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IN MEMORIAM: A MELODIOUS MAESTRO

Mrs Sarasvani Sharma, a Veteran Music Faculty member at APS Jalandhar, who lovingly took on the task of helping her wards discover and hone their musical talent, left her mission unfulfilled, as after an eventful span of 32 years of dedicated service, she suddenly succumbed to Covid 19 inflicted complications, leaving all of us shocked. An ever smiling, pleasant, creative, co-operative, hard working person is how the APS Jalandhar family shall always remember her as. God bless her soul!



Mrs Sarasvani Sharma
19-06-1964 to 24-12-2020



Mentors Mrs Sarasvani, Mr HS Bhatti and Mr Sandeep Verma posing with Team JAPS, Winners of Prativaad an Inter School Music and Painting Contest 2016



Mrs Sarasvani with the School Choir 2017

A TRIBUTE BY MR SANDEEP VERMA TGT MUSIC

“भौचक्की है आत्मा सांसें हैं हैरान हुकम मिला है जिस्म को खाली करो मकान”

24 दिसम्बर 2020 का दिन, जिस समय विद्यालय प्रांगन में यह खबर आई कि श्रीमती सरसवाणी इस संसार को सदा के लिए अलविदा कह गयी, बहुत ही दुखद और नागवार लगा कि, किसी का इस तरह से अचानक चले जाना, कुछ दिन पहले ही तो वह हम सबके साथ थी, पर अचानक कुछ ऐसा होगा, कि जिसका किसी को अंदेशा भी न था वास्तव में यह हम सबके के लिए बहुत ही पीड़ादायक है। कल्पना से परे इस घटना ने हम सबको झंझोड़ कर रख दिया। मैडम सरसवाणी वाकई में एक नेकदिल, व सरल स्वभाव की स्वामिनी थी। सदैव दूसरों का साथ देना, विपत्ति में न घबराना, सबसे घुल मिल कर रहना, उनके आचरण के गुण थे। मिलकर कार्य करना और बहुत सी व्यवहारिक बातें, उनसे, सदैव सीखने को मिली। विद्यालय प्रांगन को सदैव अपने संगीत व स्वर लहरियों से ओत-प्रोत रखने वाली, उस अविस्मरणीय आवाज़ को संगीत विभाग आर्मी पब्लिक स्कूल सदैव अपनी यादों में संजोये रखेगा.....

संदीप वर्मा

संगीत विभाग

आर्मी पब्लिक स्कूल जालंधर.

I still cannot believe, Mrs Sarasvani is no longer amongst us. I shall always remember her for her charming smile, with which she greeted everyone, her students, colleagues, family and friends. She was not only a very good Music Teacher, but an excellent person too. She inspired me with her dedication to duty and ability to handle every situation calmly and with maturity. Always ready to help others in any way she could, I remember one time when she gave up attending an important family function to help me out after school hours. After that we became good friends and I really looked up to her for advise. No words can express the loss I feel. I shall miss her always. I pray to God to bless her soul and give her family, friends and all Japsians the strength to cope with this unbearable loss.

Ms Bhawna Miglani

TGT SSc

यादें

गुनगुनाती थी जो हमेशा,
हंसती थी, हंसाती थी जो सदा,
कुछ नहीं कर लेंगे मैडम,
फिक्र ना करो जो कहती थी सदा,
वह यू खामोशी से,
एक रोज चली जाएगी, यह तो सोचा ना था,
कर्तव्य निष्ठा किसे कहते हैं, सिखा गई वो,
फर्ज कैसे निभाते है, बता गई वो,
कहां देखा, कहां सुना तुमने,
मृत्यु शैया पर पति लेटा था पास,
वो कर्तव्य निभाते हुए गुनगुनाती थी, बच्चों को
सिखाती थी,
क्या हिम्मत थी, क्या हौंसला था,
जो हर गम हंसकर सह गई,
कहां छुप गई, कहां खो गई,
एक ऋतु सुहानी थी,
वह तो हमारी प्यारी सरसवानी थी,
कभी नज़दीकियों का कभी दूरियों का,
एक खट्टा मीठा रिश्ता था,
जिंदगी के एक लंबे सफर में,
फिर भी एक साथ सुहाना साथ था,
संग मिलकर हमने स्कूल में,
हर एक त्यौहार मनाया था,
मानती हूं वह पल फिर ना आएंगे,
पर सरसवानी मैडम हम आपको भूल ना पाएंगे।
आगे कुछ लिख पाऊं,
यह हालत नहीं मेरी,
कलम लड़खड़ा रही है, आंख भर आई हैं,
और तुम्हारी तरह शब्द भी कहीं खो चुके हैं।

संतोष कुमारी (पी आर टी)

श्रद्धा सुमन

श्रद्धा सुमन तुझे अर्पित करते,
संगीत की थी जो दीवानी।
सरस स्वभाव व सरस मधुरता,
सरस थी जिस की वाणी।
छोड़ गई अब अपने पीछे,
यादों की एक कहानी।
वार्षिक समारोह या खेल दिवस
हो,
अखरेगी तेरी कमी सदा ही।
गूँजेगी सदा मानस पटल पर,
तेरी यादों की धुन मस्तानी।
हर मुश्किल हंसकर सर कर
करना,
ऐसी थी हमारी सरसवानी।

शोकाकुल

कुलविंदर भाटिया

श्रीमती सरस्वनी जी की स्मृति में

ना शब्द हैं ना अल्फ़ाज़ कहीं
तुम हो यहीं हो कहीं ना मन मानता है
ना हमें यकीं है
तुम्हारे बोलों से तरोताजा
ये आसमां ये ज़मीं है ना पता था यूं
चले जाओगे इक दिन
हमें यूं गमज़दा कर जाओगे इक दिन
हैरान हैं कुदरत के इस खौफ से हम
नाराज़ था खुदा या उसकी खुदाई हैं
यूं आपका जाना इक पल में
खाली सा कर गया हमें
आप की मुस्कराहटों से
भरे भरे से हैं हम
वो सुरों से आपका लबरेज़ होना
खुदा की बंदगी सा लगता था
आज भी इस आब-बो हवा में
उस आवाज़ के कर्जदार हैं हम
यूं ही हवाओं में शामिल रहना
गूँजती रहेगी हमेशा
ये आवाज़ आपकी
आप के साथ
मेरे इस आंगन में
इन्हीं आवाज़ से ये दिल
रौशन है हमारा.....

कविता राजपूत❖❖

'For overall development, digitisation can't play protagonist'

Saksham Singh, Principal, Army Public School, feels virtual education is good to some extent only, as it hits school discipline

ACADEMICS IN PANDEMIC

Most reopening of schools after a gap of nearly seven months, the school authorities are still finding it difficult to adapt to the new normal. What's troubling more is conducting examinations amid apparent second wave of Covid-19. Saksham Singh, Principal, Army Public School, Jalandhar Cantt, while talking to Ajay Joshi, shares, it's nearly a month since schools reopened, the classroom strength is still minimal. She further believes that online education can never be a complete substitute to practical education and learning. Excerpts from the interview.

As schools have reopened, what is the response of students?
Even as schools have been opened only for Classes XI-XII

students, the footfall is still scarce. Most students told their teachers that their parents were unwilling to attend school due to Covid threat. However, those who are attending prefer offline classes over online sessions. They said, many concepts remain unclear in the digital classes. Presently, less than 50 per cent students are coming to school.

How has your school been dealing with the challenges posed by Covid-19?

In the month of October we were anticipating that the situation has normalised considering the downfall in Covid infections, but with the advent of second wave, the situation is again brewing panic. Whole online education concept came as a challenge for us. In fact, schools all around the country were not ready for online classes and the lack of technical support made it much tougher. Though it was troublesome for the teachers to under-



The Tribune INTERVIEW

"The pandemic came as a big shock. Not only are teachers overburdened, but children as well. It has adversely affected the mental state as well as health of both. The concept of six-seven hours of teaching and learning has unexpectedly changed to a full day course and teachers are feeling the heat. After resumption, the teachers not only have to take classes in the school but also digitally. Likewise, the timings of lectures as per different schedules affect students."

Saksham Singh, PRINCIPAL, ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL

stand the whole concept of digital education and focus individually on every student, they managed to adapt themselves to the online education.

What psychological changes you have observed among teachers and students?

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both. The concept of six-seven hours of teaching and learning has unexpectedly changed to a full day course and teachers are feeling the heat. After resumption, the teachers not only have to take classes in the school but also digitally. Likewise, the timings of lectures as per different schedules affect students. The teachers sometimes feel that due to online education, the teachers have lost that 'discipline command' they wield over students. Parents also

complain about eye problems their children are suffering due to increased exposure to screens.

Are online examinations equally beneficial as physical ones?

Undeniably, conducting examinations in schools is more credible than the online exams. Though, the teachers diligently frame question papers students remained a worried lot. The winters are generally used as a gold-

en time for revision of board classes. And the subsequent pre-board exams help them to understand the pattern. However, this is out of picture this year for the students. Online classes are only beneficial when individual attention is paid to all the students.

What will be your concern once the classroom teaching begins?

Apart from completing the syllabus of the students, we will have to ensure that there won't be any psychological change among the students. The pandemic has changed their habits and school discipline has completely taken a back seat. So, making students adjust to the new normal could be a task in itself.

What infrastructural changes have been made for the digital sessions?

We have installed internet devices with better bandwidth in the school. Besides, we

already have smart classes and technical labs in the schools so only fewer changes were made.

Do you think the digital shift in education is here to stay?

As far as the shift is concerned, the country as a whole isn't ready for this. But more technical shift is required, which is currently unavailable. However, for the official tasks, digitalisation has already replaced the traditional methods of working in schools. Besides for the overall personality development of children virtual education can't be a good option.

How was the response to admissions this year?

The admissions have been stable this year. Neither there were newcomers, nor did the existing students left the school. As most of the students here are wards of the Army men, the postings of their respective fathers were cancelled due to the pandemic.

BACK TO SCHOOL AMID 'THE NEW NORMAL'



CONDUCT OF PRE-BOARD EXAMS MAINTAINING COVID SAFETY PROTOCOL

WE STAND BY YOU ALWAYS...

VISIT TO ALL INDIA PINGALWARA CHARITABLE SOCIETY JALANDHAR ON OCCASION OF WORLD DISABILITY DAY: 03 DECEMBER 2020

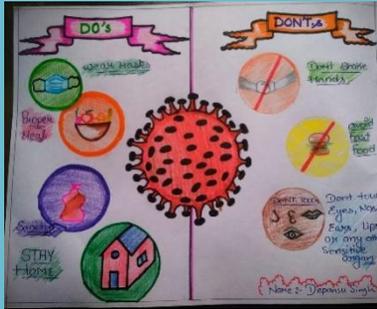
CODING CLASSES ARE FUN



MS Vibha Bhardwaj Counsellor and Mr Ranjit Singh Special Educator presenting gifts to the inmates on behalf of the school

Anshuman Mishra VIII A creator of 'RUDRA NOTES' App. Available on Amazon Store

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CLUB
TOPIC: AWARENESS ABOUT COVID 19**



Demo on precautions to be taken: Wearing mask and Hand Washing

Poster Making on Do's and Don'ts for Covid safety

DATE	CLASS	TOPIC COVERED
01-12-2020	XII A-B	Discussion on World Disability Day and Inclusion
03-12-2020	XI F-G	Discussion on Leadership Qualities and Importance of Helping Behaviour
10-12-2020	VII A-B	Discussion on Importance of Learning in a fun way
20-12-2020	IX A-H	Personality Development - Self Awareness
22-12-2020	VII A	Discussion on Importance of General Awareness & Quiz on General Awareness
23-12-2020	VII J	Discussion on Importance of General Awareness & Quiz on General Awareness

ONLINE TRAINING SESSIONS ATTENDED BY APS JALANDHAR TEACHING FACULTY MEMBERS

DATE	TEACHER'S NAME	WORKSHOP
01-04 December 2020	Mrs Anju Setia TGT Sanskrit	FDRC Webinar 22, TGT Sanskrit 07 Wksp No. 115
07-11 December 2020	Ms Kavita Sharma (PGT Geography)	FDRC PGT Geography-01 Wksp No 33, Webinar No 23
11-12 December 2020	Ms Sarabjeet Bhatti, PRT	26th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya Schools Complex

THE LITERATI CLUB: PAPER READING



**NATURE NURTURERS CLUB
CREATING BEST OUT OF WASTE**



Avni Sharma VII G

Tanushree VIII C

Aditi IX H

Soumilli VII D

**RANG MANCH CLUB
MONO ACT ON 'VIJAY DIWAS'**



Navjot Kaur VII H

Saara IX G

Ansh Khati XI C

Arshdeep Kaur XI D

**HINDI EXTEMPORE CONTEST CLASS I – V
11 DECEMBER 2020**



KEEPING UP OUR STAMINA



Students performing Core exercises during Physical Education Sessions

**TRAINING SESSIONS FOR THE TEACHING FACULTY
IN HOUSE TRAINING SESSIONS: DECEMBER 2020**

DATE	TOPIC	ATTENDED BY	CONDUCTED BY
19 December 2020	FDRC follow up on Teaching of Mathematics to Primary classes	All teachers teaching Class I-V	Mrs Meenakshi Salwan
19 December 2020	Follow-up on Awakened Citizen Program	All the staff members of APS JRC	Ms Gurdeep Kaur, Ms Navkiran Chopra
19 December 2020	Follow-up of 26th National Annual Conference of Sahodaya Schools Complex	All the staff members of APS JRC	Ms Sarabjeet Bhatti

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES: JANUARY, 2021

PRIMARY WING	
08 January 2021	Tearing and Pasting using Pencil Shavings and Paper Strips Class I – V
15 January 2021	Inter House Mental Mathematics Class I – V
22 January 2021	Inter House Hindi Poetical Recitation Class I – V
29 January 2021	Drawing Using MS Paint
SENIOR WING	
08 January 2021	Tile Painting/Gift Wrapping Class VI – VIII
15 January 2021	Extempore: English Class IX & XI
	Kite Making Class VI – VIII
	Extempore: Hindi Class IX & XI
	Coding Classes for students of Class VI – VIII
SCHEDULE OF CONDUCT OF SOF INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIADS	
23 January 2021	SOF Mathematics Olympiad

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