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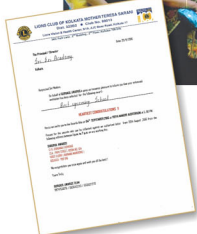
## UPcoming EVENTS

- ★ Intramural Sports, 7th – 9th September 2016
- ★ Career Counselling for Class 8, 19th – 21st September 2016
- ★ SSMUN 2k16, 24th – 26th September 2016
- ★ Participating in Destiny 2016, International Karate Tournament, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, S. Africa, 1st & 2nd October 2016
- ★ Sports Day, 10th Decemeber 2016



## Feathers in the Cap

- ★ West Bengal's No. 4 & Kolkata's No. 4 Co-ed Day School in the **Education World India School Rankings 2016**
- ★ Ranked one of India's **Top 3 Community Outreach School** by Education World, to be awarded at Grand Jury Awards 2016 on 23rd September 2016, Gurgaon



- ★ **Gurukul Awards** for Best Upcoming School
- ★ Students participated in **ASISC Zonal Level Competitions** and got selected for the Regional Level

- ★ Four students of ICSE 2016 batch were felicitated with **Pratibha Samman** for securing more than 96% in ICSE by Prabhat Khabar



Just information is not education, it is culturing our behaviour and attitude. It is our ability to perceive things better. The purpose of education is to increase awareness. Only an education, that can nourish inbuilt virtues, can impart true intelligence.



### ★ ICSE 2016 Result at a glance



- ★ The boys' rugby team won the **Touch Rugby Tournament** organized by Jungle Crow Foundation



- ★ The school received the '**Sarv Shreshth Vidyalaya**' Trophy for being the best in Hindi in ICSE Schools
- ★ Five students received gold medals, eight received silver and nine students received bronze medals in Kata and Kumite category at **2nd International Open Karate Championship**
- ★ Students bagged prizes in **Karmayatra by LMB, Milaap 2016** by SPIC MACAY and exe.BIT by LSA
- ★ School team received a special prize in **Film Making, Senior Level Category at I-Lead**



**Junior Prize Day**



- **Dr. JBM Krishna**, Junior Engineer – F, UGC – DAE Consortium for Scientific Research, gave an hour-long talk to **Science students of class XI** on **Electromagnetism** with emphasis on Biot-Savart Law and the Working Principle of Cyclotron.
- **Dr. Subrata Sen**, a Senior Scientist working in the field of Oncology at Texas, USA, addressed the senior school students about the role of education from his perspective. He inspired the students to dream big and aspire to achieve their dreams. He also briefed the students about the development of affordable drugs to treat Cancer in America.

**Founder's Day**

The students observed the day by sharing Guruji's teachings, principles, values and thoughts. A video was screened on Guruji's life, ideals and message. Students took pledge to carry forward his values and to take care of the environment and spread the message of happiness. The students were also involved in various acts of service.



**Senior Prize Day**



**Inter House Elocution and Extempore Competition**



The event witnessed students reciting poems and speeches of world famous personalities with great enthusiasm and vigour.

- **Election for the new Student Council** took place for the posts – Captain, Vice Captain and Prefects of different houses.
- Senior school students enacted an adapted version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and were awarded 'The Best Script' at the Shakespeare Film Festival organized by South City International School.
- The students of Class XII (Science) visited the **Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre at Salt Lake**. They learnt in detail the working of the Cyclotron and were shown the Radioactive Ion Beam facility.
- The **SSRVM Schools Meet in Bangalore** of 90 schools under the Trust 2016 was attended by Ms. Shunglu, Principal, Ms. Sumita Bose, Headmistress, Ms. Sangeeta Agarwal, Chief Financial Officer and Ms. Minni Bansal, Middle School Coordinator.

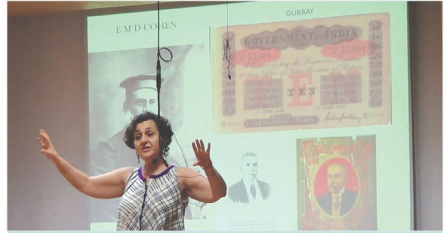


## International World Yoga Day was observed in the school.



Ms. Maya Menon conducting workshop on Quality Circle Time

A three-day workshop on Quality Circle Time was conducted in school for training teachers by Ms. Maya Menon from The Teacher Foundation, Bengaluru. The target of QCT was to get people to open up with each other and ultimately feel good about it



The senior students had an enriching morning when Dr. Jael M Silliman addressed them, giving them a glimpse into **Jewish settlement in Kolkata**. Dr. Silliman began with an interesting presentation on the Jewish people, a religious minority. She stressed on the fact that the community lived in India without any instances of Anti-semitism giving interesting anecdotes during her talk. This was a part of their **International School Awards** activity.



The Chinese Consulate of Kolkata organized an **Art Campaign** in the school. A couple of renowned artists of China showcased their traditional painting skills and taught the students the basics of Chinese art, Brush Stroke.



Sri Sri Academy along with South City International School had a 9-day **Educational Trip to Australia** where students attended different workshops on entrepreneurship, sports management, mechatronics and criminology in Macquarie and Bond Universities.

# AUSTRALIA STUDY TOUR



## Green Blanket, an ISA Assembly

The children of Classes IV and V put up an assembly on the 'Green Blanket' as a part of their International School Awards activity with partner countries Nepal, China and Indonesia. The Consul-General of the People's Republic of China and Nepal were the chief guests. The highlights of the programme were 'Vriksharopan' ceremony and poems on trees were recited by the children. The assembly ended with tribal dance forms of India and the partner countries.

Guru Purnima was celebrated as No Plastic Day and Environment Day. To spread our Founder's Message the students of Class V planted herbs in the lawn near Saraswati Mandap to create a herbal garden.



**Guru Purnima Celebration**



**Van Mahotsav**, the festival of planting trees was held on this day. The children displayed the ethos of 'Vriksharopan' as celebrated in Shantiniketan. They carried a sapling followed by a procession of

the five elements, earth, water, light, air and sky that nurture the plant. The visiting team from SSRVM, Mulund, Mumbai, who attended the programme, appreciated a lot.



**INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

Newly elected Student Council Members consisting of 24 students were



sworn in during the **Investiture Ceremony**. Mr. Ashok Vishwanathan, renowned film director, spoke to the students on how to hone leadership qualities. This was followed by the felicitation of the toppers of ICSE 2016 with the Neena Bhalla and the Pahal Jain Trophy for Science and Commerce stream respectively.



The **First Installation Ceremony** of the Interact Club of our school with the second Executive Board of Directors was held in the school with guests from Rotary Club, Chowringhee.

### Visit from Pharmaceutical University of China



Delegates from **Pharmaceutical University of China** gave a presentation on the details of the University, courses available, the teaching and the infrastructure to the students of Classes X and XII.

**Dr. Srabani Zoha**, renowned dermatologist, was invited to give a talk on skin and hair problems to the students of Senior School as a part of their Home Science curriculum.

The school hosted the **Albert Barrow Memorial All India Inter-School Creative Writing Competition**. 50 schools participated in the event from all over West Bengal.



Our students put up a dance performance **'Tagore & Orient'** which was adjudged **3rd in the dance category** in an inter school competition organized by the Chinese School of Language.



As a part of the **International School Awards Programme** activity, the Kindergarten children put up an assembly **Global Village Fair and Go As You Like**, based on the traditional clothes worn at different parts of India and UK. The special Guest was Ms. Ruth Jones, a teacher from UK.



**Open House, Junior School**, dealt with issues like weight of school bags, integration of History and Geography into Social Science, introduction of cursive writing, respecting school rules etc. Noted Nutritionist, Ms. Hena Nafis was invited to address the parents on 'The Nutritional Requirements of Children'.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**Independence Day Celebration** started with a speech on freedom fighters and Indian freedom

movement, which inspired the young listeners for their duties towards the nation. This was followed by march-past by the scouts. The national flag was hoisted by our Principal, Ms. Shunglu. A colourful cultural programme followed. The programme culminated into an 'Inter House Quiz Competition' on Indian Freedom Movement, Yukti House emerged as winner with 55 points.



## Happy Janmashtami

The students of Lower Nursery put up an interesting short skit based on three stories from the life of Lord Shree Krishna to celebrate Janmashtami. They also visited the Janmashtami Jhanki (tableau) at New Alipore. They were amazed to see lifelike dolls in action depicting various stories related to the life of Lord Shree Krishna.



The school collaborated with Concern India Foundation to organize **Splash, a Sit and Draw Competition**, an annual event to encourage talent and creativity from differently-abled students and to sensitize our students.

## Tree Plantation at the Alipore Forest



Some students of Class V along with some from Class XI visited the Alipore Forest with almost 50 saplings and planted them. The Principal Ms. Shunglu, Ms. Uma Raju and Ms. Gargi Banerjee escorted them.

- As a part of International School Awards Activity, the children of Class I went to **Express Dairy, Taratala** to understand the procedure of making milk products.
- The students of Class II & III had an enriching experience at the **BITM**.
- The students of Class IV visited the **Zoological Garden** to learn about flora and fauna of different countries.



Some students of Class I visited the **Command Hospital** to handover handmade 'Thank you' cards to recognize and honour the contribution of the soldiers on the occasion of 70th Independence Day.





# Principal's Pen

Dear Parents,

The first term of 2016-17, has witnessed a series of events, including Orientations PTMS, Inter-house events, our two Prize Days, the Investiture for the Student Council, the felicitation of ICSE toppers, and the celebration of Founder's Day, Independence Day, and Teachers' Day, the first Inter-mural Sports and the first Inter-school Model United Nations.



Our academic team has grown with the addition of more coordinators and Section Heads, and their improved academic planning has allowed us to post the term syllabi on the school's website. However, we must remember that the syllabi is evolving, and thus we may introduce new need-based, interesting material.

Focusing as we are on raising the school's standard of spoken and written English, we now have Mrs. S. Lal, a dedicated Language Coordinator. Students at the levels of Primary and Middle school will benefit from her input and teaching. She works out of the two school libraries and takes classes on creating an interest in reading and vocabulary development. Mrs. S. Baral, a computer teacher for the past 20 years, has joined us as ISC coordinator and HOD of Computer Studies. The Home Science or Home Economics Department is another area where we are witnessing a lot of interest and dynamism. Several career choices emanate from this field of study for boys and girls alike. The One Step One, a Delhi-based agency is once again holding aptitude tests and career counseling sessions for the senior classes.

Full credit goes to our senior coordinators Mrs. G. Banerjee and Ms. A. Hazarika (who unfortunately had to relocate out of Kolkata) and our Secondary school teachers for the excellent performance in the ICSE of our second batch of students. What has made Team Sri Sri especially proud has been our policy of 'No one left behind'. 31 students scored above 90%, 52 scored between 80-89%, and 4 students scored between 70-79% with an average performance of 88%. Not a single student scored below 74% for the second year in a row. Congratulations to them all, their teachers, and their parents and extended families!

We now look forward eagerly to the results of our first batch of ISC students. We are fortunate to have been accorded home center status for the ISC exams after an inspection by the ISC Convenor, Mr. Ian Myers.

We have often been made to justify the school's affiliation with the Council of Indian School Certificate vis-à-vis popularly perceived notions of which is the better board. The National Aptitude Survey conducted by NCERT researchers between November 2015 and March 2016, and published in this May's edition of Education World, has found the real unprepared learning outcomes best for CISCE schools in a study of 277,416 class X students of 7216 CBSE, ICSE, and State Board Exams. To quote Mr. Shomie Das, retired Head

Master of Doon School and the President of Sri Sri's School Management Committee, "There's no doubt in my mind that CISCE-prescribed syllabi tend to be more child-centric and liberal than those of the CBSE. CISCE school managements have a wider variety of text books, accord more emphasis to science practicals, and have fully adopted enquiry-based experiential learning."

In my opinion, the CISCE curriculum for languages in all streams is far more in-depth, the choice of texts books is unrestricted, and there are very wide subject combinations. The Science Curriculum has been revised and will now be identical to that of the CBSE from 2018 onwards. A more demanding English language curriculum gives ICSE students an edge in writing and speaking. Finally, to tackle the belief that the Class XII scores do influence one's JEE Main Rank, the board one appears from hardly matters as the JEE Main Rank is calculated after normalizing results across different Class XII Boards. The academic success of students will depend on their focus, application, and determination, and not the Board from which they appear.

While we have held an Open House for the Junior school, we are yet to set such a date for the Senior school due to our preoccupation with examinations. However, we plan to do so in November and encourage you to submit your concerns in general. Specific concerns about your child must be shared with the Section Head/class teacher so that these can be effectively addressed at the earliest. We will also share the minutes of the Junior School Open House and some suggestions by Ms. Hena Nafis regarding dietary concerns for children for those of you who could not make it to school that day.

In general, we are concerned at the high degree of restlessness, loud noise, constant talking, aggression, and rough behaviour among children of all age groups – irrespective of gender. Their ability to listen carefully, follow instructions, wait patiently for their turn, or introspect seem to be gradually disappearing. These are, however, critical if our students are to become successful, thinking, and creative individuals in personal and professional life. These are the same virtues we appreciate when we travel the world, but seem reluctant to cultivate in ourselves. Self-discipline is of the essence; our children emulate us in more ways than we can imagine.

I request parents once again to instruct their chauffeurs not to blow horns or violate traffic rules. I request them to be aware of school rules, and to write to the relevant school authorities at the earliest to discuss pertinent concerns – rather than sharing the same on social media. Please join with us in making SSA a happy, safe, and inclusive learning environment for generations to come.

As per RBI guidelines, in place of the ECS mandate, we are introducing registrations with NACH for collection of school fees. All parents must enrol immediately. Please expect the annual hike of 5-7% in the coming session.

Exams for Classes 9 and 11 maybe held a little earlier than usual as the two sets of Board examinations will be in progress from mid-February to the beginning of April.

We wish you all a blessed festive season! May we all move in the same direction. Sanghat Chhadvam!

Suvina Shunglu,

**Daan Utsav**

*Thank you parents  
for your contribution!*



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