

# THE ASSAM VALLEY SCHOOL

## INTERNATIONALISM:

The Exchange Board of the school made it possible for six pupils from the senior school to visit St. Ives School, Sydney for a period of 10 days in August 2010.

Ms. Paula Guerra and Ms. Maria Jose Rocha from Colombia were appointed as GAP teachers from 01-09-2010 to 20-12-2010. Paula and Maria taught Art and Mathematics at the Junior School level. They taught Spanish as an activity at the Senior School level. They took part in cultural programmes and learnt Assamese Classical Dance Form, Sattriya. They trained a group of girls in Colombian Folk dance. This was certainly a mutually beneficial and enriching experience.

The school successfully engaged in a web based learning programme. The programme called 'Canadian Connect' connected pupils from our school with two Canadian schools, 'The Cartwright School' and 'Thomas Greenway Middle school' both based in Manitoba province of Canada.

The projects on 'Canadian Connect' have been published online at the iEARN website in January 2011 and can be viewed at the following address: <http://www.earn.org/circles/2010session2/index.htm>

Christopher Amos, the Director, Distance Learning at Carnegie Hall visited The Assam Valley School and interacted with pupils who had keen interest in music. Carnegie Hall Music Exchange Programme has certainly helped young musicians across the world to share and showcase their musical talent.

## DEMOCRACY:

The school has an elected School Captain. Four candidates were shortlisted for the prestigious school appointment. Each candidate addressed the school community during assembly followed by elections in which both staff and pupils voted. The School Captain took office on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010. At the House level, House Council Elections were held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to elect House Council Representatives. The elected representatives from the House qualify to become the members of the school's apex body, 'The School Council'.

## ENVIRONMENT:

The Assam Valley School initiated the 'Go Green' programme and joined the All India Green School contest being organized by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) New Delhi, along with Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Various initiatives under the programme include:

- Environmental orientation of the entire school community.
- Mass Awareness through Poster campaign on 'Waste segregation'
- School's Estate department has been briefed to adopt suitable waste collection strategy.
- Go Green initiatives have been adopted by various boarding Houses. Activities include tree plantation, compost pit, recycling of newspapers by making paper bags, awareness skits.

## ADVENTURE:

The Assam Valley School tries to generate varied opportunities for its pupils. Forty pupils had the privilege of participating in the Technological and Cultural Festival hosted by Tezpur Central University, 'TechXetra 2010' from 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> October 2010. AVS continued to make its presence felt when ten pupils participated in the Cultural Festival hosted by IIT, Guwahati, 'Alcheringa 2011' from 4<sup>th</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The pupils showcased their talents in Music and Art. In the debating circuit five pupils participated in 'Debating Matters India' at Guwahati.

The school soccer squad consisting of sixteen pupils participated in RIMC Soccer Tournament at Dehradun in September 2010. The squad made AVS proud by winning the prestigious tournament. Nishant Boroah of the AVS squad was adjudged the 'Best Player of the Tournament'. Twelve pupils represented the school in Under Fourteen ExSpo 2010 Sports Olympiad at CMS, Lucknow in October 2010. The Assam Valley squad were Runners Up in the tournament.

Four pupils represented The Assam Valley School through Assam Rifle Shooting Association in XIV All India Kumar Surendra Singh Inter School Shooting Championship at Rattan Convent School, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana from 20– 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010. The pupils participated in 10 meter Air Rifle and 10 meter Air Pistol [Team Event], Silver was bagged by the team in the 10 meter Air Pistol sub junior [women] category.

Thirty six pupils from the Middle School opted for a '15 Day Certificate Adventure Course' at Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling in November – December 2010. The AVS delegation successfully trekked 127 kilometers and scaled the Sandakphu peak [3636 meters]. The delegates also experienced elementary rock climbing, river crossing and wilderness camping.

## LEADERSHIP:

From 6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 'Youth Empowerment Workshop' was offered to pupils of class 11 by World Alliance for Youth Empowerment, youth wing of The Art of Living Foundation. The YES + course aimed to equip the youth with leadership skills to make them feel at ease in challenging situations.

## SERVICE:

In November 2010, during Founders', the pupils of Junior School made an embroidered quilt. The pupils suggested that the quilt be presented to someone less privileged in the community. The pupils gifted that quilt to a fifteen day old baby girl, the first born child at Sessa post Founders'. One could see the excitement, happiness and sense of satisfaction in gifting their work to someone less privileged.

Children from the Nabaprabhat orphanage, Tezpur visited The Assam Valley School on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010. A movie was screened for them in school auditorium followed by special lunch in the House Dining Room.

Sessa is the residential area of the school's utility arm. On the occasion of Diwali, sweets were distributed in Sessa by the members of Social Service League [SSL]. The league expanded its operations and incorporated the pupils of the Middle School in the clean up drive in Sessa.

The IDEALS of Round Square are thus being implemented at The Assam Valley School.

