

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

My humble prostrations at the holy Lotus Feet of Sadhguru Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi.

Pranams to our esteemed Chief Guest Mr. Sanjay Deshmukh ji, Swami Avyayamritananda Puri, to the members of School Committees and all our well-wishers. My gratitude and warm welcome to all the proud parents of Amrita Vidyalayam.

Education should spread light within and should equally develop discernment and contemplation. It should develop the curiosity to know the internal world just as much as it does to know the external world. Education should instil awareness and strengthen the deep bond between the student and his nation, culture, his fellow human beings and other creatures including Nature and God. With this vision Amma has set up Amrita Institutions.

Amrita Vidyalayam, established in 2001 - is one among the 68 AVs' managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math. Over the past 24 years, our School has become one of the most trusted schools in Navi Mumbai for rendering holistic education instilled with discipline.

We, ensure quality education by adopting experiential and active learning for the all-round development of the students through life-skills and value-based education. The school is equipped with various educational facilities which includes Digitalised classrooms with Smart boards, Separate Junior and Senior Computer labs, Physics, Chemistry, Bio and Math Labs. School also has inbuilt activities such as Art, Music, Yoga, Martial Arts, Dance, Mass P.T and various sports & indoor-games into the curriculum. We have a full fledged Library and a dedicated Librarian to inculcate reading habit in children. The school has an auditorium where meetings, programs and workshops are conducted.

Amrita Vidyalayam has been awarded for "Clean School" both by the state and centre. The school has Hygienic sanitation facilities, clean and separate toilets as well as washing areas for both boys and girls, CCTv cameras are installed inside and around the school campus, Fire Safety with all the necessary equipments and Rain Water Harvesting system is also functional at the school premises.

Till date 14 batches of secondary and 11 batches of senior secondary have passed out of Amrita. With cent % pass results in every academic year.

### Here are the results with outstanding performance of our students

#### In Class 12<sup>th</sup>

AVYAIE RAJARAM topped the class by securing 92.4%.

He also topped in MATH, Chemistry & Computer Science with 95, 95 and 96 m respectively.

Ruchita Pawar secured centum in Informatics Practices.

Abhijeet Bhalerao and Amey Barbade Topped In Physics securing 95 marks.

Harish, Abhijeet Bhalerao and Amey Barbade in Chemistry with 95 marks.

GAURI MESTRY in English with 99 marks and Sanjana Dsouza in Biology with 95 marks.

### **In class 10<sup>th</sup>**

ANIK ALOK JANA topped the class by securing – 96.20%. He stood highest Hindi with 98 marks. Centums were achieved by Amey Sudhir Desai in Sanskrit, Kunapuli Sri Saketa in Maths and Sanskrit and Tushar Rajpurohit in Social science.

Aaditya Sutar & Amrutha Varshini topped in ENGLISH securing 94 marks.

Sarthak Nirmale topped in Marathi securing 98 and Atharv Dhumal in Science with 97 marks.

We at Amrita seek to develop in our students the ability to think, thereby inspiring them to learn not just for the sake of scoring marks but for acquiring knowledge.

Our curriculum includes a host **of hands** on projects which is done in the Maths, Science, Literary, Art, Eco and Heritage Clubs. These activities drive the students' enthusiasm and creativity not only to create and discover their capacities but also to dream bigger.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF ACADEMICS, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ARENA.**

Ahana Prasad of VII D was recognized as the Inter-School Topper in the Spell Bee International Competition. Saatvik Rahul Pawar of IIC, Thulasi venkat Gopikrishnan of IIID, Anaya Santosh Vende of IVA, and Mahek Anuj Kumar of VIC were awarded in the School Toppers category.

• Students from Class 1 to 11 participated in the **Silverzone Olympiads** for English, General Knowledge, Mathematics, Informatics, Hindi, and Science during this academic session, securing outstanding rankings at various levels.

### **In the SPIRITS cultural competitions conducted by rotarty club on 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of Aug 2024:**

- **Anand Gopakumar of VIIC** bagged **third prize** in the **Classical Solo Singing competition**
- **Shreya Chache of XA** made an impressive **hattrick**, securing **first place** in all three categories of **Essay Writing, Story Writing, and Poem Writing** (in Marathi).
- **In group folk dance category** our school bagged 3rd prize.
- Avika Singh of VIID was awarded for excellent performance in Kalakriti Art event held on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Dhairya Baranwal of VIA and Aradhya of VIA achieved Second and third places respectively in the 12<sup>th</sup> Pama India National Abbacus competition which took place on June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Rudra Thombare of IIIA participated in Funakoshi Independence Cup 2024 and bagged bronze in the KATA event and silver medal in KUMITE event.
- Our U/19 boys team bagged 2nd position in the CBSE Cluster Volleyball Tournament held at Sindphana Public School, Majalgaon, where 45 schools from Maharashtra participated. We are proud to declare that the team also got qualified for the National Level.

- The U/19 U/17 and U/14 Girls team bagged Second position in the Volleyball DSO Tournament held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- Samiksha Mahadik of 10A participated in the DSO Carrom competition which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> September and got qualified for the division level.
- Om Surve of VIIC bagged Silver medal in the DSO, Shot Put throw of U14 boys category which was held on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Tanvi Dhurandhar of VIIA bagged Silver medal in U14 DSO Kick boxing held on 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Ayaan Pillai of VIID bagged Silver medal in Kick boxing DSO-U17 Boys category.
- Tanvi Dhurandhar bagged Gold medal in Taekwondo U-14 DSO Competiton (26kg weight Category) held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- Samrudhi pawar bagged Silver medal in Taekwondo 38kg weight Category, while
- Kanishka Saini bagged bronze medal in the U14 (38kg weight Category)

### **AMRITA FEST – An extra-curricular program..**

Is designed to encourage students to tap their innate talents and develop healthy competition. This year Amrita fest was conducted in two parts, both filled with excitement and enthusiasm.

In **Amrita Fest 1**, students participated in various skill-based competitions like Solo Dance, Cooking without Fire, Pasta/Sea Shell Necklace Making, Finger Puppet Crafting, Creative Pillow Cover Design, Gita Chanting, Warli Painting, Toran Making, Mimicry, My Hero Speech, and Calligraphy. Each activity allowed students to showcase their skills and creativity.

**Amrita Fest 2** was planned with yet another set of interesting competitions where students exhibited their creativity in Drawing , Picture Saga Storytelling, Animal House Making , Bird House Building, Solo Dance, Guru Stotram Chanting, Mandala Art , Pot Painting, Persuasive Speech, Creative Recipe making, Role-Play Challenges, and Debate.

### **AMRITAM PROJECTS**

Amma's vision of 'Education for life' is practiced by our students through Amritam Projects. This initiative is a remarkable example of social commitment, ensuring that students not just learn values but also practice them from a young age. **Sevamritam** is an activity where students collect rice every Tuesday and save a portion of their pocket money to help those in need. A key aspect of this project is encouraging generosity. This year along with rice, the contributions were used to purchase essential groceries for underprivileged families. These efforts highlight the power of community and compassion, while instilling in students valuable lessons of empathy and care for fellow humans.

In the activity of Bhutayagnam, the small children are taught to care for birds by feeding them bajra and water. Under the **Grihamritam** initiative, students take back the values learnt at

school. They practice them through ways of assisting their parents in small house hold activities like cleaning the rooms, cooking, arranging things, gardening, ironing, folding clothes so on...

### **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES:-**

As per CBSE norms, our school faculty consists of qualified teachers with relevant teaching experiences. Personality development and In-house trainings are organised for the teachers at regular intervals during the year.

- On April 25<sup>th</sup> a session for teachers on the importance of Body Language was conducted by Ms. Akshata Popli, a clinical psychologist and remedial educator. She highlighted how non-verbal signs like facial expressions, gestures, posture, and eye contact influence communication. Through role-play and slides, teachers learnt to interpret these signals to improve interactions with students, enhancing both teaching and learning experiences.
- On July 26<sup>th</sup> the School counsellor engaged all the teachers on the ways and techniques of "Dealing with challenging students" through an interesting role play. She also communicated how to guarantee students' dedication, commitment, class attendance, and discipline in work by creating a healthy rapport with children.
- Yet another CBSE training on Cyber safety and security is planned for Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### **ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES FOR STUDENTS**

- On 25<sup>th</sup> April, AYUDH team conducted an orientation session for students of Class 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> to introduce **Ayudh's mission**, beliefs and current projects. Around 60 students were initiated as AYUDH members to instil the passion and commitment to take forward the mission of AYUDH. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October, over 40 Ayudh students got an opportunity to visit Amma's Ashram at Amritapuri, the Headquarters of the Mata Amritanandamayi Math in Kerala. The visit included a tour to Amrita University, showcasing Amma's humanitarian projects and the fusion of science and spirituality. The students engaged with various innovative projects, from robotics to sustainable energy solutions, inspiring them to apply their technical skills for social good. They also experienced Amma's Darshan, meditation, and a deep connection with nature through activities like Gau Seva and visits to organic gardens. The trip culminated in a transformative experience, leaving the AYUDHians with lasting memories and a renewed commitment to service.
- In the month of July students of classes 3 to 8 had a fantastic time engaging in diverse club activities - such as Language & Literacy Club, Innovation Club, Fun with Maths Club, Eco & Heritage Club. These hands-on activities not only made learning exciting but also fostered essential skills and awareness. One of the reasons why children love club activities is that teachers and students actively engage with each other in an informal setting. They also work in groups which promotes social behavior.

- An amazing Mobile Planetarium Show (Tarangan) for all students from Nursery to Grade XII was organized from 27th of July. Students became cosmic explorers, surrounded by the stunning beauty of stars, planets, and galaxies. This immersive experience went beyond the usual textbooks, bringing astronomy to life with vibrant audio-visuals. It was a show filled with wonder and learning as our students connected with the universe in ways they'd never imagined before.
- A comprehensive 'Eye Check Up' camp for students was arranged for 5 days from 15<sup>th</sup> July, conducted by expert team from Shri Ramakrishna Netralay. Students actively participated, understanding the importance of regular eye check-ups for their overall well-being. Each student received a detailed report of their eye health, and those needing further consultation were identified for follow-up.
- Cyber safety program was organized for the parents which aimed to raise awareness among parents, staff, and students about the growing threat of cyber-crime, particularly concerning the youth's use of technology. Dr. Vishal Mane, Inspector of Police and cyber security expert headed the session and educated the parent community.
- The school hosted a successful two-day medical camp organized by the Vijay Nahata Foundation, which was focused on dental health. Each student received a comprehensive check-up and a dental health kit and personalized prescription.
- A career guidance session was conducted for secondary classes by our faculty.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Kalari Payattu arts training session was started. Students learned Ashva vadhira (the horse stance) for strength and balance, practiced leg-raising techniques for flexibility, and worked on the Thekkan style punch for precision. The class concluded with the chanting of traditional mantras, instilling discipline and respect. The first session laid a strong foundation for the students' journey in Kalari Payattu.
- On September 21<sup>st</sup>, the school organized a community outreach program that welcomed 30 visually impaired individuals from Mumbai. Students from classes 11 and 12 took the lead in hosting the event, which fostered empathy and understanding through joyful activities like antakshari, showcasing the impressive musical talents of the guests. Students presented care packages with essential items and served food with love, creating an emotional bond.
- Amrita Vidyalayam conducted a workshop on personality development for std X which focused on developing the mental strength and understanding. The program was conducted by Dr. Malini Frey and her team of social work graduates from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Class-wise sessions were conducted in the month of October to sensitize children about "Good and Bad Touch" to help them understand the importance of personal safety and boundaries. School counsellor Ms. Gayatri Nathani teamed with IXth and Xth-grade volunteers, taught students how to identify safe and unsafe touches, and how to respond appropriately during

danger. The children learnt to recognize "No Touch" areas and how to refuse unwanted touch and were also taught whom to trust and report in case of an emergency. The goal was to empower children with the knowledge and confidence to protect themselves and ensure their well-being.

- On November 28th, the School conducted a Fire Mock Drill Session aimed to ensure safety of our students and staff. The team of expert fire officers from Nerul Fire Station demonstrated how to use firefighting equipment like fire extinguishers and shared practical tips on acting swiftly during a fire outbreak. They also shared the life-saving method of "Stop, Drop, and Roll" as part of fire safety. The session ended with valuable insights on how to act promptly and wisely during fire emergencies.

### **A GLIMPSE OF VARIOUS EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS DURING THE YEAR.**

- On 5th June World Environment Day was celebrated by organizing different activities to create awareness among students towards the environment. With a speech and a melodious song students gave the message of the importance of saving trees. Students of class 12 displayed colourful posters with slogans to conserve and protect nature.
- On June 8th, Investiture Ceremony and the felicitation of Class X and XII toppers of the year 2023-24 was conducted. Trophies and certificates were awarded to the Board Toppers of the school. The newly elected school council members pledged to uphold the school's vision by repeating the oath administered by the Principal.
- On June 21<sup>st</sup>, International Day of Yoga was celebrated honoring the ancient practice that nurtures the mind, body, and soul guided by Brni. Sharanyamrita Chaitanya. The day saw a collective yoga session featuring warm-ups, asanas, and breathing exercises, engaging 1,700 students from classes 1 to 12. A special highlight was an exclusive session on Swara Yoga by Dr. Trupti Digge, who shared insights on its benefits and techniques for optimal brain function.
- The School had organized a one day picnic for all the classes to provide a days entertainment and explore with fun amidst their regular academic schedule. The children enjoyed the day with their friends and teachers.
- On July 20<sup>th</sup> Guru Purnima was celebrated with heartfelt devotion and reverence. The day began with a serene Kartika Puja, led by Brni. Sharanyamrita Chaitanya. The event was enriched by inspiring tales of the devotees of Lord Vitthal, illustrating the profound impact of faith. This celebration not only fostered togetherness but also provided a meaningful platform for students to express gratitude to their mentors, re-inforcing the significance of spiritual teachings in our educational journey.
- 78th Independence Day was celebrated with Dr. Vishal Mane, Inspector of Police (cyber crime branch) as the chief guest who did the honor of hoisting the flag. Administrator Brni. Sharanyamrita Chaitanya addressed students, emphasizing that the true excellence comes from within, using inspiring examples from the lives of freedom fighters and disciplined armed forces.

- On August 17th, Sankrit Diwas was celebrated which showcased various programs like drama, traditional dance and Sanskrit riddles, all highlighting India's rich cultural heritage. A Sanskrit movie underscored the timeless wisdom of the deva bhasha.
- Students celebrated Rakshabandhan, by tying beautiful rakhis to their friends and accepting them as their brothers.
- On August 23<sup>rd</sup> "Matru Puja" ceremony was initiated for Class 7, to instill respect and gratitude in students towards their mothers. The event began with chanting and an inspiring address by Sharanyamrita Chaitanya, explaining the uncomparable sacrifice of Mother. Students participated in the ceremonial 'Pada Puja,' washing the feet of their mother's with immense love and devotion. The ceremony concluded with the chanting of Amma's 108 names and the distribution of prasad, leaving everyone with cherished memories.
- On Krishna Janmashtami, students of Grades 1 and 2 joyfully celebrated the birth of Kanha. Students came dressed like gokul vasis, while teachers narrated the divine tales of Lord Krishna.
- On September 5<sup>th</sup> students celebrated Teachers' Day with a memorable event which featured a meaningful dance performance that creatively blended traditional and modern styles. All staff members were presented gifts as a token of love for their dedication and service.
- On September 14<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Hindi Diwas in which the students featured engaging programs such as poetry, drama, songs, and skits that highlighted the richness of Hindi bhasha. Students participated with great enthusiasm, and the event concluded with a melodious poem rendered by the teachers.
- On 27th September, our staff and students celebrated Amma's 71st Birthday by making a beautiful Pookalam (Floral Rangoli) with lot of love and reverence.
- On November 9th, the much-awaited Sports Day for Classes 1-4 was conducted. The students with their incredible level of energy and enthusiasm participated in the events like running race, ball balancing, hula hoop challenges, and hurdle races. The day was truly packed with excitement! Indoor sports finals for grades 5-12, featuring events like carrom, chess, badminton, and more was also conducted in the atrium. It was a day showcasing true sportsmanship and spirit, enjoyed by both participants and spectators alike.
- On November 11th, 2024, **Luxor Pen Company** hosted a handwriting competition for students of classes 6 and 7. Participants were given Luxor pens to write a well-crafted paragraph, with entries judged - based on legibility, neatness, consistency and presentation. Nine outstanding writers were awarded gift hampers containing various Luxor products. The event highlighted the importance of neat handwriting and inspired students to continue honing their skills.
- On November 14<sup>th</sup>, **Children's Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm, hosting a special program for students which began with a warm welcome, followed by a heartfelt speech by the School Administrator who spoke about the wonderful qualities of children. The highlight was a fun



skit by the teachers, depicting the teacher-student relationship. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets leaving the children excited.

- On November 26th, the school participated in the **Preamble Pledge**, with more than 300 students from classes 4 and 6 joining the special assembly, and others taking the pledge in their classrooms. Led by our school head, the entire assembly recited the pledge, reaffirming our commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. A speech by a Class 8 student high-lighted the importance of the Preamble in shaping a just society.

### **Stakeholders of the school**

Amrita Vidyalayam is supported by an active team of parents and other stakeholders who engage with the school proactively. School Management Committee meetings are conducted regularly to discuss and take important decisions. PTA meetings are held at regular intervals where the queries from parents are addressed, suggestions are sought for improvement and necessary actions taken. I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your valuable suggestions and contribution for making Amrita Vidyalayam one of the best schools in Navi Mumbai. This is just a brief snapshot of another remarkable year in the life of Amrita Vidyalayam. All of it, however, would not have been possible without the team effort.

In conclusion, thanking our beloved Amma for Her blessing and guidance. I hereby thank all our well-wishers for their immense co-operation and support. I also extend my thanks to all the staff, students and parents for making this year a great success.

Aum Namah Shivaya