

# CULTURAL PURSUITS

# Archives and Museology

Mistress- in - Charge : Mrs. Rimjhim Ghosh Pyne



The Assam Valley School Archives mission is to collect, chronologically document, preserve and exhibit The Assam Valley School's history for the future generations.

Schools are the storehouse of rich historical records and being a part of the School Archives gives students a close contact with the school's history and enables them to realise and experience the process that goes in building up a good school. The collection comprises the Yearbook(s), flyers promoting and advertising musicals, theatre, dance, student elections, photographs, letters, issues of the school magazine, course catalogues, rare textbooks, student term papers about the school or community artefacts

such as trophies, flags, uniforms, donated objects, memorabilia and audio- visual materials.

The School Archives trained the Archives members in documenting their school life before and after the CoVid-19 Pandemic Lockdown. They created memory albums and videos to document their experiences and shared it with the school.

To commemorate the School's 25th year, The Assam Valley School Archives is currently working on a coffee table book called 'CAMPUS CHRONICLE' a document which will project the history of the school and will be published during the Founders' 2020.

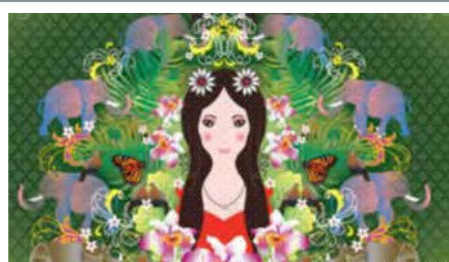
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# Art and Craft, Design and Technology

Master-in- Charge: Mr. Lovesh Sharma, Mr. Bijit Das, Mr. Harinarayan Baruah  
Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs. Priyanka Joshi, Mrs. Mampi Das Moshahary



Nilay Dhakal  
Creativity Captain



The Art Department in School works on projects involving familiarization to one's own culture, Theory and History of Art are introduced to the students for a sound knowledge base. Students work on indigenous themes and art movements of India and around the world, using various artistic mediums and techniques. The CDT curriculum facilitates the development and assimilation of an epistemic repertoire of 'material culture' by knowing the use of indigenous materials, ideating, planning, and learning to create for a purpose.

The Assam Valley School celebrated the 4th edition of 'Srijanyam' Art & Design Fest on a digital platform, on the 1st of August this year. Forty-one schools

participated including from Bangladesh and Oman. The theme for the fest was 'Unlocking Creativity in the New Normal'—an effort to set an effective context in visual expression, for the difficult decisions coming up, as we plan to return to full-time activity—a 'new normal' in the near future amidst the struggle to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. The Assam Valley School invited forty-one schools to participate this year, in the Srijanyam Art & Design Fest – with an opportunity to express and share their expressions in myriad visual forms for a new paradigm. The participation categories were Portrait, Poster Design, Cartoon, Digital Illustration, Digital Imaging with Photoshop and Photography. A total of 1032 entries

1st Row (L-R): Karun Thapa, Sourav Khodal, Anushcka Joshi, Leyi Lego, Bonolakshmi Brahma, Ayang Borang, Angree Killingpi, Adrija Das, Jiya Agarwal, Sushmita Modi

2nd Row (L-R): Luqmaan Ahmed, Mr. Harinarayan Baruah, Mr. Lovesh Sharma, Mrs. Mampi Das, Mrs. Priyanka Joshi, Mr. Bijit Kumar Das, Mr. Tapan Barui, Nilay Dhakal



across the categories of events were reviewed by an international jury panel of judges. Our achievements were:

POSTER DESIGN: 1st Nilasha Bhimsaria

DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION: 1st Anushcka Joshi

DIGITAL IMAGING SR.: 1st Anushcka Joshi

DIGITAL IMAGING JR.: 1st Anikaith A. Joshi

PHOTOGRAPHY SR.: 1st Yashraj Agarwal, 3rd Mahita Jindal

PHOTOGRAPHY JR.: 1st Anikaith Anant Joshi

**BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD (ISA) PROJECT:** The ISA project collaboration involved students from Classes 5 to 8 of The Assam Valley School and students of Grades 5 and 6 of Bednarska Primary School, Warsaw, Poland. An exhibition was held in the School on 13th March, 2020, showcasing the Art & Crafts of North East India: Assam, and the day-to-day activity in Polish culture and lifestyle. The departments of Art, CDT, Geography and History put together the project work.

**OUTSOURCED WORKSHOPS:** An Artificial Flower Making Workshop was also conducted by Mr U.K. Majumdar for the Lower School students in February 2020.

**INTERNATIONAL BAMBOO FESTIVAL SCHOOL CONTESTS, 2020:** We had the proud privilege to host the School contests at the International Bamboo Festival 2020, in collaboration with the South Asia Bamboo Foundation (SABF) and the National Institute of Design (NID), India. The International Bamboo Festival School Contests achievements were:

Comic Contest: 1st Karun Thapa, 2nd Anushcka Joshi, 3rd Nilasha Bhimsaria & Bonolakshmi Brahma

Photography Competition: 2nd Anikaith Anant Joshi (Junior), 3rd Luqmaan Ahmed (Senior)

**ART CHITRAKALA NATIONAL ART CONTEST:** Nilay Dhakal secured the 6th rank in the category 16-85 years for September 2020. He also got the best Corona Warrior in the National Online Art Exhibition by Soul and Spirit Art Society for his artwork.

**INTER-HOUSE VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION:** It was the 1st online Inter-House at AVS concluding on 15th June 2020. The event briefing was done on 30th May 2020 and the entries were submitted by 15th June 2020. The work was of high quality and impressive, with a total of 76 entries from all Houses across the five categories in Art and Design.

**MAITREE BY MODERN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:** The 1st position was to the AVS team in the category "Zoomin" where participants had to create a mood board on the theme — House of Aphrodite, from Percy Jackson. AVS participated in the Product Design Category also.

**MERAKI ART FEST BY WELHAM GIRLS' SCHOOL:** Baristha Gogoi won the 1st prize and Anushcka Joshi won the 2nd prize in the Digital Art category.

**SPECTRUM ART & CRAFT COMPETITION BY UNISON WORLD SCHOOL:** Nilasha Bhimsaria- Runners up in Drawing through the Window (Senior Category), Anikaith Anant Joshi- Runners up in Battle of Shutters, Hrishi Raj Sureka, Deep Kanoi, Dhruvad Kumar Chaudhary- Runners up in Lithographics 2.0.

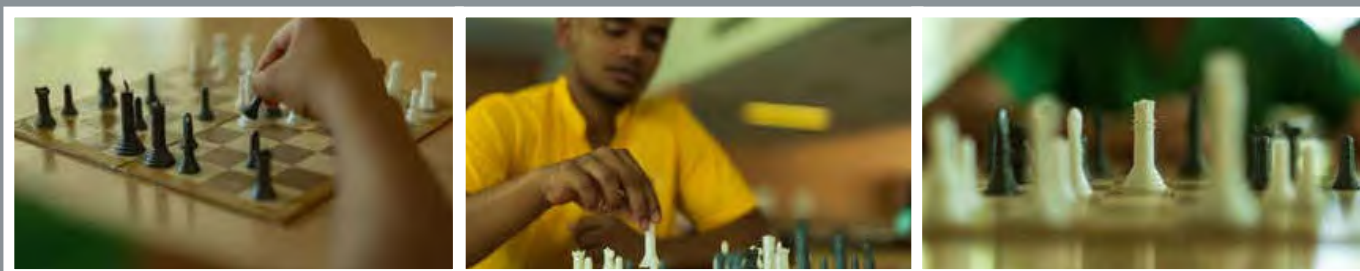
**MILESTONE 2020:** 1st in Reverso Videography: Hrishi Raj Sureka, Parthiv Gargo, Bornam Bora, Anushka Baruah, Aditi Thekedath, Gora Gungte and Shriyansh Sharma. 3rd in Psychedelia, Graphic Designing: Anushcka Joshi and Anikaith A. Joshi. 3rd in Canvasaza art: Nilasha Bhimsaria

# Chess

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. D. Prajapati, Mr. R. Hazarika



Atisha Kichu  
Chess Captain



The Assam Valley School has always laid importance to the playing of chess. It is offered as a part of the weekly co-curricular activity. The strategy-based game has many skills associated with it and our school believes that they are vital for enriching young, growing minds. Chess helps improve one's concentration and problem-solving skills in a very significant way. Being an excellent exercise for the brain, chess helps raise our IQ levels as well. By playing the game, students learn to think deeply about the decisions they make, and how those choices might affect them or others.

The school organises a chess competition every year. We try to build the team spirit and they are

motivated to play with full energy, strategies, planning, and coordination of minds. It helps the child to develop psycho-motor skills. In this game, the pieces are valued with numbers through which the player creates his plan to win. Raja - the king (is priceless), Wazir - the queen (nine points), Hathi - the rook (five points), Ghoda - the knight (three points), Oonth - the bishop (three points) and Piyada - the pawn (one point).

The Inter-house Chess Competition for Lower and Upper School took place on 21st and 28th January, 2020. The competition was won by Subansiri - Namdang with 13.5 points.

1st Row (L-R): Devansh Agarwal, Dagba Angu, Ahsash Agarwal, Harsh Vardhan Sikaria, Hrishant Deb, Ahaan Sarawgi, Gangte Sangno, Yuvraj Thounaojam

2nd Row (L-R): Shripriya Kajaria, Mr. Rajen Bharali, Mr. Devesh Prajapati, Mr. Rajib Hazarika, Dwij Dhakal, Hanggoulal Haokip

# Dance School

Mistresses-in-Charge - Mrs. Rubi Bordoloi, Mrs. Torali Baruah



**Urvee Samir**  
Dance Captain



The Dance school which offers Sattriya, Kathak and Odissi, has seen extremely talented dancers and exceptional performances. It is with great pride we can say that we continue to carry on the legacy that the Dance School has created. The dancers are dedicated and skilled who have learned the art of dance beautifully at all levels.

International Dance Competition was held in December, 2019, in Singapore. Nine students from AVS participated in different categories and the Sattriya- Group consisting of Urvee Samir, Priyanka Saharia, Bonolakhmi Brahma, Jupitora Das and Dimpri Puma won the first position, Bihu Folk -Solo by Jigyasa Barsha, the second position, and Odissi, the second position.

The Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) Dance Festival was held at the Rajmata Krishna Kumari School, Jodhpur, in November 2019. Our school participated in this event under four categories of dance styles and the Sattriya dance form was awarded for an outstanding performance under the Classical Indian Dance category.

Our dancers also appeared for the National Sattriya, Odissi and Kathak Examinations and emerged successful. Out of a total of thirty-one students for the Sattriya examination, two dancers secured positions of Distinction, twenty-six dancers achieved a First Division each, and three dancers achieved a Second Division, each. Five of our students achieved a degree in Sattriya Dance.

1st Row (L-R): Ishika Das, Sambhavi Jindal, Krishna Agarwalla, Karpi Bam, Shababat Ansari, Adrika Dey, Natasha Billimoriya, Deborah Bhuyan, Dharini Karwa.

2nd Row (L-R): Jupitora Das, Ankita Sarkar, Jeeveetha Seal, Saifi Raheek, Niharika Deka, Kuhu Bakliwal, Sampada Malpani, Akriti Chaliha, Deepshikha Nath

3rd Row (L-R): Siddhi Gupta, Kankana Saikia, Kabak Remin, Ipshita D. Kashyap, Mrs. Torali Baruah, Urvee Samir, Ms. Ruby B. Bordoloi, Anuja Barooah, Priyanka Saharia, Priyani Sharma

4th Row (L-R): Urvashi Bora, Dimple Deori, Violeena Baruah, Anvita Dey, Urvee Rathi, Swastika Baruah, Prapti Bora, Avinashni Baruah, Astha J. Bora, Krishti Pathak, Pratiti Barua, Diksha Baruah, Vaibhav Kayal

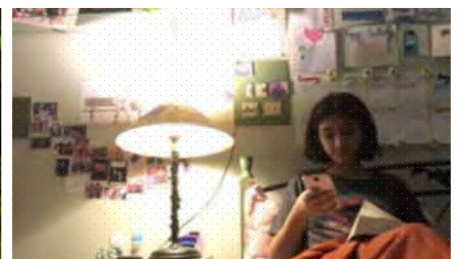
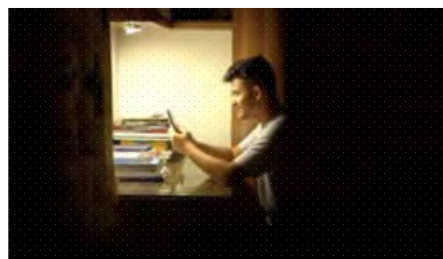


# Electronic Media



Hrishi Raj Sureka  
Media Captain

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Tapash Das



The Electronic Media strives to educate as well as entertain and throw light on social causes through films. We want to ensure training through hands-on experience, to have cinematographers and editors for the years to come. We film a semester's worth of events and achievements called, 'AVS NEWS'. The Aviator Motion Pictures makes short films for competitions across the country and film-making workshops are conducted to learn the skills of filmmaking through outsourced professionals.

We also participated in the annual inter-School competition - "TECH VVIZ" hosted by the Vasant Valley School on the 26th and 27th of

August, 2020. The 'multimedia contest' required the participants to submit a 5-minute long short film. This year the theme proposed by the host school was - 'Lights, Camera, Action : It all happened Online'. We are very proud of our students - Anushka Barua, Bornam Borah, Hrishi Raj Sureka and Parthiv Gargo, as they bagged the First position in the multimedia contest. The Pierre Angenieux Excellence in Cinematography was won by Bornam Bora. We also participated in the following Inter-School Competitions: Online Movie Making Competition by Sunbeam School, Varanasi, titled: Through our Lens - Addressing Social Stigma Associated with COVID - 19 Patients During and Post Pandemic.

1st Row (L-R): Mr. Tapash Das, Shriyansh Sharma, Harsh V. Keyal, Gora Gungte, Aditi Thekedath, Hrishi Raj Sureka, Anushka Barua, G. Anguvika Zhimo, Bornam Bora, Parthiv Gargo, Mrs. Prarthna Bora Phukan



# International Award For Young People IAYP

Mistresses-in-Charge: Mrs. Hemashree Deka, Ms. Raya Mukhopadhyay



Online Movie Making on the theme: We Shall Prevail, by Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar. It was non-competitive this year. Inter-House Online Movie Making Competition 2020, on the theme "Time Heals", was conducted. Kopili-Dhansiri bagged the *Best Picture* award.

The International Award for Young People (IAYP) is the most adaptable and successful youth empowerment program. The Award Programme was first introduced in the United Kingdom in 1956 as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Its aim is to draw together and connect people, institutions and generations with the

common purpose of youth development and inclusion.

There are 3 levels of the Award – Bronze, Silver & Gold. Participants must complete the four mandatory sections of Service, Adventurous Journey, Skill & Physical Recreation.

The various verticals of IAYP are practiced as everyday activities in our school.

Village adoption process in February, 2020

Service in KGMT School, 3rd March, 2020

1st Row (L-R): Ms. Raya Mukhopadhyay, Gayatri Sapru, Anushcka Joshi, Naviya Chamaria, Charmak Bagang, Juri Das, Saifi Raheek, Anushka Agarwal, Anuradha Basumatary, Raseen Shah, Jahnvi Rathi, Leeza Sharma, Dr. Hemashree Deka

2nd Row(L-R): Pratham Somani, Divyaj Agarwal, Adrika Borah, Jiya Sharma, Aastha Bora, Sikunpriyaa Goswami, Yuthika Kejriwal, Aarav Jain, Vedansh Jindal



# Inter School Literary Fest

Teacher –in –Charge: Mrs Tamanna Seth

Our students participated in the Annual Inter -School Literary Fest, Excellencia 2020 - A Literary Odyssey, organised by the Gopalan International School, Bangalore on the 7th & 8th September, 2020. This was a large-scale event conducted through the online platform. The events were on the fascinating world of literature and aimed to instil a love for books and reading. It was enjoyed greatly by our participating students.

We are proud to announce the following achievements:

Natasha Billimoria & Zaheen Rafia Shah were awarded the 2nd Prize in the event 19 to Dozens, where they had to host a mock radio show about Shakespeare's birthday, compose a jingle and sing a song of choice to mark it.

Anikaith Joshi & Fareeha Ambreen were awarded the 2nd Prize in the event Click Charade, which was a quiz round.

Naviya Chamariya & Shashank Agarwal reached the finals in the debate event Milord.  
Deepshikha Nath & Bhavya Kejriwal reached the finals in the event Inflammation.

# Heartfulness : Essay Competition

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs. Tamanna Seth

Youth is a time of possibilities. It is a period in life filled with opportunities waiting to be realized, provided we are prepared. While education helps to develop the physical and intellectual capabilities and prepares one to thrive in a competitive world, there is one aspect of one's development that does not often receive the attention due to it – the development of one's inner Being. Without the synchronous development of body, mind and heart our evolution as human beings remains incomplete. It is therefore balance, in addition to excellence that the youth must strive for - the balance between mind and heart, the outer and the inner, between thinking and feeling. Through the Heartfulness Essay Event, the SHRI RAM CHANDRA MISSION in collaboration with UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRE FOR INDIA AND BHUTAN and HEARTFULNESS EDUCATION TRUST invited a pan-Indian participation in an essay writing competition on the topic: Thought pollution – root cause of all ills.

The School is proud to congratulate the Assam State First winner- Manasvi Agarwal of class 9, Nilay Dhakal of class 12- state fourth and Kashvi Kejriwal of class 9- state ninth position



Shrabona Borthakur  
*Secretary-General*

# Model United Nations

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Samuel Daniel David



Letminlun Haokip  
*Director-General*



The Model United Nations (MUN) serves as an ideal stepping stone into the global arena. Astute analytical ability is a trait that helps you at every stage of life as well as in any career, by helping you solve problems through analysis. It is an ideal platform to hone analytical skills, as in a simulated environment we are challenged and required to solve the task after examining the concerns of the other countries, past precedents, and potential solutions to come up with an acceptable resolution.

The Upper School Inter-House MUN was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, simulating three committees namely, The

United Nations Security Council, The United Nations Human Rights Council and All India Political Parties Meet. There were seventy-two delegates representing the four Houses. Shrabona, Borthakur, Humraj Singh Jassal, Krish Agarwal and Gayatri Sapru were recognised as Best Delegate in their respective councils.

The School delegates participated in the virtual conferences: CMUN and IIMUN. Shrabona Borthakur chaired a national-level event (OuraniosMUN) and served as a member of the organising committee for the international conference (TechMUN).

1st Row (L-R): Krish Agarwal, Gazal Panesar, Anushcka Joshi, Shrabona Borthakur, Mr. Samuel Daniel David, Letminlun Haokip, Tiara Warji, Aarav Jain, Vasumann Lohia

2nd Row (L-R): Karma T.T. Chamling, Humraj S. Jassal, Param Nongmaithem, Aryan Khatuwala

# Music School

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Mallar Rakshit



Vansh Sharma  
Music Captain



Music as an activity engages a student's creativity and passion towards the sound and shapes along with aspects such as teamwork, artistic expression, time management, and catharsis. The Music department at the Assam Valley School comprises various verticals of music such as vocals, instrumentals, percussion both in Indian and Western disciplines. It comprises various elements in terms of instruments and musical styles coming together to recreate old classics as well as compose future originals by the students.

Starting from The Pune Fest to IPSC Music, The Yamaha Teen Rock Fest, our students have shown their outstanding musical talent by having the audience spellbound. Like every year, we have successfully achieved the best grades in the Trinity College Examination.

1st Row (L-R): Kedimen Jamir, Khrushelu Sazo, Saluzala Jamir, Anuradha Basumatary, Saanchit Agarwal, Naavya Thapa, Lavanya Jindal, Charmak Bagang, Lalkhawlpuii Puii

2nd Row (L-R): Archit Phukan, Pritam Tribedi, Bariskem K. Pohti, Swaptadeep Paul, Christine S. Houmai, Rupraj Borgoyary, Jaskeerat Singh, Sikunpriyaa Goswami, Tatiana N. Lakiang, Kaustav B. Arya

3rd Row (L-R): Mayukh Jain, Samrat Gupta, Shriyansh Sharma, Rotozo Tetseo, Anam A. Ahmed, Ashmit Phukan, Mr. Mallar Rakshit, Vansh Sharma, Manas Keleng, Kaushik Rabha, Humraj S. Jassal, Baristha Gogoi, Areeq Imran Second Positions: Semi-classical Solo- Shreeya Elangbam



## INDIAN MUSIC

Pune Fest Achievements - Indian Vocal & Percussion

The achievements in the Pune Fest Indian instrumental category were as follows:

Classical solo - Veesaj Goswami -1 st Runner- up

Classical trio - Veesaj Goswami, Bariskhem Pohti and Kaushik Rabha - 1st Runners-up

In Light Solo, Riya Kalita won the First Position.

Folk Solo- Bhavini Singh Tanwar

Light Duet- Bhavini Singh Tanwar and Lavanya Garodia

Patriotic Duet- Riya Kalita and Shreeya Elangbam

The Light Trio- Bhavini Singh Tanwar, Shreeya Elangbam and Lavanya Garodia

The Patriotic Group- Riya Kalita, Bhavini Singh Tanwar, Shreeya Elangbam, Lavanya Garodia, Jayvardhan Patwary, Tejas Sharma, Diksha Baruah and Jupitora Das

The Folk Group- Riya Kalita, Bhavini Singh Tanwar, Shreeya Elangbam, Lavanya Garodia, Jayvardhan Patwary, Tejas Sharma, Diksha Baruah and Jupitora Das

Third Positions: In the Tabla Trio Two event, Yajvin Prithany, Kushagra Dhelia and Keshav Bhati

In the tabla Group One event Yajvin Prithany, Kushagra Dhelia and

Keshav Bhati

Noteworthy:

Yajvin Prithany and Manas Keleng were both awarded the Chairman Award for Tabla Solo.

Manas Keleng and Keshav Bhati won the Chairman award for Tabla Duet.

In the Tabla Trio One event, Rupraj Goyari, Keshav Garodia and Srishti Bajaj won the Chairman Award.

In the Tabla Group Two event, Manas Keleng, Rupraj Goyari, Keshav Garodia and Srishti Bajaj were awarded the Chairman's Award.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN SINGAPORE :

Manas Keleng won the third position in the Tabla Solo category, Kushagra Dhelia and Keshav Bhati won the First Position in the Tabla Duet category and Rupraj Borgoyary, Keshav Bhati, Nuklasen Aiyer and Krishiv Agarwal won the Second Position in the Percussion Group category.

The students participated in the Online Music Fest organised by the Scindia School, Gwalior, the Music Competition by Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hisar and the Tech Vviz -2020 organised by the Vasant Valley School, Delhi.



# Round Square

Round Square Representative: Dr. Pooja Jain Benjamin



Gayatri Sapru  
Student Chairperson



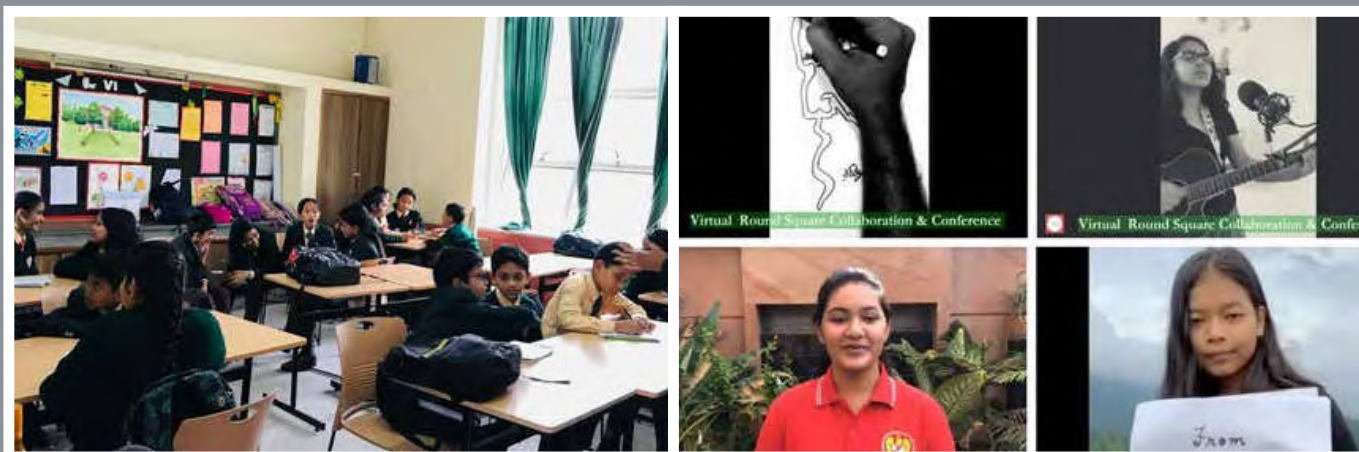
Round Square is an internationally diverse network of 200 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents, that connect and collaborate. The Round Square schools share a commitment to character education and experiential learning built around the six themes – International Understanding, Democracy, Environmental Stewardship, Adventure, Leadership and Service, commitment to sustainability, communication and team-working skills.

## INTRA-SCHOOL

The 2nd edition of Intra School Round

Square weekend was organized from the 6th to the 8th of March, 2020. The Round Square committee members conducted the event which was based on the pillars of Environmentalism and Social Service themed 'No One is Too Small to Make a Change'. Keynote speakers from The Balipara Foundation and Green Hub addressed the gathering. Activities consisted of cleanliness drives, literacy programs for the underprivileged, menstruation talks for women, creation of trash monsters, treasure hunts, collage making, donation of resources, and bird watching.

Standing (L-R): Param Nongmaithem, Shashank Agarwal, Sushmita Modi, Srishti Baruah, Anchal More, Dr. Vidhukesh Vimal, Gayatri Sapru, Dr. Pooja J. Benjamin, Indrani Nandy, Priyanka Saharia, Kashish Agarwal, Vansh Sharma



The resolutions that concluded the conference were:

We resolve to make AVS a plastic free-zone, reduce wastage of resources (water, food, paper and electricity). Make AVS a school where biodiversity is appreciated and is a safer place for all such that humans and animals can coexist in harmony.

Practice sustainability and minimalism and reduce the harmful acts of consumerism as much as possible.

Frequent awareness campaigns for local villages that we visit.

Service in and around the boarding houses and the Main School Building, following - First Change Locally, Then Change Globally.

Make The Assam Valley School an NTLB (No Trace Left Behind) and litter-free zone.

In the 25th year of the School, the resolution to conserve, preserve and protect the biodiversity that AVS boasts within its own campus will be the responsibility of every Aviator who forms a part of this community.

The conference concluded with the following: 'We pledge allegiance to the Earth, its mountains, trees, rivers, soul, and sky. One planet, irreplaceable, to be cherished and protected by all: not just today, not just tomorrow, but every day.' Finally, we concluded the conference in the hope that each Aviator would take from this conference a virtue, a sense of obligation and duty towards their school, their home, their society, their country and planet.

#### INTER- SCHOOL

A delegation of five students and one teacher had gone to Indore to participate in an adventure programme organised by The Daly College. The conference themed, 'Metanoia', was about the journey of changing one's mind, heart, self, or way of life. The Trek and Adventure Programme was held in Indore from 10th to 14th December, 2019.

The Virtual Round Square Collaboration and Conference was hosted by the Assam Valley School on the 31st July and 1st August, 2020. The theme was, "We are Weathering the Same Storm, but We are Not In the Same Boat." It had twenty-one participating schools from

around the world. The keynote speakers for the event were Mr. Yash Johri and Ex-Aviator, Mr. Miguel Queah. The activities consisted of discussions on various leadership styles, various role-playing games and analysing the various ways that the countries were handling the Coronavirus pandemic.

The resolution of the conference was:

'In this moment of crisis, the crucial struggle takes place within humanity itself. If this epidemic results in greater disunity and mistrust among humans, it will be the virus's greatest victory. When humans squabble-viruses double. In contrast, if the epidemic results in closer global cooperation, it will be a victory not only against the coronavirus but against all pathogens.' It ended on the thought: "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent; it is the one most adaptable to change." — Charles Darwin

The Round Square Committee consisting of - Kashish Agarwal, Vansh Sharma, Anushka Agarwal, Shristi Baruah, Sushmita Modi, Parthiv Gargo, Param Nongmaithem, Indrani Nandy, Shashank Agarwal, Priyanka Saharia and Anchal More were suitably led by Gayatri Sapru through all the events.

# Social Service League

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs. Lipika Borah



Anisha Baruah  
SSL Captain



Vedansh Jindal  
SSL Vice - Captain



The Social Service League has supported the Assam Valley School's community by its solicitous and optimistic character. When it transpires about being a giver of alms, largesse, we have always taken a step forward by advancing our assistance. One beneficiary of our unvarying attention for over a decade now is The Moran Blind School. The League has been incorporated with the Junior Red Cross and we consider it our privilege to provide succour to the community.

## PINKATHON:

On 17th November, 2019 the Assam

Valley School participated in the most coveted race for Women- Pinkathon held at Ganesh Mandir Indoor Stadium, Guwahati. There are 46 girls and 5 teachers who participated in the 3KM and 5KM race categories. All the girls participated enthusiastically and completed the race successfully. Before the race, there was a Zumba Session with all the participants of Pinkathon. Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the Zumba session. We feel proud to mention that Nizovino of Class 11 Kopili, went up on the stage to donate her hair to make wigs for the cancer patient.

1st Row (L-R): Kavisha Poddar, Anushka Agarwal, Vikika K. Chophi, Bipasha Haloi, Juri Das, Neha Swabnam, Mahi Agarwal, Anahita Stephen, Anoushka Rabha

2nd Row (L-R): Mr. Anil Kr. Yadav, Ms. Raya Mukhopadhyay, Mrs. Debjani S. Bora, Mrs. Indra R. Mahanta, Vedansh Jindal, Anisha Baruah, Ms. Ishita Malhotra, Mr. Minto Borah, Mr. Amalmani Sharma

3rd Row (L-R): Samar Mazumdar, Himanshu Goenka, Adrika Borah, Kritartha Koushik, Priyanchi Sharma, Samiksha Modi, Vasumann Lohia, Lovesh Sharma



#### **REPUBLIC DAY FETE:**

A Fund- Raising Fete was organized by the Social Service League on 26th of January. The Fete offered indoor and outdoor games along with delectable food stalls. All were excited about bungee jumping and riding the mechanical bull which were the big attractions. The teachers volunteered to set up the food stalls at the carnival. The student leaders led the event successfully.

#### **MISSIONARIES CHARITY:**

On 29th of February, the social service team visited the Missionaries of Charity in Tezpur to distribute several food items and to spend quality time with the children staying at the place. Our donations consisted of food items like cornflakes, juice packets, rice and a variety of dry items. First Aid Programme By Junior Red Cross On the 25th of February, the Junior Red Cross unit of the Lower School engaged in a demonstration of first-aid measures to the students of the KGMT School. The students were first trained by the nurses of the School's medical facility and then were taken out of campus. Our enthusiastic students were remarkable at work and made the visit a

successful one.

#### **AWARENESS ABOUT MENSTRUAL HYGIENE:**

On 7th of March, a team visited a nearby village in Harchurah to spread awareness regarding menstrual hygiene. Our volunteers gave a brief demonstration on the advantages and disadvantages of using sanitary pads. This was followed by the distribution of sanitary pads and soap to the women. Initiative By The Social Service League And The Food and Beverage Department The Food and Beverage Department prepared a meal for the KGMT School, it was distributed by the Social Service volunteers on the 3rd of March. The world almost halted in this pandemic, but we continued in our efforts. We have filmed the service activities done during the lockdown period by the students such as spending quality time with grandparents/ elderly person, helping/ teaching domestic helpers on personal hygiene or how to use technology/ literacy, cooking, cleanliness drive inside or outside the house, taking online classes with small children and flood relief and distributing food to the needy as an initiative to do our bit during

COVID-19. The Social Service League in coordination with the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation organised a series of activities for Gandagi Mukh Bharat which was a special week-long campaign for Swachhata from 8th August to 15th August, 2020.

A tree plantation drive was organised on 12th August, 2020. The students were required to send in some pictures or videos of them planting trees or saplings in their locality. An online painting competition for classes 6 to 8 and an essay competition for Classes 9 to 12 on the theme of 'Gandagi Mukh Mera Gaon' was organized on 13th August, 2020 as directed by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development. The League has made some modules for an audio library for The Moran Blind School.

#### **LITERACY PROGRAMME:**

Literacy programme is a regular activity programme for both Upper and Lower School. The literacy team has taken the initiative of making study materials which can be used as aids to teach the students at the Kasturba Gandhi Memorial Trust School.

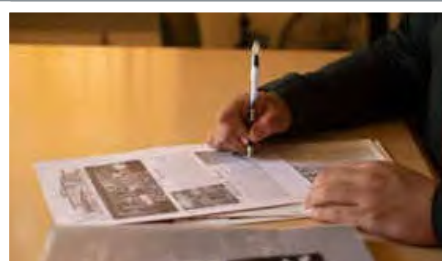


# The Assam Valley Express - Print Media

Mistress-in-Charge: Sarmistha P. Sarkar



Jeremy L. Jahau  
Editor-in-Chief



The room above the library, nestled away from the humdrum of School is home to those who pursue words passionately. It houses, with great pride the School's Publication Unit: the Assam Valley Express, known more

popularly by its acronym 'AVE'. The editorial team is led by the formidable Editor-in-Chief Jeremy L. Jahau, the versatile Deputy, Letminlun Haokip, and Anoushka S. Rabha, the indomitable Associate Editor.

Standing (L-R): Tanisha Bhadra, Neelabh Kashyap, Marwati Imsong, Eloziini Senachena, Reela Thake, Sarmistha P. Sarkar, Jeremy Jahau, Ssara Jha, Lavanya Adhikari, Moom Lego, Anoushka S. Rabha, Letminlun Haokip



# The Debating Society

Master-in-Charge, Upper School: Mr. L.P. Watts  
Mistress-in-Charge, Lower School: Ms P.C. Gurkin



**Indrani Nandy**  
*Debating Captain*



The Athenaeum, the Society for Debating & Global Awareness at The Assam Valley School, endeavours to inculcate the ability to interpret, challenge and be well-informed on any subject from different perspectives while the students learn how to present their point of view to persuade and change.

In the Winter Semester of the Year 2019-2020, the Inter-House English Debates witnessed Jinari-Manas win the trophy, while Bhoroli-Lohit stood at second place. Indrani Nandy, Gayatri Sapru, Parthiv Gargo, Humraj Singh Jassal and Naviya Chamariya represented the School at the Shri Debates 2020, hosted by The Shri Ram School, Mouslari. Aryan Khatuwala and Shashank

Agarwal of Class 12 participated individually in an online debate 'Let's Discourse and Let's Discourse 2.0' hosted by Team Enunciate and won the First and Second positions.

In August, the four Houses battled it out in the first-ever Virtual Upper-School Inter-House English Debates. It was a spectacular mark of collaboration and coordination on the part of the Judges, Chairpersons, and Debaters. The First Position was taken by Bhoroli-Lohit and Kopili-Dhansiri came second.

In September, Naviya Chamariya, Shashank Agarwal, Anushcka Joshi participated in the Oliphant Memorial Inter School Debates, hosted by the Welham Boys School.

1st Row (L-R): Anushcka Joshi, Ojasvi Agarwal, Fariha Zaman, Lavanya Adhikari, Naviya Chamaria, Gayatri Sapru

2nd Row (L-R): Aryan Khatuwala, Nilay Dhakal, Trinayana Saikia, Mr. Leslie P. Watts, Indrani Nandy, Ms. Prena Gurkin, Naman Tibrewal, Shashank Agarwal, Humraj S. Jassal

# The Dramatics Society

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Debnath Pyne

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs. Priyankoo Kashyap Das



Suhani Singhania  
Dramatics Captain



Participation in drama-based high school activities helps students develop important life skills such as dedication, perseverance, commitment, teamwork, and a sense of fair play. Performing arts activities, in particular, provide students with opportunities to develop skills needed to be successful both in life and at work. Many students who participate in drama class do not go on to become professional actors, designers, or technicians. The important skills that they're learning that can be used in their everyday lives, no matter what career they decide to pursue in the future.

Drama is an important tool for preparing students to live and work in a world that is increasingly team-oriented. It is significant as students learn to develop creative thinking, expression and confidence. In this activity, the students practice facial expressions, tongue-twisters, story-telling, script-writing, a dramatization of fairy tales, miming, Dumb Charades, Chinese Whispers, to learn and improve voice projection and dramatic skills. Drama promotes communication skills, teamwork, dialogue, and socialisation. It stimulates the imagination and creativity; develops a better understanding of human behaviour and empathy.

1st Row (L-R): Mrs. Priyankoo K. Das, Alka Jhavar, Shreya Rameka, Hiya Keshan, Suhani Singhania, Vidhi Choudhury, Saumya Jindal, Hiramoni Basumatary, Gayatri Sapru, Mr. Debnath Pyne

2nd Row (L-R): Divyaj Agarwal, Krish Agarwal, Nilay Dhakal, Subhajeet Dasgupta, Shourya Kedia, Parthiv Gargo, Lokesh Agarwal, Anam A. Aviva, Pratham Somani



# The Exchange Programme

Head of Exchange Board: Mr. Debnath Pyne



The Student Exchange Programme is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for one standing on the threshold of adult life. It gives a first-hand experience of what life is beyond the four walls they have lived in. To prepare the students for tomorrow's fast-developing and globalised world, they need to understand how other cultures and societies think and live.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME:

Name of the Programme: AFS Intercultural

Student Exchange Program 2019-20 to Italy.  
Name of the Organisation: AFS Intercultural Programs India  
Duration of the Program: 23rd of November, 2019 to 21st of January, 2020  
Particulars of the participants: Thejazer Linyu Class 11 and Imnasenden Jamir, Class 11.

The pandemic has certainly delivered a tough blow on the student exchange programmes, leaving the students in a state of confusion, but we have undertaken certain virtual exchange programmes amidst all these crises.

1st Row (L-R): Thejazer Linyu, Anoushka S. Rabha, Kritartha Koushik, Mr. Debnath Pyne, Himanshi Malik, Imna S. Jamir



Virtual Exchange Programmes conducted by the American Field Service (AFS) Intercultural Programs India

Name of the Programme: Indian Cultural Diversity Program

Theme : World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue & Development

Dr. Vidhukesh Vimal, Headmaster, The Assam Valley School, Tezpur, was the Moderator & Guest Principal for Session 2 held on 12th May, 2020.

Name of the Programme: Celebrating Parents and Parenthood

Theme: Collage : pictures of family time spent during the quarantine, of good meals, family activity, helping in domestic chores, cooking, learning something new together and such.

Participants: Members of the Photographic Society of The Assam Valley School yuthika kejrival , divyaj agarwal

Name of the Programme: Essay Writing & Poster Making Competitions

Theme: Youth Skill Development for a Better Tomorrow.

Participants: Harshi Kashyap Elozini Senachena. Anushcka joshi, Tanisha Bhadra

Name of the Programme: Share Your Story of Community Service

Theme: Corona is Contagious, Can Kindness be Contagious Too?

Participants: The Social Service League of The Assam Valley School

Name of the Programme: AFS India Master Chef

Theme: Are you an avid cook? Have you developed interest in cooking during lockdown time? Are you always receiving compliments from family and friends on your culinary creations?

Participants: Himanshi Malik and Diksha Baruah and Himanshi Malik of Class 9 was declared the First Runner-up. She was selected as one of the six finalists out of more than one thousand participants to reach the finals. She prepared a traditional Arunachali dish known as Chambai which is a combination of sticky rice balls and chicken for the finals.

Name of the Programme: Bulletin Board

Competition

Theme of the Program: The International Day of Peace, sometimes unofficially known as World Peace Day is observed on 21st September. This day provides for all humanity to commit to peace through education and public awareness.

Participants: Few Students from Class 11

Name of the Programme: Quiz Competition

Theme: Quiz 1 – United Nations

Quiz 2 – Sustainable Development Goals

Name of the Programme: Effect+ Workshop Students

Theme of the Programme: Being intercultural competent or culturally fluent is key skills in an increasingly interconnected and globalized world and crucial to tackle the challenges of our times and advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). AFS learning programs also support key education goals for the 21st century beyond intercultural competence.

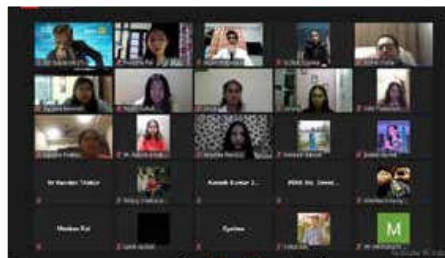


# The Interact Club

Mistress-in-Charge: Ms. Pooja Borah



Anuja Barooah  
President



The Interact club of The Assam Valley School is run exclusively by 'Club Officers' with the assistance of other members of the club.

Club Report: **1. INSTALLATION PROGRAMME:** The installation ceremony for Interact Club District-3240 was held on 11 th July 2020. There are more than three hundred Interact clubs across the North-East and one of them is the Assam Valley School Interact Club. In this year's council, following have been given important positions:

- i) Aryan Khatuwala – District conference coordinator
- ii) Anuja Barooah – Zonal Coordinator
- iii) Kavisha Poddar – Zonal interact representative

**2. ORGANISATION OF FLOOD RELIEF:** The AVS Interact Club in collaboration with the Social Service League has taken a step in this direction to provide some relief to those affected by involving the whole school community to voluntarily donate any kind of assistance.

**3. NAMAMI BHARAT:** Namami Bharat was an E- carnival held on the 14 th and 15 th August, 2020 to celebrate the 74 th Independence of India among the members of the various Interact and Rotary Clubs. With the aim of bringing together young minds under one platform, various events such as a dance and music competition, a plantation drive, various well-known speakers speaking

for the youth were organised. The Interactors who participated are Anuja Barooah, Remin Kabak and Satvik Keshan. Anuja Barooah secured the First Position in the dance competition.

The Interact Club of AVS continues to participate in many such activities, not only to ensure personality development and leadership qualities among the Interactors but also for the society at large.

**CLUB MEMBERS:**

Vasuman Lohia, Satvik Keshan, Kavisha Poddar, Remin Kabak, Ms. Pooja Borah, Anuja Barooah, Aditi Thekedath, Sanjana Barooah, Anushka Rai, Aryan Khatuwala



# The Photographic Society

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Mr. Sabir Ansari & Mr. Rajender Chauhan



**Thejazer Linyu**  
*Photography Captain*



The Photographic Society of The Assam Valley School organises tours for the budding photographers from time to time. Apart from basic photographic techniques, every student is taught how to handle the manual mode of the DSLR camera and their photography has found a place in the leading newspapers of Assam. In the Academic year 2019-2020, our society got an opportunity to visit places like Tipi, Bomdila, Tawang, Bumla Pass (Indo-China Border) and Tezpur.

Anikaith Anant Joshi, of Class 8 was adjudged the Best Photographer in the Inter-School Photography Competition organized for the

Round Square Schools hosted by Welham Boys' School, Dehradun. The photograph taken by one of our budding photographers, Yashraj Agarwal, titled 'Waterfall' was adjudged one of the best photographs in the Inter-School Competition organized by the Maria Public School, Guwahati. The photographs taken by Yuthika Kejriwal of Class 12 on the topic: Expression of Women, were exhibited in the photography exhibition displayed by Kunstmatrix, a Delhi based NGO.

The first ever digital photography workshop was conducted by a renowned photographer, Mr. Bidysagar Borah, Chairperson, The Photography Club of Assam.

## PHOTO CLUB MEMBERS:

1st Row (L-R): Mr. Sabir Ansari, Deep Kanoi, Chinmoy Tamuli, Rajanya Mukhopadyay, Anikaith Joshi, Thejazer Linyu, Mr. Rajender Chauhan, Yuthika Kejriwal, Yash Raj Agarwal, Satvik Keshan, Mr. Sanjay Sharma

2nd Row (L-R): Dhruvad Kr. Choudhury, Nihar Bora, Nitya Saraf, Rayyan H Hazarika

# The Quizzing Society

Mistress-in-Charge: Mrs. Dayita B. Datta



Aryan Khatuwala  
Quiz Captain



Quizzing has had a long and honourable history at Assam Valley School despite the omniscience of Google and other search engines. The Society is going beyond simply answering trivia questions but inviting contributions from its members to a monthly news and information sheet: 'Erudite' – for that is what we hope our students will become! We participated in an Inter-School quiz competition hosted by the Vasant Valley School, New Delhi. We have been participating in the Daily Quiz organised by Zee Mind Wars.

#### ZEE MIND WARS:

Mind Wars is a multiplatform knowledge programme which aims to reach 1 crore students

from over 40,000 schools across India. The programme is promoted by Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. Online Selection round of Mind Wars was organised at The Assam Valley School for all students of Classes 9 and 10 on 30th November 2019.

In the daily quiz round, one of our students Vasuman Lohia of Class 10 was awarded for his outstanding performance, he is one of the five students to be awarded, out of more than 260,000 students on the platform. Two of our students Aarav Jain and Vasuman Lohia of Class 10 got selected and got an opportunity to represent Assam in Quarter Final rounds held at

Jaipur; in this event, they won the Runners-up trophy. Their show was telecast on Zee TV on 29th March, 2020.

#### SOCIETY MEMBERS:

1st Row (L-R): Abhitej Singh Gill, Tanisha Bhadra, Aarav Jain, Adrit Bothra

2nd Row (L-R): Aryan Khatuwala, Mrs. Dayita B Datta, Mr. Bijan Panigrahi, Ms. Kamalica Bhowmick, Vasumann Lohia

3rd Row (L-R): Anushcka Joshi, Anubhav Ayan Kakoty, Suvechha Borah, Vaibhav Kumar, Akankshit Sharma



# Western Band

Master- in- Charge: Mr. Siddharth Bathla



The Western Band activity is a much-coveted one at The Assam Valley School. It embraces various elements in terms of instruments and musical styles coming together to recreate old classics as well as compose future originals by the students. The western band heavily engages a student's creativity and passion towards sound and shapes the individual in aspects such as teamwork, artistic expression, time management and catharsis.

Being in the school western band requires years of self-discovery and dedication to your instrument and requires one to listen as much, if not more, than play. After all, the greatest tool of a musician

is his/her ears. The Western Band is active throughout the year and is not limited by season or opportunity. Be it at opening ceremonies for various events, Inter-House competitions, the highly regarded Rock-fest, the prestigious Founders Day celebrations, The IPSC Music Festival and the much anticipated Yamaha Teens Rock National level competition, the Band is always performing in perfect harmony.

The main thrill of being in the western band is the excitement of not knowing when an opportunity to play may arise whilst getting the feeling that it is right around the corner somewhere, playing

along with different people who have different musical styles, musical tastes and inspirations, and one day composing one's own piece that will make people feel just like you did when you first heard that song that made you cry. Shanmen Riddi was awarded the first position in Western Vocal, Solo, in the Indian Public School's Conference Music Competition at Mayo College, Ajmer.

## CLUB MEMBERS:

Mr. Siddharth Bathla, Jaskeerat Singh, Nishant Borah, Saluzala Jamir, Naavya Thapa, Kedimen Jamir, Aadit Ghosh, Areeq Imran

# Yamaha Teens Rock 6 - 2019



The Assam Valley School Western Band, using the moniker 'Blue Street' for the performance, had an electrifying set that won the entire crowd over. The Beat was like clockwork, the Bass was groove personified, the Rhythm was melodic, the solo's melancholic and the vocals powerful to say the least.

After much anticipation The Assam Valley

School Western Band placed First Runner's Up in the entire country and did their school and their state extremely proud!

Yamaha being ever so generous rewarded our efforts with one and a half lakhs worth of musical equipment to boost the students in their musical endeavours. Like true Aviators who do not forget their roots , the band donated one keyboard to the music

school for future generations of musicians at AVS to learn on.

The entire experience solidified the students passion and drive towards their dream of making it to the big stage one day, and those of you who had the privilege of listening to them and watching them perform, will agree to the fact that this is what these five young men were born to do.

# SPORTS

