



## SPORTS CAPTAINS 2021 - 2022

*"You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get."*

*-Michael Phelps*

Sports has consistently had a significant role to play in the life of a boarding school student. One would have anticipated the second year of COVID 19 to have hinted toward normalcy, but the school year 2021-22 addressed its own set of concerns. Sport is an area of interest that faces difficulty flourishing during such testing times, with not many students having access to facilities at home urged by lockdown restrictions. However, the Sports Department this year successfully countered this misbelief to the best of its ability. We compiled videos of various students from across the different sporting disciplines in the school, bursting this myth through sheer sweat and practice at home itself. The Sports Department conducted various events online as well. We witnessed the participation of Lower School in the Jumping Jacks Challenge, Aerobics, Zumba, Physical Fitness Programme, and Inter-School Online Fitness Competition hosted by Modern School, Barakhamba. While students were at their homes, the staff family at AVS hosted its own set of Cricket tournaments and Tennis tournaments, making good use of the wonderful facilities the school offers. The Sports Gala showcased the Equestrian training, Track & Field events, the football league, inaugurating the return of lively sports on the campus. Various Inter-House events were conducted, such as Inter-House Basketball, Badminton, Cricket, Table Tennis, Squash, Football Volleyball, among many others, celebrating the spirit of Sportsmanship in school this year. All these memories were captured in our new Sports Magazine, 'The Player', for the first time this year! When we reflect on this year, we feel immensely proud as a team of what we were able to accomplish during such difficult times. As the COVID 19 lifestyle becomes the 'new normal', we look forward to witnessing the inevitable influence and growth of the sporting disciplines in The Assam Valley School. This journey would not have been successful without the wholehearted support of the individual sports captains and our sports teachers, who played a crucial role in effective communication and action throughout the year.

Anushcka  
Joshi



Peter  
Seth





# SPORTS PREFECTS

## 2021 - 2022



*Sitting (L-R): Raahil Hazarika (Tennis), Neeraj Sarmah (Table Tennis), Samiksha Modi (Archery), Rajrishi Deuri (Badminton), Anushcka Joshi (Girls' Sports Captain & Tennis Captain), Peter Seth (Boys' Sports Captain & Football Captain), Khrushelu Sazo (Football), Arjun Chalibia (Equestrian), Saumya Jindal (Equestrian), Lokesh Agarwal (Taekwondo)*  
*2nd row (L-R): Alda Nongmeikapam (Basketball), Dristi Rathi (Athletics), Yash D. Chauhan (Squash), Mayukh Jain (Cricket), Tatiana Lakiang (Volleyball), Jiya Agarwal (Squash), Trinabrita Baruah (Table Tennis), Priyanchi Sharma (Badminton)*

# ATHLETICS

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sanjay Pathak



**Dristi Rathi**  
*Athletics Captain*



## SPORTS

# BADMINTON

**Master-in-Charge: Mr. Abhijit Baruah**

It is said that sports inculcates team spirit, positive and competitive attitude and ultimately creates a well developed personality.

Amidst the electrifying enthusiasm and excitement, the Inter-House Badminton Tournament was played in the month of April. The matches were played for three rounds with complete sportsmanship. The ardent supporters of the concerned houses cheered their team with loud claps hoping that they would bring laurels to their houses.

The results were as follows:

Winner: Jinari-Manas

Runner-up Subansiri-Namdang

3rd Kopili-Dhansiri

4th Bhoroli- Lohit

The players were congratulated by the coaches and others with emphasis on their sportsmanship and shuttling skills.



**Priyanchi Sharma**  
*Girls' Badminton Captain*



**Rajrishi Deuri**  
*Boys' Badminton Captain*



### School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Om Kr. Gupta, Supriya Boro, Parakh Pratim Saikia, Rajrishi Deuri, Mr. Abhijit Baruah (Coach), Priyanchi Sharma, Charmak Bagang, Imsor Longkumar, Bisbal Agarwala. 2nd Row (L-R): Shorya Kanda, Chirag Agarwala, Biida Karbak, Jasraj Thokchom, Laksh Gupta, Jayvardhan Patvari, Baristha Gogoi, Harshit Sharma, Pratik Kanoi*

# BASKETBALL

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. Rajib Daimari, Mr. Devesh Prajapati



Alda Nongmeikapam  
Girls' Basketball Captain



Srutashman Baruah  
Boys' Basketball Captain

Basketball is one of the popular and growing sports in AVS. We are proud to have a solid school team that has produced results over the years. The love for the game continues to grow as we inspire more aviators to join and pursue this sport.

Some noteworthy players are:

Srutashman Baruah, Areeq Imran, Bensolo Seb, Daiyan Alam, Arhan Sharma, Ryan D. Chingapa, Krishnav Kanoria, Alda Nongmeikapam and Dristi Rathi.

The result of the Inter-House was as follows:

Winner: Bhoroli-Lohit

Runner- up: Jinari Manas

3rd Kopili-Dhansiri

4th Subansiri-Namdang



## School Team

Sitting (L-R): Krishnav Kanoria, Bensolo Seb, Angshuman Sarma, A. Daiyan Alam, Mr. Rajiv Doimary (Coach), Alda Nongmeikapam, Mr. Devesh Kr. Prajapati (MIC), Areeq Imran, Yangan Konyak, Saron Odyou, Gaurav Kr. Beria. 2nd Row (L-R): Pratyush C. Basistha, Kohrodi Sangtam, Anam A. Ahmed, Jyoti Liyak, Shruti Dutta, Karpi Bam, Aakriti Chaliha, Biswapriya Sorem, Dristi Rathi, Ryan D. Chingapa, Arhan Sharma. 3rd Row (L-R): Rompiti Patton, Limbachan Patton, Nokaulong Angh, Theja Rio, Sabil More.

# CRICKET

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Rajender Chauhan

*'No cricket team in the world depends on one or two players. The team always plays to win.'*

Cricket, as we all know it today, is widely known as the 'Gentleman's Game'. It is more than just a mere contest between bat and ball. Having first originated in England, this sport has found pilgrimage in our subcontinent. Cricket is very closely associated with us Indians and we have made our mark on the International circuit through time. This game also finds its place amongst the more popular sports in our school at AVS. Cricket has been given significant importance and has also led to the achievement of some brilliant results which has put AVS in continuation with some of the finest schools in the country in terms of highly competitive discipline. Like other parts of the country, we have also been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic which impacted several cricket fixtures and tournaments.



**Mayukh Jain**  
*Cricket Captain*



**PERFORMANCES AT A GLANCE: Upper School (U-19)**

***Inter-House Positions***

**Lower School (U-14)**

*Winner: Lohit House*

*Runner-up: Dhansiri House*

*3rd Namdang House*

*4th Manas House*

*Winner: Namdang House*

*Runner-up: Dhansiri House*

*3rd Lohit House*

*4th Manas House*

**Overall Position:**

*Winner: Namdang House*

*Runners-up: Lohit and Dhansiri Houses (Combined)*

**DISTRICT SELECTION 2020-21**

Nishanta Sharma, Class 12: Represented Bokakhat District (U-17 team), Rajjyoti Talukdar, Class 9: Represented Bajali District (U-14 team)

**STAFF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE, 2021**

As we know, the pandemic has affected outdoor activities for many people all around the world. In this difficult situation, our Sports Department tried to organize a tournament (Staff Champions League) for our staff members to keep their morale high in the month of May, 2021. All players, making up five teams, and officials followed all Covid-19 protocols. The teams were named FNB Tigers, AVS Royals, AVS Super Kings, State Lions and Mighty Day Scholars. All five teams played four matches each in the league stage, and two best teams reached the final round of the tournament. This tournament was played from 12th May to 22nd May at the school cricket ground. All support and teaching staff residing in the campus enjoyed the nail biting finishes over these eleven days. In the finals of the tournament, AVS Royals and FNB Tigers fought very well and AVS Royals managed to win the tournament.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOURNAMENT:**

*Best Bowler of the Tournament: Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Best Fielder of the Tournament: Mr. Jayanta Bora, Best Batsman of the Tournament: Mr. Mohan Naso and Mr. Mukund M. Shukla*

**School U-14 Cricket Team**

*Sitting (L-R): Sanchit Ruthia, Farhad Mustak, Ribansh Jalan, Hrishant Deb, Mr. Rajendra Chauhan (MIC), Nishanta Bora, Pranjal Jaiswal, Drishan Jatin Bora, Soham Agarwal.*

*2nd Row (L-R): Karan Somani, Chayank Haloi, Garvit Jaiswal, Rian Subedi, Sjoy Das, Nivaan Lal Baruah, Kriday Jajodia, Harshvardhan Sikaria, Tanay Pansari, Rayaan Agarwal, Kushal Thounaojam.*

*3rd Row (L-R): Sachin Jaiswal, Harsheet Das, Siddhart Poddar, Ayan Kumar Saha, Ahaan Sarangi*



**School U-19 Cricket Team**

*Sitting (L-R): Kavya Neel Kalita, Bitosbok Das, Vignat Tayal, Vinayak Kumar Kandoi, Mr. Rajender Chauhan, Mayuk Jain, Shriyash Sharma, Kunal Jitani, Sourav Khodal*

*2nd Row (L-R): Grisham Ghosh, Krishang Choudhary, Abhinav Agarwal, Anuran Paul, Krishna Tebrinval, Saanchit Agarwal, Sooryansh Prithani, Yajvin Pirthani, Rajyoti Talukdar, Tejash Jain, Kushal Garodia.*

*3rd Row (L-R): Areen Agarwal, Yash Agarwal, Premya Saha, Ronak Bucha, Krishnam Agarwal, Utkarsh Jajodia, Keshav Garodia*

# EQUESTRIAN

**Master-in-charge: Mr. Jalam Singh**

It has been a difficult year for all of us but the riding school did their best to go and win some medals and kept training the young riders during these difficult times. This year we made some new developments in the riding school like the new jumping fences we made and many other things which have helped us a lot. We have trained the new horses which came last year and now they are doing fantastic and are ready to perform in the tournaments. This time three of our riders participated in the Assam State Equestrian Championships and returned with 8 medals.

Kavya Bagrodia won 1 gold medal, 1 silver medal and 2 bronze medals and because of his performance and results he also was ranked first in the Assam state ranking position. Arjun Aryan Chaliha also won 1 gold medal and 1 silver medal and was ranked second in the Assam state ranking position. Saumya Jindal won 1 gold medal and 1 bronze medal. It was a very proud moment for the riding school as their riders performed very well and secured good results. We hope the whole school returns as fast as possible as the whole team will be there in school and we can start preparing for the horse shows to come. Our team keeps improving every year and we hope it continues in the future also.



**Saumya Jindal**  
Girls' Riding Captain



**Arjun Aryan Chaliha**  
Boys' Riding Captain



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Abhitej Singh Gill, Shriyansh Sharma, Kavya Bagrodia, Arjun Aryan Chaliha, Mr. Jalam Singh, Saumya Jindal, Arman Abdullah Imdad, Yuvraj Sureka, Diviaj Agarwal. 2nd Row (L-R): Priyam Das, Eshaan Beria, Adya Rakshit, Priyanka Narzary, Ashlee Mutum, Agastya Jaju, Amania Agitok Sangma, Saphiana Swargiary, Dibakar singha, Kartik Bheria, Mrinmay Kalita. 3rd Row (L-R): Violina Boruah, Sarai Momin, Adella Bashar, Mainow Goyary, Rozlin Fiza Amin, Kasturi Parasar, Riiriti Odela Lato Sobliya, Vidhi Agarwal, Purbashri Sonowal, Priashi Khakholia, Mehaman Kharlyngdoh 4th Row (L-R): Kritartha Koushik, Bubumsa Daimari, Sarvagya Kasera, Karan Ngatey Gam, Abhigyan Roy Sarkar, Ananya Jasrasaria, Dhvani Deorab, Anikaith Anant Joshi, Uddipta Baruah*

# FOOTBALL

**Master-in-charge: Mr. Biswajit Baglary**  
**Mistress-in-charge: Dr. Sarika B. Hazarika**

‘Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships.’

The Inter-House Football Tournament, a very popular one, was held from the 5th of October to the 7th of October, 2021. The players had prepared well for the event and gave their best to try and win the match for their Houses. As the tournament progressed, the participants had to perform better as the stakes were high. There were some matches with nail-biting finishes, some where the spectators felt the teams got lucky and some where there was only one team dominating the game.

The event was played out in three separate categories and the aggregate was taken to judge the overall winner. Individual awards were given to players who excelled in their categories. Dhansiri-Kopili stood first, followed by Jinari-Manas, falling behind, Subansiri-Namdang and Bhoroli-Lohit were in the third and fourth positions. The top scorers were: Peter Seth from Dhansiri and Lalkhawlpuii from Kopili house.



**Khrushelu Sazo**  
*Girls' Football Captain*



**Peter Seth**  
*Boys' Football Captain*



*Girls' U-19 Football Team*

*Sitting (L-R): Hiramoni Basumatary, Neha Swabnam, Leiki Choden, Biswajit Baglary (Coach), Khrushelu Sazo, Dr. Sarika B. Hazarika (Coach), Tenzin Peldon, Tatiana Lakiang, Christine S. Houmai. 2nd Row (L-R): Prisha Saikia, Visizonno Rio, Vini K. Chopi, Hemadri Purbi, Selene Epao, Anouska Singh, Chesta Nowal, Babli Kanwar, Siddhi Gupta, Norzin L. Bhutia. 3rd Row (L-R): Tadar Yajum, Jovita Oinam, Priyasha Sarma, Pema C. Khrime, Debastuti Kashyap.*



### Boys' U-19 Football Team

*Sitting (L-R): Rotozo Tetsuo, Swaptadeep Paul, Longbinong Timung, Peter Seth, Mr. Biswajit Baglary, Dr. Sarika B. Hazarika, Tikham Natung, Sanendi Toy, Saji Pao, Kaustav Garg. 2nd Row (L-R): Ritesh Baruab, Imchalong Kichu, Nobu Lammio, Gungming Phassang, Lee Natung, Takam lapung, Hanggoulal Haokip, Mubin Khan, Deni Puning. 3rd Row (L-R): Varun Seth, Shivraj Daimary, Nabadeep Deka, Khachung Ngandam, Karleen Tok, Dukkir Ete, Hayishan Odyuo, Gora Gungte, Ayush Rizal, Ritudeep Deka, Zayan Hazarika. 4th Row (L-R): Yasankar Ranjit, Rajirishi Deuri, Thejose Epao, Nokzen Imchen*



### Junior Football Team

*Sitting (L-R): Alonso Nonhangbam, Memin Tam, Kenyir Apang, Khrushelu Sazo, Mr. Biswajit Baglary, Dr. Sarika B. Hazarika, Peter Seth, Zayan Hazarika, Pezavi Rio, Chingloi Angh. 2nd Row (L-R): Sneha Ngangom, Madburjya Madhav, Azom Anzar Ali, Ronak Basumatary, Duksun Ete, Atovo Azobe, Tanishka Saraf, Alvert Thockshom, Dbananjay Thingujam, Bumbumsa Daimari, Romaina Boro, Vania Singh, Jason Pabawa, Natasha Billimoria, N. Myinthy Manchey, Nazifa Noorine. 3rd Row (L-R): Lee MarBaninag Murari Moba Saba, Memanmipua Symbliia, Matthew Vannal Sawmsanga, Hardik Poddar, Tayu Natung, Arnam Sharma, Uttam Pukebrambam Saloma Sonam, Taku Sob, Yanmongse Sangtham, Anushree Singh, Shri Dutta*

# SQUASH

Master-in-charge: Mr. Devendra Verma



**Jiya Agarwal**  
Girls' Squash Captain



**Yash D. Chauhan**  
Boys' Squash Captain

Squash as a sport has been growing and flourishing by the year in AVS. Not only is squash a competitive sport but also a very interesting one. Over the years AVS has been a part of various tournaments ranging from state championships to national championships and other reputed tournaments like IPSC, SGFI and SRFI. The circumstances last year could not stop Aviators from practicing and becoming better than ever. Some of the noteworthy players are: Yash D. Chauhan, Abhigyan D. Mishra, Aadish Jain, Jiya Agarwal, Shivansh Agarwal and Aarnav Dutta.

The results of the Inter-House Squash was as follows:

Winner: Subansiri-Namdang

Runner-up: Jinari-Manas

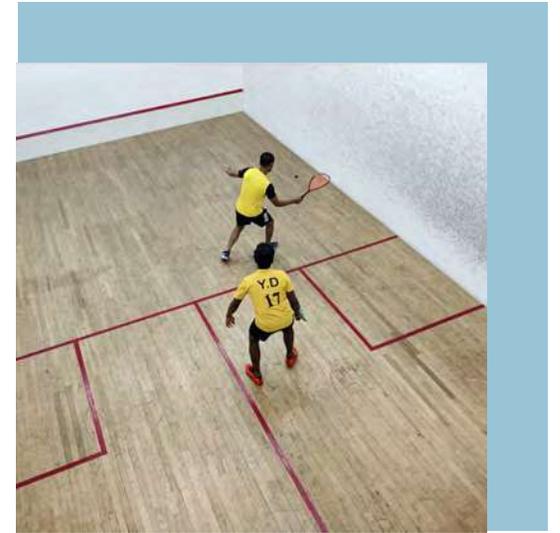
3rd Bhoroli-Lohit

4th Kopili-Dhansiri



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Jaskeerat Singh, Shrivansh Agarwal, Abhigyan Mishra, Jiya Agarwal, Mr. Devendra Verma, Yash D. Chauhan, Aadish Jain, Lavanya Jindal, Archit Ruthia. 2nd Row (L-R): Kashvi Kejriwal, Abona Chowdhury, Jhalak Todi, Aanya Paul Sarkar, Subani Agarwala, Khyati Borah, Adrika Dey, Niharika Goswami, Benjamin Maxim Mcdonald, Alphonse Elishaba Pakyntein, Nayanika Borah. 3rd Row (L-R): Dev Agarwal, Divanshu Sikaria, Anikaith Anant Joshi, Kritartha Kaushik, Adhayan Pareek, Himangshu Goenka*



# TABLE TENNIS

Master-in-charge: Mr. Monjit Roy

Table tennis is an emerging sport at The Assam Valley School. The students are inspired to participate in the sport through the facilities provided by the school. Inter-House competitions have helped us find talented players and enabled us to train them for the future. The overall best players in the Inter-House Competition were Daksh Jain (Lower School) and Niraj Sarmah (Upper School), according to the points system.

The results of Inter-House Table Tennis Competition were as follows:

Winner: Subansiri-Namdang

Runner- up: Jinari-Manas

3rd: Kopili-Dhansiri

4th: Bhoroli-Lohit



**Trinabrita Baruah**  
Girls' Table Tennis Captain



**Niraj Sarmah**  
Boys' Table Tennis Captain



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Trinayana Saikia , Naviya Chamariya, Aditi Thekedath, Trinabrita Baruah, Niraj Sharma, Hiramoni Basumatary, Tatiana Lakiang, Aarav Jain. 2nd Row (L-R): Kasbish Mehta, Adrija Mahanta, Daksh Jain, Duij Dbakal, Yuvraj Bhuyan, Laksh Gupta, Anushka Barua , Dristi Rath, Bipasha Haloi*

# TENNIS

**Coach:** Ms. Jean Melanie Vincent Haymo

**Mistress-in-charge:** Mrs. Torali Baruah



**Anushcka Joshi**  
*Girls' Tennis Captain*

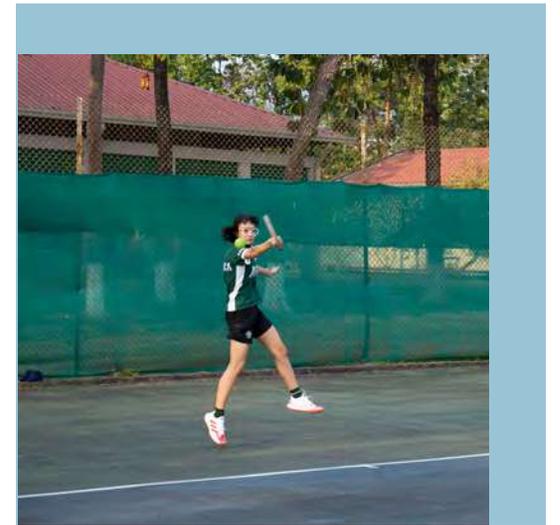
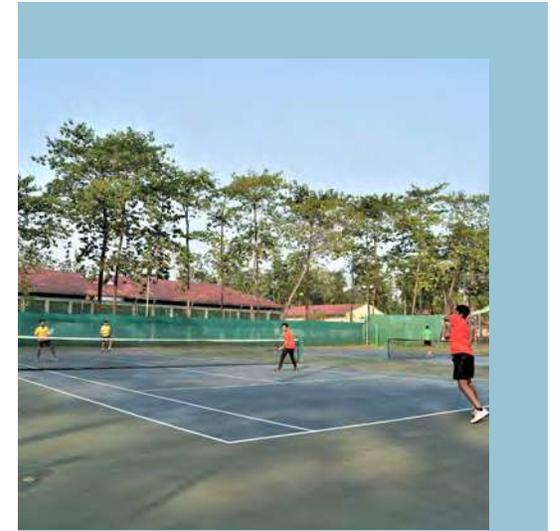


**Raahil Hazarika**  
*Boys' Tennis Captain*

Tennis is a sport of interest for many Aviators here at AVS. The team has witnessed the emergence of various skilled players who have ensured that the quality of tennis stands out, despite testing times due to the pandemic. The players rallying in the evening is a sight to see for all.

This year, Rajnish Sharma of Class 9 reached the Round of 32 in the All-India Super Series Tennis Tournament (Boys U-14 Singles event) and pre-quarterfinals in the Doubles event of the same category. He ranked 763 out of 5000 players in his category's Indian Tennis ranking list.

Raahil Hazarika, Anushcka Joshi, Ujjwal Agarwal, Rakin Nafi, Vaibhav Gattani and Tonoy Saikia are some of the other players who have been consistent this year.



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Vaibhav Gattani, Ujjwal Agarwal, Syed Rakin Nafi, Torali Baruah, Anushcka Joshi, Jean Melanie Vincent Haymo, Raahil Hazarika, Trinayana Saikia, Aditi Booroah Thekedath, Pratham Somani, Aryaman Bajaj. 2nd Row (L-R): Rajnish Sharma, Mahiya Khemani, Priyadarshni Gogoi, Harshi Kashyap, Ritvik Tibrewal, Jivitesh Agarwal, Kasak Ladha, Hemang Agarwal, Siddhant Singh, Diksha Baurah, Jaanvi Bagaria, Avikam Deori Bharali, Tanay Saikia, Aayush Agarwal.*

# VOLLEYBALL

**Master-in-charge: Mr. Ridip Mahanta**

‘The most important contribution of sports in children’s life is the enhancement of physical and mental development of children.’

Volleyball is one among such games that balances the roughness with discipline. The whole game is based on intuition and imagination but most of all the reciprocity of teamwork. It is a game of coordination and faith. To incorporate the same and help us gain the benefits of playing any kind of sport, the Inter-House Volleyball Tournament was organised by the school as per our fixture, on the 8th of October, 2021. Another day full of energy and excitement at Assam Valley School was experienced and enjoyed by all.

The results were as follows:

Winner: Subansiri-Namdang, Runner-up: Bhoroli-Lohit, 3rd Jinari-Manas, 4th Kopili Dhansiri

The Best Player of the tournament was awarded to Khrushelu Sazo, Subansiri (Girls) & Srutashman Baruah, Namdang (Boys)



**Tatiana Lakiang**  
Volleyball Captain



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Khrushelu Sazo, Neba Swabnam, Ayang Borang, Pema Khrime, Mr. Ridip Mahanta, Tatiana Lakiang, Ms. Kabita Bala Devi, Subha Paul, Sanendi Toy, Mayukh Jain, Rotozo Tetseo. 2nd Row (L-R): Anam Aviva, Leiki Choden, Limeka Ayemi, Anya Tayeng, Manisha Kalita, Gengam Dulom, Angree Killingpi, Lhaki Eton, Tadar Yajum, Yangchen Khunjuju, Anushka Adhikari, Christine Houmai, Anushka Barua. 3rd Row (L-R): Arshpreet Dahal, Alexander Kholi, Kemo Dulom, Marnati Imsong, Nuklasen Aier, Bisbal Dey, Samart Mahitta, Grisham Ghosh, Doying Padung, Kalzang Bhutia, Baristha Gogoi. 4th Row (L-R): Harshit Toshnival, Krishnav Kanoria, Nokaulong Angh, Kushagra Dhelia, Subyab Ahmed, Kesbar Bhati*

# ARCHERY

Master-in-charge: Mr. Sanjay Pathak



Samiksha Modi  
Archery Captain



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Rudrayan Haloi, Nihal Agarwal, Garlina Saikia, Samiksha Modi, Mr. Sanjay Pathak, Harsh Vardhan Kayal, Socha Savin, Kaushik Rabha, Bariskem Khyriem Pohiti. 2nd Row (L-R): Subail Ali Ahmed, Yuvraj Thounaojam, Dbritisha Narayan, Yashvi Modi, Gaurisha Saikia, Gausbikeraaj Langhasa, Shirin Jaiswal, Claudia N Marak, Laditya Keshan, Barsba Goel, Baishali Saba, Swadbeen Banerjee, Suchan Malik.*

# TAEKWONDO

Master-in-charge: Mr. Jayanta Kalita



Lokesh Agarwal  
Taekwondo Captain



## School Team

*Sitting (L-R): Aaryan Singh, Harshit Sharma, Dozee W. Bbutia, Lokesh Agarwal, Jayanta Kalita, Baibhav Sharma, Chimoy Tamuli, Bhabarnab Sandilya, Sivechha Borah. 2nd Row (L-R): Piyush Paul, Saurav Manta, Monaum Chutia, Dayanita Das, Dweepaneeta Nath, Pradanya Kashyap, Dani Sanyo, Kanayaka Tamuli, Rishab Ghosh, Tanishk Sharma.*



## SPORTS



*Right: Inaugural issue of 'The Player' Sports Magazine of The Assam Valley School*

*Far Right & Below: View of some sporting facilities at AVS*



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# CULTURAL PURSUITS



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The term 2021-2022 of The Assam Valley School saw how resilience can bring quality to the cultural life on the campus. The year was all about reviving and realizing what the word ‘culture’ truly represents in a broader sense. We are extremely fortunate to have worked with a dynamic and persistent cultural affairs team that put ample amount of collective effort to make our tenure a one to remember. We kicked our year off with the vision to enrich the school environment with innovations and setting new examples of culture. Shortly after, events and inter houses were scheduled. Inter house one act play and dance were the immediate next tasks for the semester. Had we got a normal campus schedule to follow, we would have executed it in the ordinary way. Unfortunately, the school had to disperse and we went again to the tiring online mode. Remote communications initiated. The outcome- first ever online inter house drama! AVS experienced radio plays for the very first time. Similarly, inter house dance was a humongous job online. The summer vacation was enriching for the students as the committee came up with the first summer break workshop programme. From art to media, from music to debating, each activity vertical dedicated their time for the students to make their holidays engaging with fun learning. The program was meant mainly for the newcomers and it saw a staggering number of enthusiastic participants. The year witnessed 5 mega inter school events and 20 inter houses, with photography being a new addition. AVS hosted one of its kind ‘Abhyudaya- The IPSC Visual Arts Fest’, online. By September, the school started welcoming students on the campus. It was followed by the prestigious East India Debates and the AVSMUN. The Round Square Committee of the school hosted two international conferences. Simultaneously, Founders’ deliberations began. October was the month of celebrations. The pandemic imposed restrictions, that is true. But phygital Founders’ tried everything possible to provide whatever the community expects. The exhibitions were a delight to see. The introduction of ‘E-Play’ was one of the highlights. The Dance and Music School’s presentations enthralled everyone. The first edition of the performing arts journal is indeed a milestone. On the other hand, the school experienced the inception of ‘AVS Podcast’, a new beginning for those who are often off the stage but prolific speakers behind the curtains.

With cumulative dedication and innovative approach, the team has left behind some great works to look up to. We are firm believers of the fact that challenges and ideas go hand in hand in a parallel manner. This is the reason that the committee was never off track despite limitations. We feel nothing but immensely proud of ourselves. Last but not least, we extend our gratitude to the AVS Family.

*“Culture is nothing but humanity.”*

Anushka  
Barua



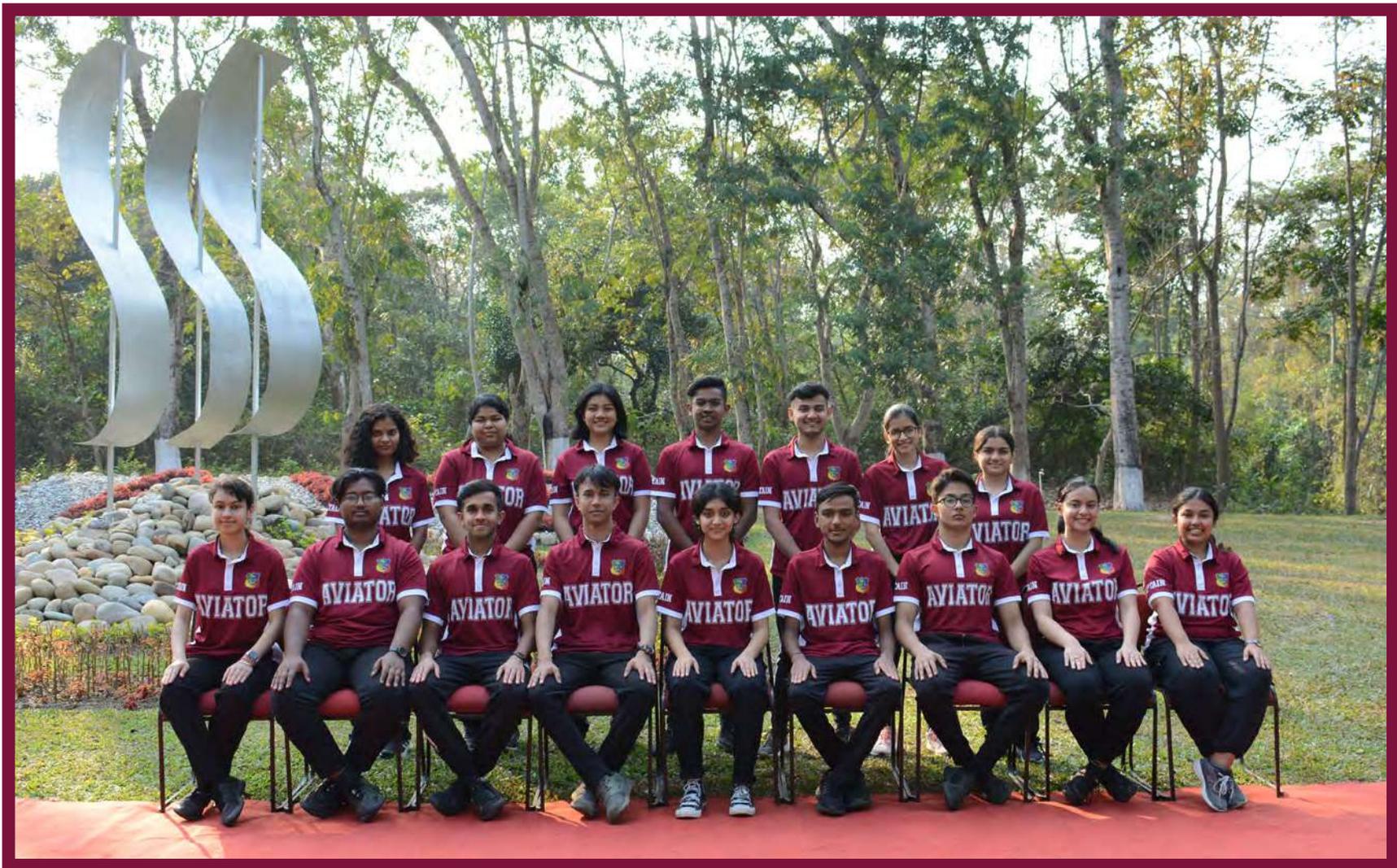
Kaustav  
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Arya





# CULTURAL PREFECTS

## 2021 - 2022



*Sitting (L-R): Anushcka Joshi (Model UN), Luqmaan Ahmed (Craft, Design & Technology & Photography), Vasumann Lohia (Boys' SSL), Kaustav B. Arya (Boys' Cultural Captain), Anushka Barua (Girls' Cultural Captain), Aarav Jain Seth (Quiz Captain), Shubhajeet Dasgupta (Dramatics), Trinayana Saikia (Round Square & Yearbook), Naviya Chamariya (Debating)*  
*2nd row (L-R): Nilasha Bhimsaria (Art), Shripriya Kajaria (Chess), Adrika Borah (IAYP), Swaptadeep Paul (Music), Bornam Bora (Electronic Media), Mahi Agarwal (Girls' SSL), Kuhu Bakliwal (Dance)*

# ART, CRAFT, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

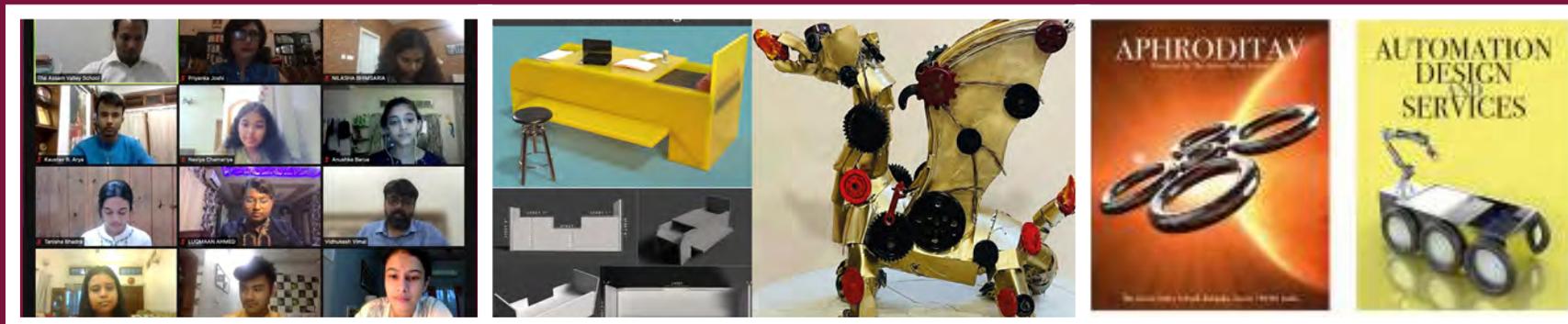
Mistress - in - charge : Mrs. Priyanka Joshi



Nilasha Bhimsaria  
Art Captain



Luqmaan Ahmed  
CDT Captain



(Sitting L-R): Karun Thapa, Anushcka Joshi, Aayang Borang, Mr Hari Narain, Mr Bijit Baruah, Luqmaan Ahmed, Mrs Priyanka Joshi, Nilasha Bhimsaria, Mrs. Mampi, Mr Tapan Barui, Angree Killingpi, Jiya Agarwal, Baristha Gogoi. (1st Row L-R): Harshit Sharma, Debastuti Kashyap, Sarai Momin, Aakriti Chaliha, Karpi Bam, Kahvi Bhartia, Adrija Das, Kuhu Bakliwal, Harshi Kashyap, Imnasong Longkumer, Aira Thoudam, Jenny Welly, Manavi, Agarwal Priasha Sarma, Shrey Modi. (2nd Row L-R): Krithartha Kaushik, Pratiti Baruah, Siddhi Gupta, Vidhushi Bhajanka, Kria Modi, Soudhani Shah, Reemeya Methi, Gengam Dulong, Lavanya Garodia, Kashvi Kejriwal, Purvi Kejriwal, Anushka Adhikari, Limeka Ayemi, Anikaith Anant Joshi. (3rd Row L-R): Ishika Periwal, Donensangla Chang, Priyadarshini Gogoi, Lairingdi Thaosen, Sara Jha, Tenzin Dekie, Norzin Bhutia, Shreeya Elangbam, Dhrity Khersa, Kibpriya Ullah, Shrutika Parajuli, Jhanvee Bagaria, Krishna Agarwal

The Assam Valley School organized 'Abhyudaya'- the IPSC Visual Arts Fest 2021. The IPSC Visual Arts Fest 2021 was inaugurated by the Chief Guest and headmaster of The Assam Valley School, Dr Vidhukesh Vimal, on 9th August 2021. The guest speakers for the evening were Dr Kristóf Fenyvesi from the University of Jyväskylä, Mrs Shirin Kulkarni from the Creative Education Council (CCE) Finland, Dr Pamela Burnard from the University of Cambridge, UK, Professor Pallawi Sinha from the University of Suffolk, UK, Prof Werner Olivier and Prof Carine Steyn from the Nelson Mandela University, South Africa. 43 schools participated in the Fest from all over India. AVS students secured 16 awards in Abhyudaya 2021.

## Inter-House Competition Results:

Inter-House Design Senior Cup : Jinari-Manas  
Inter-House Design Junior Cup : Subansiri-Namdang.  
Inter-House Senior Cup for Art : Kopili /Dhansiri.  
Inter-House Junior Cup for Art : Bhoroli-Lohit.

## ‘ABHYUDAYA’ IPSC VAF 2021 RESULTS

Baristha Gogoi	Still Life	Honourable Mention
Kriya Modi	Still Life	Spotlight Award
Kashvi Kejriwal	Mix Media Collage	Spotlight Award
Anushcka Joshi	Digital Illustration	Honourable Mention
Krishna Agarwal	Digital Illustration	Award For Excellence
Anushcka Joshi	Mathematical Art	Honourable Mention
Harshit Sharma	Mathematical Art	Spotlight Award
Jiya Agarwal	String Art	Honourable Mention
Luqmaan Ahmed	String Art	Honourable Mention
Anushcka Joshi	String Art	Award For Excellence
Baristha Baibhav Gogoi	Poster Design	Honourable Mention
Luqmaan Ahmed	Macrame	Award For Excellence
Angree Killingpi	Macrame	Award For Excellence
Ayang Borang	Crochet	Spotlight Award
Nilasha Bhimsaria	Crochet	Award For Excellence
Anikaith Anant Joshi	Design For Recycle & Reuse	Award For Excellence



Above: School Team Jersey Design Competition Winning Entry, Green Sports Jersey (School Colour) and the Maroon Cultural Jersey (colour of Cultural Tie) & the Leadership logo by Anushcka Joshi (Sports, Tennis & MUN Captain) & Mr. Devendra Verma (Squash Coach)

On the Right: The AVS IPSC Visual Arts Team 2021

## AVS Achievements in the various Inter- School events:

1. Spectrum 2021, Inter School Art Competition organized by Unison World School, Dehradun: Karun Thapa got Third in Draw Motion, Sourav Khodal got Third in Word Face and Krishna Agarwal got Third in Steampunkland.
2. Indian Space Settlement Design Competition, INSSDC 2021: The 12 students AVS team were runners up in the quarter final round of INSSDC 2021 and qualified for the Indian Nationals 2022 (finals). The Team was Anushcka Joshi (Team Leader), Utkarsh Agarwal, Jiya Agarwal, Kaustav B. Arya, Alka Jhavar, Samrat Gupta, Kristanu Uzir, Dev Agarwal, Angelica Saikia, Chinmoy Tamuli, Harshvardhan Khyal & Anikaith Anant Joshi. The teachers mentoring them are Mrs Priyanka Joshi, Mr Taufique Alam Ansari, Mr A. S. Huidrom & Mr Umesh Singh.
3. Khula Aasmaan International Art contest, India Art Gallery, Art India Foundation, Pune: Anushcka Joshi's Artwork 'LUSH LIFE' won the Bronze Medal in the "Khula Aasmaan" International Art contest for July 2021. The Digital Artwork on the theme: Forest and Wildlife depicts a young girl amidst nature and wildlife seen since lockdown. Khula Aasmaan has created a dedicated web page for Anushcka Joshi which will feature her art portfolio for the next 3 years.
4. Meraki 2021 Design Competition organized by The Doon School: Anikaith Anant Joshi, Anushcka Joshi secured 3rd position in Furniture designing.
5. International Bamboo Festival 2021 organized by The Assam Valley School (AVS), South Asia Bamboo Foundation (SABF), and the National Institute of Design (NID): Luqmaan Ahmed has received the Jury Special Mention Award in the International Photography Contest for the 12th World Bamboo Day.



MACRAME: AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Angree Kilingpi & Luqmaan Ahmed

My macrame work is a reconciliation of the century old Arabic way of stitching that made its way around the world as seamen's pastime. I have knitted the whole piece together using carefully picked styles. I started with Square Knots on the centre and went further down using a diagonal Clove Hitch. On the sides, Spiral Knots were used too. Lark's Head Knots are done on the exteriors to give it a pleasing and flowy appeal. After hours spent on every in-tricate detail and knot, one may easily agree that art is merely an expression of man's pleasure in labour.

STILL LIFE: HONOURABLE MENTION

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Baristha Baibhav Gogoi

For this piece of art, I approached it with a half-transparent (drapery and the plastic water bottle), half-opaque (kettle and fruits) look. The drapery was tricky to do at first but I enjoyed doing it and the other stuffs and came out pretty good nonetheless.



CROCHET: SPOTLIGHT AWARD

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Ayang Borang



This top with a touch of floral patchwork is perfect for your summer. It can be termed as one of summer's versatile essentials, it can also be termed as winter essential since it's made out of warm yarn.

DESIGN FOR RECYCLE & REUSE: AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Anikaith Anant Joshi

THE CHIPKOLA TABLE

Inspired from the low traditional tables (Paattas) which we used to eat on, while sitting on the ground, I tried to recycle maximum non-biodegradable waste that is generated from the junk food consumed by people like me during lockdown (Chips packets, 6 bottles of 250 ml each). For the table, I made a tessellation in thin wrapping paper (I got from Amazon packaging) of B2 Bomber aircraft shape to cover the top of the plywood (I love planes) and then applied an enamel of Fevicol and water on top of it (Like we do in a technique called French Decoupage which we learned at school). I made a rope out of cloth rags and attached to the edge of the rectangular plywood for cushion.

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AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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By Nilasha Bhimsaria



This dress is multi-purpose as it can be worn casually as a summer dress as well as a beach wear over swimsuits. The wool that I have used to crochet this dress is pretty thin and loosely done, it is perfect for the summers despite what one may perceive when thinking of a wool dress. The choice of colours is inspired by the breezy evenings and the sunny days in my area. Additionally, the shells have been used in making this dress to improve the overall look as well as the feel of the dress, accenting it with a crucial essence of beaches, which I love.

CROCHET  
THEME: PATCHWORK FLOWERS

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Krishna Agarwal



My drawing shows the day when humans have successfully explored Mars and have finally found life on the red planet. Agreements are being signed between humans and Martians to visit Mars as a tourist. Settlements are being made for humans to live safely on Mars.

HONOURABLE MENTION

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Anushcka Joshi

This illustration depicts the furthest fly ever in space, a milestone achieved by humanity in its conquest of exploring space, the final frontier. NASA's New Horizon spacecraft encountered the small world of Ultima Thule in its historic distance covered. The space exploration has yet a long way to go, and I believe that in no time man will achieve what this spacecraft did and become the first human to fly this far in space. Space is limitless, this is just the beginning.



DIGITAL ILLUSTRATION  
THEME: SPACE - THE NEW FRONTIER

RESULTS

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**MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE: SPOTLIGHT AWARD**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Kriya Modi & Kashvi Kejriwal

As we open the door to our memories of youth it welcomes us with wide arms, for it's only ours to love and care for. Revisiting deeply hurried memories and craving to live it again for just once more. That wooden door on the brick wall with the streetlamp on the side which we used to visit. That street echoed with our happiness louder than us, where our screams of joy could be heard from a mile away. The band-aid our mother put on our knees as we cried from tripping over a rock with her scolding for not being careful enough. The sky, so blue, with clouds when we laid on the grass. Lastly, on returning home the open fence welcomed us home. The trees playfully running rabbits chasing butterflies near our farm.

**POP ART POSTER DESIGN: HONOURABLE MENTION**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara

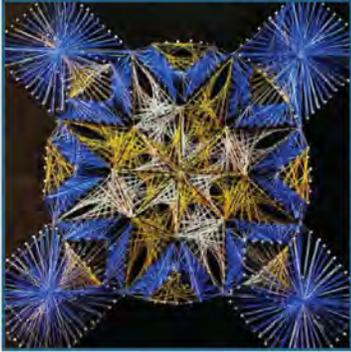


By Baristha Baibhav Gogoi

For this piece of art, the reference for the background was taken from the Time Square area of New York, as many proclaim it to be the centre space for pop art. A lot of other references, for this artwork, were taken from video games (Angry Bird and Spiderman), myth (Chinese dragon), fast food (Coca-Cola, ramen, KFC bucket), etc. The art style was inspired by the famous Japanese contemporary artist, Takashi Murakami as he liked to add flowers and other pop culture references to his artwork.

**STRING ART**  
THEME: TESSELLATION PATTERN

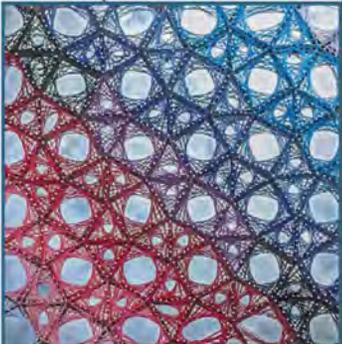
**HONOURABLE MENTION**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Luqmaan Ahmed

My string art work in royal blue and gold is attempted to capture the essence of India's glorious past. Royal blue signifies its dignified status while being accepting and kind; and Gold signifies illumination, wealth and wisdom our rich cultural heritage holds. At the same time, it draws inspiration from Islamic architecture of the Middle Ages as it follows the pattern of tessellation. All in all, it depicts the country's cultural diversity and throws light upon our widely celebrated heritage.

The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Jiya Agarwal

In the product, one of the two sides show gradient of red and the other of blue while the middle line has two colours. Generally, red is the colour of anger and danger while blue denotes calm and peace. Here the middle line shows us that there are two sides to every coin and it's up to us to choose what we think is better. Philosophically speaking, our conscience is denoted by blue and our friend is denoted by red. The hue in between denotes the fine line between these two things which always has the ability to influence the other. It is symbolic of how, in life, things that are most apart have a very fine line in between them so we should be careful of that and make sure not to tow that line.

**STRING ART**  
THEME: TESSELLATION PATTERN

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Anushka Joshi

The Sri Yantra Tessellation  
My string art comprises a tessellation of the Sri Yantra which embodies profound philosophical understandings and is a powerful source of inspiration. I chose the semi-regular Tessellation 4.8.8 (Octagons and Squares). The Sri Yantra is placed inside the shape of octagons which is then attached to a square to fill in the spaces between them. Nine interlocking isosceles triangles form the Sri Yantras. Four of them point upwards and represent the female energy Shakti, while the other five point downwards, representing the male energy Shiva. These triangles are not ordinarily composed but have aspects of the Golden Ratio in them.

**MATHEMATICAL ART**  
THEME: MATHEMATICS & ART CONNECTIONS IN THE UNIVERSE

**SPOTLIGHT AWARD**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Harshit Sharma

I have drawn a genie in which I used different mathematical signs which depicts that mathematics can be fun too. People see mathematics as very boring and difficult subject but if you enjoy doing maths, it can be very interesting. I have made some small imaginary people who carry some objects like calculator or some mathematical signs. I have made an animated Einstein who is there to support them who can do great things and I have made all these in the genie because I felt that it can relate with a teacher who always helps us to get knowledge about things and shows us that nothing is impossible. The genie is indicating with his hands that mathematics is not boring and you can learn a lot from it.

**HONOURABLE MENTION**  
The Assam Valley School, Balipara



By Anushka Joshi

MISS GOLDILOCKS  
Through my artwork, I want to show that the golden ratio 1.618, also known as the divine proportion, brings out the aesthetic components of organic and natural forms. The way this ratio urges a sense of artistic sensation, pleasing to the eye, mathematics, the very field that leads to the creation of this beautiful ratio, also motivates me to foster the beauty that mathematics beholds. The girl in the artwork, lost deep into the mathematical realm, urges to learn more. The swirls of her hair signify the golden ratio spiral and entangle even further as her thought process delves deeper. The hair is symbolic of the magnifying complexity of her understanding of the mathematical concepts with more and more practice. Inspired by famous artist Gustav Klimt's work with spirals in glistening gold, I used gold paint to express the richness of the ratio that describes the perfect relationship between proportions. The spiral progression in the golden ratio in the hair is also symbolic that mathematics practice makes one precise and perfect, like the spirals that fit perfectly into each other in the girl's hair.

# AVS DANCE SCHOOL

Mistress - in - charge : Mrs. Rubi B. Bordoloi



Kuhu Bakliwal  
Dance Captain



(sitting L-R): naviya Chamariya, Priangshi, Trinabrita Baruah, Mrs Torali Baruah, Kuhu Bakliwal, Mrs Rubi Bordoloi, Silpi Bora, Mrs Vinita Watts, Adrika Borah, Dimple Deori, Aastha Bora. (1st Row L-R): Anvita Dey, Dayanita Das , Ankita Sarkar, Aakriti Chaliha, Myskina Deka, Natasha Bilamoria, Niharika Deka, Khyati Bora, , Shirin Jaiswal, Sampadi Malpani, Deepshika Nathm Bhuvi Tibrewal, Abhinashni Baruah, Harshita Das. (2nd Row L-R): Alda Nongmeikapam, kashvi Kejriwal, Subansiri , Priashi Khakolia, Pratiti Baruah, Urvee Rathi, Shambhavi Jindal, Kankana Saikia, Dweepaneeta Nath, Ruhi Kalita, Violina Bauah, Diksha Baruah, Krisha Agarwal. (3rd Row L-R): Sakina Dodiya, Dhriti Shah, Debasmita Hazarika, Bora, Pratiti Ghosh, Baibhav Sharma, Tanisha Surana, Jyoti Liyak

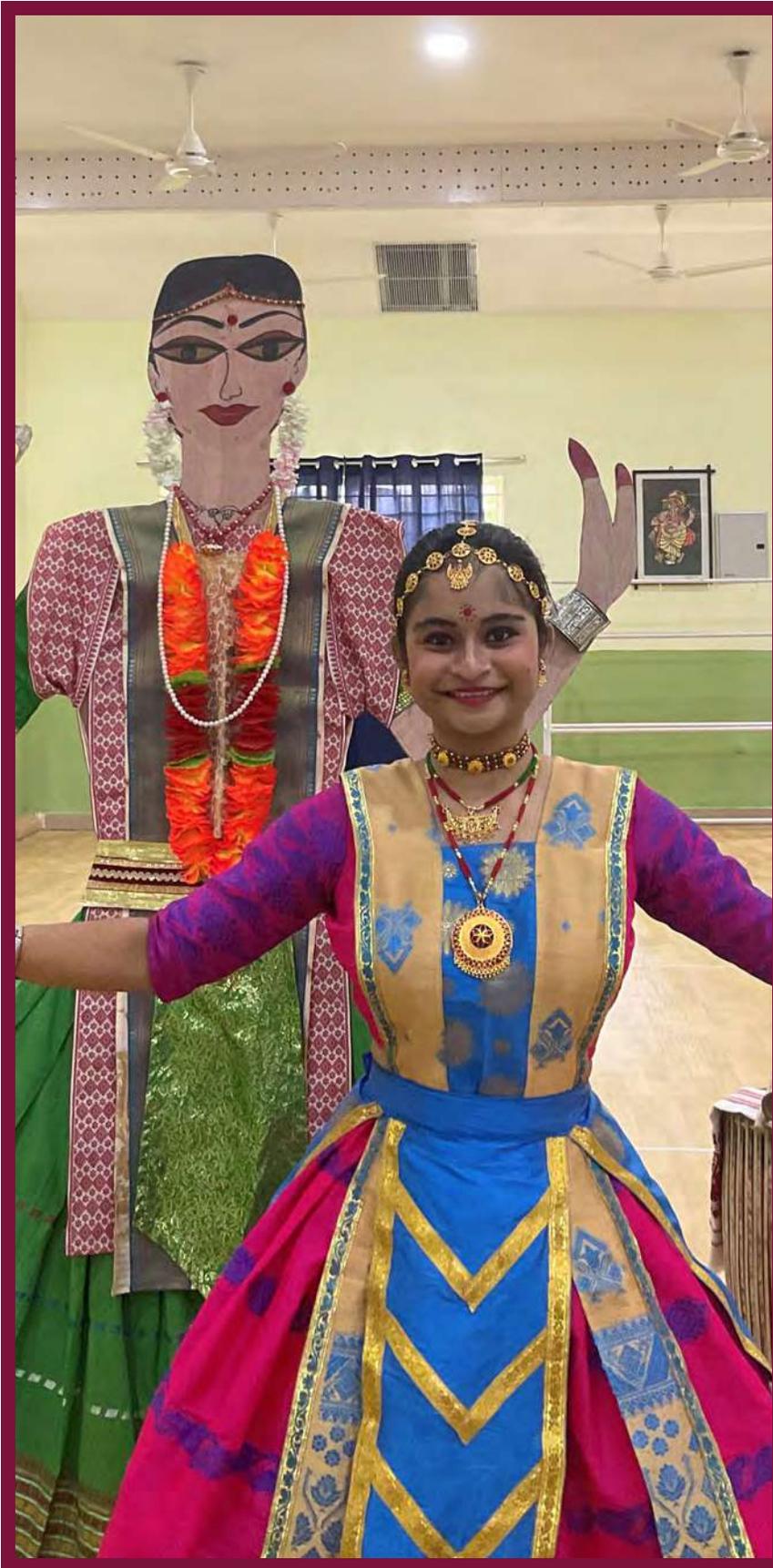
Over the years, the Dance school has seen extremely talented dancers and exceptional performances. With great pride, we can say that the AVS dance school continues to carry on the legacy that precedes itself. The young dancers are dedicated to learning the art and this discipline is reflected even in the younger batches. The younger dancers have been successfully amazing the community with their skills and in the difficult year that passed by, they surprisingly created even higher benchmarks. As of now, the Dance School boasts of four forms- Sattriya, Kathak, Odissi and Western. The AVS dance school contingent participated in a lot of events across the country.

AVS dancers appeared for the National Sattriya and Odissi and the event emerged to be highly successful. Five of our students achieved a B. Music degree in Sattriya Dance, under Sangeet Satra Parishka Parishad. The Sarbabharatiya Odissi dance examination was held on June 28th ,2021 and all the ten scored 1st division.

The AVS dance school organized an online Bihu festival. A dance workshop for the new students was held from the 7th July to the 13th July, 2021.

The 2nd position in “Nrityanjali” Online 5th International Odissi dance competition held from the 23rd to the 25th of July, Dikhshya Baruah was awarded Nrithya Vismaya award in Odissi and Sattriya dance on the 4th of August, 2021.

CULTURAL PURSUITS



# ASSAM VALLEY EXPRESS

Mistress - in - charge : Ms. Sarmishta Paul Sarkar



Tanisha Bhadra  
Editor-in-chief



Sitting (L-R) - Marwati Imsong, Moom Lego, Tanisha Bhadra, Mrs. Sarmishta P. Sarkar, Kekhriesino Meyase, Elozini Senachena, Neelav Kashyap.  
1st row (L-R) - Ojas Ayapilla, Zainab Khan, Lavanya Adhikari, Raseen Shah, Donovan Figg, Hiya Neijemmy Das, Danica Boro, Shripriya Kajaria, Ssara Jha

The room above the library, nestled away from the humdrum of School, is home to those who pursue words passionately. Reflective of who it nurses, the cream walls of the room wear on it like body art, impressions of the minds of those who have lived, served and grown within its protective solitude. 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 Tanisha Bhadra who along with the Deputy Editor Moom Lego and Kekhriesino Meyase are the creative trio who design the weeklies. The versatile Associate Editor Neelabh Kashyap is an incredible storyteller while Associate Editor Eloziini Senachena is the quirky illustrator, whose satires in the form of illustrations

and cartoons on recent happenings, have caught popular imagination at School. Marwati Imsong is the indomitable man for all seasons known for his folktales. The indefatigable correspondents Ojas K.V Ayapilla, Donovan Figg, Hiyaniejemmy Das and Lavanya Adhikari stay consumed in their effort to produce a newsletter that is the essence of the times they live.

To those who give to it devotedly, it becomes a defining journey of self-discovery and learning. AVE, to those who live and breathe it, is a world of its own, transcending from being 'an activity' to 'a way of life'.

## CULTURAL PURSUITS

# CHESS



Shripriya Kajaria  
*Chess Captain*

Master - in - charge : Mr. Devesh Prajapati



(Sitting L-R): Sujanveer Rathi, Mr Rajib Hazarika, Shriya Kajariya, Mr Devesh Prajapati, Divyanshu Sikaria, Mrs. Chayanika Baruah, Mr Rajan Bharali, (1st Row L-R): Dwij Dhakal, Vedant Purbi, Neha Swabnam, Ahsas Agarwal, Hrishant Deb, Harshvardhan Sikaria, Ahan Agarwal, Bishal Dey, Chestha Mundra, Himanish Jallan, (2nd Row L-R): Abhitej Shregill, Aayush Agarwal, Bensolo Seb, Tanish Hansaria, Nokalaung Angh

Chess is played every day, every minute around the world and it brings people of different castes, cultures and backgrounds together without any boundaries. During this pandemic, we trained students online and even conducted different competitions. Chess develops more than physical skill, it teaches us how to accept defeat with grace, the consequences of our actions, develops creativity and builds on their focus and confidence.

AVS believes in preparing Aviators to participate at different levels like IPSC, SGFI (National), District, State competitions, and Open tournaments. And for that AVS gives extra guidance to every player from the skilled coaches. We always work for the development of our students physically and mentally. In that context, we organized

an Inter house chess competition for upper school and lower school on 20 Feb to 21 Feb 2021. Each house participated enthusiastically with a team of 4 members; 2 boys and 2 girls. Competition was very difficult despite the results. We appreciated the participation. In this competition Manas and Jinari secured the First position with 16.5 points, Lohit and Bhoroli secured Second place with 15.5 points and Namdang and Subansiri secured Third place.

# THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Master - in - charge : Mr. Leslie P. Watts



Naviya Chamaria  
*Debating Captain*



Sitting (L-R) - Anushcka Joshi, Aarav Jain, Trinayana Sakia, Hiya Neijemmy Das, Ms. Ishita Malhotra, Mr. Watts, Naviya Chamaria, Vasuman Lohia, Alka Jhawar, Shripriya Kajaria, Harsh Agarwal, 1st (L-R) - Ahsah Agarwal, Yashodhara Mahanta, Angelica Sakia, Lavanya Jindal, Fariha Zaman, Pratham Hawelia, Lavanya Adhikari, Fareha Ambreen, Pratiti Baruah, Norzin Lhamu Bhutia, Anya P. Sarkar, 2nd row (L-R) - Anikaith Anant Joshi, Donovan Figg, Aayat Hazarika, Aakansha Kumar

## JEDI 2021

The 4th Annual Junior English Debate Invitational Cup (JEDI), 2021 hosted by The Doon School, Dehradun, took place from the 31st of October to the 2nd of November. Twenty-four schools participated, including AVS. AVS was represented by Aanya Paul Sarkar, Ahsash Agarwal and Zaheen R. Shah, all from grade 8. We won the 2nd and the 3rd debates in the preliminary rounds. Zaheen was adjudged the 'Most Promising speaker' in Rounds 1 and 3 and the 'Best speaker' in Round 2. Ahsash Agarwal got the 'Most Promising speaker' in Round 2.

## THE SHRI DEBATES 2021

The prestigious Shri Debates 2021, hosted by the Shri Ram School, Mousari took place from July 29th to July 31st. Sixteen teams from premier schools participated in the competition and after four preliminary rounds, The Assam Valley School team comprising Naviya Chamariya, Anushcka Joshi, Trinayana Saikia, Donovan Figg and Aditi Thekedath made it to the Quarter Finals of the Debate Competition.

## 16TH EAST INDIA DEBATES

The Assam Valley School successfully hosted the 16th edition of the East India Debates from the 15th to the 17th of September, 2021. Twenty teams took part from twelve states from around the country. There were forty-five debates that happened over three days, with eighty speakers participating in these debates. There were riveting motions from all genres of debating; from political, philosophical, and ethical contexts. The AVS team comprising Naviya Chamariya, Anushcka Joshi, Trinayana Saikia & Vasumann Lohia, did extremely well for themselves and got to the Semi-Finals where they put up an excellent fight against Welham Boys'. The 'finals' was between St. James School, Kolkata and Welham Boys' School, Dehradun; the former emerging winners after a nail-biting fight. The three days were filled with thought-provoking arguments, highly intellectual exchanges and overall; a great representation of the quality of debate students are performing these days. Kudos to the AVS teachers and students for they worked hard as a well-coordinated team, planning and executing the entire competition to see it to fruition.

## HEADMASTER'S GOLD MEDAL DEBATE

The Athenaeum held the prestigious Headmaster's Gold Medal Debate on 22 October 2021. The topic of the debate was, 'This House will give up liberty for safety'. Both sides had very compelling arguments and in the end the motion was carried with the Proposition walking away with 556 points while the Opposition was close on its heels with 539 points. Donovan Figg was adjudged Winner of the Headmaster's Gold Medal Debate. Alka Jhwar came second while Shripriya Kajaria and Hiyaneijemmy Das shared the third position.

## UPPER SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE ENGLISH DEBATES

Starting last year, the debates were conducted in three tiers; the preliminary rounds in the Round-Robin format (5 to 7 September) where the four houses debate against each other; a Knockout Round (8 October) where the second and third-placed teams fight it out and meet the top-seeded, and we even had an alumnus, Samarjit Sharma, who gave his views on the debates. In the Finals, Bhoroli – Lohit defended the topic - 'This house

believes that social media has improved human communication' and on the 14th of October Bhoroli-Lohit took in a landslide victory.

## INDIVIDUAL SPEECH TROPHY- ENGLISH

The English Department conducted the Individual Speech Trophy Competition on the 6th of November, 2021, where sixteen enthusiastic Aviators participated. The hall witnessed and echoed with eloquence and confidence on topics ranging from 'Forgiveness', 'Kindness' 'Healing', 'Sex Education in India', 'Board Examinations' 'Technology' to 'Social Media. 'Dignity', 'Adolescence' , 'Loving Yourself', 'Diversity and Inclusion', 'Intelligence' and 'Anxiety' had a patient listening too. Aakanksha Kumar from Class 9 bagged the first position with Yashodhara Mahanta, Class 11 in the second position, and Adrija Das, class 12, in the third position.

