### **8) 21st October,2022 “Dussehra and Diwali Celebrations”**

Diwali, the festival of lights was celebrated by the students on 21st October. A special assembly was organized to highlight The importance of celebrating this vibrant festival. The spirit of Diwali, which signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over

ignorance, good over evil and hope over despair, was showcased by the students through a skit and scintillating dance performances.

#### **9) 1st November,2022 “Kannada Rajyotsava Celebrations”**

On November 30th 2022, Diya Academy of Learning celebrated the prestigious 67th Karnataka Rajyotsava with great enthusiasm in the lush green play-ground. Students from grade 1 to grade 10 attended the celebration to experience the glory of the vibrant culture of 'Namma Karnataka'. Primary and secondary school students presented group dance, song and skit. The cultural program aimed at showcasing the folk culture of Karnataka. It helped to foster love and pride for Karnataka amongst the students. A sense of inclusiveness was generated with the help of this event.

#### **10)14th November,2022 “Children’s Day Celebrations”**

Children are budding stars, the more you embrace them, the more they shine”. Our Preprimary teachers organized a colorful program for the tiny tots to celebrate Children's Day. The teachers danced, sang, gave speeches and narrated stories to make the day a memorable one for their students. School was super fun for our little ones today as they danced, played games and watched moral stories along with their teachers.

- 11) **17th November,2022 “Inter-school Kannada Competition”**- An Inter- school Kannada competition was organized in Diya Academy of Learning with the objective of popularizing Kannada Language amongst the students. The competition was held in six categories for grades 1-10. The day commenced with a Prayer, Welcome dance and a speech by the Principal. After that the events unfolded. Throughout the day the participants, which consisted of more than 100 students, competed with a lot of zeal and competitive spirit to excel in all the literary events. The panel of judges, which consisted of teachers from the participating schools, had a tough time to select the best of the lot. The day ended with the Award Ceremony in which the winners were awarded with certificates and gifts.

#### **12)23rd December,2022 “Christmas Celebration”**

Students of grade 1 to 10 celebrated Christmas and Mathematics culmination day on the 23rd of December. A Special Assembly was organized in which a mélange of different items was presented. The day began with news reading and Amazing facts about Christmas. There was drama, dance, speech, Carol singing and mime on the magic of Christmas. The drama aimed to popularize Mathematics and remove "Math phobia" amongst the students. The assembly ended with the announcement of winners of different competitions which were held throughout the month of December as a part of Mathematics month.

### **13)13th January,2022 “Makar Sankranti Celebrations”**

Our students staged a stimulating Special Assembly to celebrate the festival of Makar Sankranti. Makar Sankranti is a festival celebrated all over India in many different ways on the 14th day of January. The day marks the end of the month with the winter solstice and the start of longer days. The assembly was presented meticulously through spectacular performances in the form of a cultural program. Replete with songs, dances and discourses on the significance of the day students demonstrated a thorough understanding of the festival and the different ways of celebrating it.

### **14)26th January,2022 “Republic Day Celebrations”**

Diya Academy had celebrated the 74th Republic Day with great zeal and spirit. The Guests of Honor were escorted for the Flag hoisting ceremony by our school band and NCC Cadets followed by rendition of the National Anthem. Then there was a mesmerizing display of March Past by the NCC cadets and the school band. The students and cadets showed their passion and love for their motherland through stirring speeches. The highlight of the show was a nukkad natak presented by the Cadets emphasizing the real meaning of freedom and the ways to uphold, protect and respect it. The guests of honor congratulated the students on their wonderful display of patriotic spirit and further motivated them with motivated speeches.

### **15)27th January, 2022 “Pariksha Pe Charcha”**

Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual event where our honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with students, teachers and parents and answers their queries on exam related matters ahead of their board exams. Year 2022 was the

sixth edition of Pariksha pe Charcha in which the Prime Minister gave tips to the students on the value of Time Management, importance of smart work, dealing with exam stress and digital fasting. Our grade 9 and 10 students watched the event live and gained some important insights regarding their preparation for the upcoming Board exams.

16) **4th February 2022- Farewell of 10th grade-** 2022-2023 batch of grade X students were bid adieu to their journey. The function began with the entry of tenth graders who looked dapper in their formal attire. It was followed by the lamp lighting ceremony. The light of knowledge was bestowed upon each student by the Chairman, Trustee and Principal of the school. After that the students were led into an oath. Then there were Speeches by guests and teachers which were full of wisdom and insightful thoughts. Each student was presented with a memento. At the end the students expressed their regard, love and gratitude to The Management, Principal and teachers for support in the right direction.

17) **23rd February 2022- After School Sports Culmination day-**At Diya we give a lot of importance to sporting activities. We provide specialized coaching for students to learn skills as well as to compete in different tournaments. We had After school sports coaching for Cricket, Football, Basketball and Karate throughout the year. The students played matches and showcased the skills that they learnt during the course of the year. Karate students had belt testing after the completion of which they were rewarded with belts and certificates. A few group games were organized for the parents too. Students participated in various tournaments and won prizes for the school during this academic session.

**18) 24th 25th February 2022- Synergy-**

The end of February witnessed the Annual Event - Synergy 2022-23 which was organized on 24th and 25th Of February on the theme of SDG to spread awareness about UN Sustainable goals. The students worked on 7 SDG goals namely -Health and Well Being, Zero Hunger, Life on Land, Life under water, Climate action, Clean Water and Sanitation, Sustainable cities and communities and showcased different models along with a cultural show.

19) **10th and 11th March 2022- CBSE training for teachers-** Teachers are the key factor in educational excellence and to achieve this they need to be updated with the latest teaching methodologies. In addition to that a CBSE training session was organized by Coe (Centre of Excellence) Bangalore on Classroom Management conducted by Dr. Ritu Chauhan, Senior Principal- Manipal International School Bangalore and Dr. Jayashree Muralidhar, Principal- Navkis Education Centre, Mysore.

This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the year. On this memorable occasion as we recount our success with pride and happiness, we wish to dedicate all our achievements to the committed efforts of Team Diya.