



# APEEJAY SCHOOL KHARGHAR

## REFLECTIONS NEWSLETTER

### SPECIAL EDITION

**2020 - 2021**

**Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia**

*Co-Founder & Chancellor, Apeejay Stya University*

*Co-Promoter & President, Apeejay Stya & Svrán Group*

*Chairman, Apeejay Education Society*

*Chairperson, Apeejay Stya Education Research Foundation*



Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia is a leading woman entrepreneur and industrialist of the country, who has made outstanding contribution to the cause of industry, woman empowerment and education. She is the Co-Promoter & President of Apeejay Stya & Svrán Group and President of Apeejay Education Society which runs 29 Schools and Higher education institutions across the country. She is also the Chancellor and Co-founder of the Apeejay Stya University – India's first Industry-centric technology & Liberal Arts University with a strong focus on research and innovation.

**Apart from a host of national and International awards, some of her recent achievements have added a feather to the cap. Listed below are a few of her most recent accolades.**

Madam Berlia has been recognized as the **Edupreneur of the Year, 2018**, by the Center for Education Growth and Research, and Award for outstanding contribution to Education and Skill. She was also conferred with **Life Time Achievement Award – Promoting Education for Social Cause** at the 12th ASSOCHAM National Education Summit Making India a Global Knowledge Powerhouse: Catalysing Reforms and Innovations & EduShine Excellence Awards 2019.

She was conferred with the **Udyog Rattan Award** in recognition of her achievements and dedication in discharging duties towards the Corporate Sector and **IEC Certificate of Achievement** in recognition of her and her company's Highly Esteemed Contribution through Outstanding Dedication and Continuous Excellence in her Industry – presented by the Institute of Economic Studies, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2019, New Delhi. The **Mahatma Gandhi Samman 2019** has also been presented to Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia by the NRI Welfare Society (UK Chapter) at House of Commons, London, on 11th October 2019. She has also been conferred as the **ET-Inspiring Entrepreneur of India by Economic Times on 30th, June, 2020**. Recently, in December 2020, Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia was honoured with '**Most Promising Business Leaders of Asia**' title by the The Economic Times for demonstrating exemplary leadership qualities.

Our beloved Madam President has been conferred the **Dainik Jagran-Inext Lifetime Achievement ICONIC Award 2021** for her remarkable achievement and her magnificent contribution towards the upliftment of society and nation-building at large. She was appreciated for her worthy role in the socio-economic progress of the region and its people.

We wish Madam Berlia our heartfelt congratulations and express our gratitude for her guidance at all times. May the banner of Apeejay continue to fly high.

*From the Principal's desk.....*

Warm greetings to all.

It gives me great pleasure to send you this special edition of the newsletter highlighting the Annual day and achievements of our students in the session 2020 - 21.



While academic excellence is our major thrust, the school is also devoted to preparing the students for life, grooming them to face the challenges of tomorrow, and encouraging them to be socially relevant. Our endeavour is to prepare and motivate our students for a rapidly changing world by instilling in them critical thinking skills, a global perspective, and a respect for core values of honesty, loyalty, perseverance, empathy and compassion.

Our founder Chairman, Late Dr. Stya Paulji, believed in spreading education and inculcating the right values and attitude among students. He started these centres of learning where emphasis is laid on integrity, ethics, moral courage, hard work, responsibility and self-discipline and under the able guidance of his only daughter, Mrs. Sushma Paul Berlia, we continue to follow.

Children need a supportive environment at home and at school. They need to set goals, within their reach until they gain confidence and determination. It is our endeavour to help them re-examine their priorities, set clear goals and make specific plans to achieve what they desire. Their consistent support of parents empowers us to be resilient in our efforts towards our students. I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude for their faith in us. One of the biggest challenges for us, under the present circumstances, is to keep the children engaged and motivated. At the same time, it is imperative to focus on their emotional and mental well-being.

The virtual classroom has become the beacon of hope, as along with academics, our teachers teach lessons in resilience and courage, hope and love, compassion and empathy. It is indeed a stimulating, incredible opportunity to change the education system. We have emerged victorious in adapting to this paradigm shift, to new tools, revamped curriculum design and a virtual pedagogy we were not so familiar with.

Our students have excelled in every sphere and even though we will have to continue online till COVID-19 subsides, we look forward with hope and belief that we shall overcome.

I'll close with a quote by Martin Luther King Jr. -

***“Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever.”***

Thank you.

**Mrs. Tejaswini Katdare**  
**Principal**



**Dr. Neha Berlia** is Co-Promoter and member, Management board, Apeejay Styra & Svrn Group. She plays a holistic, entrepreneurial role where she directs strategic projects and executes key projects while holding direct operational roles in a number of companies. Dr. Neha Berlia is the *Co-Chair of the ASSOCHAM National Council on Real Estate & Urban Development*. She has been recognized as **India's Greatest Leaders 2017-18** at **Pride of India – Celebrating the 71<sup>st</sup> Year of India's Independence, Awards & Summit**. She has also been conferred the *Times Next Gen Power Icon 2018* and *Young Entrepreneur of the Year award* at **National Icon Awards 2018**.

Dr. Berlia was an active member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midtown and has taken stride in Rotary of Delhi Premier.

**On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Apeejay School, Kharghar**, Madam Neha Berlia, in her address, thanked the parents for the trust and faith they have reposed in the institution during the tough COVID times. She also thanked the teachers who balanced their teaching and household obligations and the students who had to deal with the learning transitions. She said that though it was a difficult phase, yet we were able to overcome when the management, parents, teachers and students came together as one community. She said that the closed school gates during Covid-19 was an important reminder of the trust and faith that parents put in the institution by sending their precious children to us. She thanked the parents for their support and assured them of quality education at Apeejay. Madam Neha Berlia congratulated the prize winners and exhorted those who had not received any, to work towards great accomplishments. She congratulated the Principal and staff for their sincere and dedicated efforts and also for presenting a wonderful Annual Day.

We thank Madam Neha Berlia for all her support and encouragement and assure her that we will continue to keep ethics and values as the corner stone and live up to the motto, 'Soaring high is my nature...'



The Chief Guest, **Mr. Bipin Kumar Singh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Navi Mumbai**, appreciated the performances and the progress that the school has made over the years. Mr. Singh stressed on the importance of inculcating and imbibing moral values right from childhood. He advised the students to uphold their teachers in the highest esteem as they are the ones who shape their future. Students need to

be disciplined and must learn to prioritize their work. He envisioned a nation which would be free from all kinds of social evils because of the discipline, sense of patriotism towards the nation and respect for all human beings, instilled among the students. He also apprised the students of the cybercrimes taking place and advised them to be careful on the social media. He warned them against divulging personal information to strangers. He exhorted the students to become cyber soldiers and be vigilant to report any unlawful activity. Mr. Singh exhorted students to put in their best and work towards the development of self, society and the country.

Felicitation of the outstanding achievements of students of Classes X & XII on Annual Day.

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### SCHOOL TOPPERS

<b>CLASS X TOPPER</b>		<b>CLASS XII SCIENCE TOPPER</b>	<b>CLASS XII COMMERCE TOPPER</b>
<b>SHREYA SINGH</b> 97.2%	<b>SIDDHI MODI</b> 97.2%	<b>ABHISHEK KHANDALE</b> 96%	<b>SHASHANK GOYAL</b> 95%

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### CLASS X SUBJECT TOPPERS

<b>SIDDHI MODI</b> SOCIAL SCIENCE - 100%, MATHS - 100%, ENGLISH - 98%, SCIENCE - 97%	<b>SAMRIDHI BATRA</b> MATHS - 100%, ENGLISH - 98%, HINDI - 98%	<b>ANUSHA MANDAL</b> MATHS - 100%, HINDI - 98%	<b>KIRAN TRIPATHY</b> HINDI - 98%, SCIENCE - 97%	<b>SHREYA SINGH</b> HINDI - 98%, SCIENCE - 97%	<b>MANDINI RUDRARAJU</b> ENGLISH - 98%, SCIENCE - 97%
<b>PURANJAMEE GANGULY</b> HINDI - 98%	<b>SARAH GUPTA</b> HINDI - 98%	<b>CHAITAL GHAN</b> SCIENCE - 97%	<b>AMOGH MALAGI</b> SCIENCE - 97%	<b>UTKARSH SHARMA</b> SCIENCE - 97%	

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<b>BHAVYA SINGHVI</b> SOCIAL SCIENCE - 100%	<b>SIDDHI KALE</b> SOCIAL SCIENCE - 100%	<b>UTTAM KULAKADA</b> SOCIAL SCIENCE - 100%	<b>VAISHNAVI SHARMA</b> SOCIAL SCIENCE - 100%
<b>DHRUV LADDOHA</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	<b>ADITYA MASTUD</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	<b>PRITHVIRAJ KOLEKAR</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	<b>SRIJAYI SARKAR</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%
<b>RUTVIK GURSALE</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	<b>SAGAR MANDERMA</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	<b>RAJNEESH CHIPLUNKAR</b> MATHEMATICS - 100%	

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### SCIENCE SUBJECT TOPPERS

<b>ABHISHEK KHANDALE</b> ENGLISH - 98%, COMPUTER SCIENCE - 97%, CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>ARYAMIK PANDEY</b> MATHS - 99%, COMPUTER SCIENCE - 97%	<b>KEDAR KONEPARK</b> COMPUTER SCIENCE - 97%
<b>VARUN SONDUR</b> PHYSICS - 96%	<b>SNEHAL JOSHI</b> BIOLOGY - 97%	<b>HETVI PATEL</b> ECONOMICS - 95%, CHEMISTRY - 95%

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<b>SNEHEEL SARANGI</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>MAYANK KULKARNI</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>KUSHAL CHINCHAMKAR</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>SAHIL LALE</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%
<b>AKSHAT JHA</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>ANSHIKA SHINDE</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>KHYATI SINGH</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%	<b>SOUMITRI DEBROY</b> CHEMISTRY - 95%

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### COMMERCE SUBJECT TOPPERS

<b>SHASHANK GOYAL</b> 95% ENGLISH, ECONOMICS, MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, ACCOUNTANCY	<b>MUSKAN BANGI</b> 95% MATHS, ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, ACCOUNTANCY	<b>SANTOSH SINGH</b> ENGLISH - 95%	<b>SIDDHARTH SHANBHAG</b> ENGLISH - 95%
<b>P R VEDANT</b> ACCOUNTANCY - 95%	<b>RISHABH JAIN</b> ACCOUNTANCY - 95%	<b>RUCHIRAA VERMA</b> ACCOUNTANCY - 95%	<b>MONISH IYER</b> COMPUTER SCIENCE - 89%
		<b>TANAY BRAHMA</b> COMPUTER SCIENCE - 89%	<b>TANAY BRAHMA</b> COMPUTER SCIENCE - 89%

Some of the most prestigious awards given away were the President's Gold Medal, the President's Silver Medal and the Master Jagannath award.

The **President's Gold Medal** has been instituted for the School topper in Class XII. The winner of the President's Gold medal was bagged by Abhishek Khandale who secured an overall percentage of 96. He scored the highest marks in English, Chemistry and Computer Science.



The **President's Silver Medal** is given to the student who has been extremely dedicated and sincere not just in academics but also in co-curricular activities. The proud recipient of this award was **Muskaan Dangi**.

**Master Jagannath Award** has been instituted for the student who scores the highest marks in the commerce stream and was clinched by **Shashank Goyal** who scored an aggregate of 95 %. He scored the highest marks in English, Accountancy, Economics, Mathematics and Business Studies.



**Aum Shelukar** of Class V was awarded the 'Tiyasha Barui Memorial Prize' which is given to an outstanding student of class V.

The **Alpana Pandey Memorial Prize** was awarded to **Shreya Singh** of Class X.



The theme of the annual day was 'International Peace and Harmony'.

It is well said that "Peace cannot be kept by force, but can only be achieved by understanding". In today's world, International Peace isn't a choice but a necessity. It is something that binds us together and helps create a positive environment.



Humans crave to be together and bond with those around them. We need to take this a step higher and take conscious steps in coming together and strengthening our bonds with each other. Students of Class I performed on the song 'Aao Mil Kar Haath Badhae'.

Harmony is a feeling which conveys the message of bringing oneness in a group. This sense of unity helps us build our bond in a unique way. Dance is an ideal form of art to spread the message of Harmony. This was very aptly conveyed through the dance by students of Classes III & IV.



Dance is the best form of communication and is considered to be more convincing than verbal messages. Dance has the ability to create positive change on the planet and spread the message of love and peace to all mankind.

Students of Class V joyfully and gracefully conveyed the message of peace to the world through their moves.

Let's all pledge towards creating a peaceful world.

'Kisi ki muskurahaton pe ho nisaar, Kisi ka dard mil sake toh le utaar...'

Through this beautiful dance performance students of Class VI spread the message of kindness and compassion to pave a path for a better world. They conveyed that kindness not only changes us; it changes the world.



A short but motivating skit was presented by students of class IX. It brought forth the fact that we experience inner peace and joy when we, who are privileged, share our time, our money and our resources with others.



Students of Class VII paid a **tribute to Corona warriors – the hardworking doctors** who helped our world sustain through the COVID 19 pandemic. It is beyond our capacity to repay for the service they have rendered us. Many sacrificed their own lives but that did not deter the others from continuing to save lives. This is a debt that none of us will ever be free from. We can just say 'Thank You'. This dance was a celebration the world that continues to endure through this crisis. Celebration of life that still continues to move on.

Folk dance is an important part of Indian culture. Folk dances were performed for entertainment and social enlightenment. Students of Class VIII presented 'Waghya Murali' folk dance. Its original purpose was to make people stand at the door of God to worship and also to entertain people.



Peace does not mean the absence of war, peace means the presence of harmony



***“Darkness cannot drive darkness ;  
only light can do that.***

***Hate cannot drive out hate ;  
only love can do that”***



Peace does not mean the absence of war, peace means the presence of harmony, love, satisfaction and oneness.



The finale dance was truly captivating and mesmerising. Students from Classes I - XI presented a beautiful performance on the song 'We are the world...'

The message was put across well, with the hope that we will strive to make the world a better place.

*Every thought that we put into the world affects it.*

*Think Love,  
Think Peace,  
Think Harmony.*