

Mount Litera Zee School, Ahmedabad
Annual Report of Academic Year 2019-20

“May be there is a road ahead of it,

May be there is new world down the road,

Walking forth is the only plight.

Because we didn’t come this far to come this far only”.

The academic year 2020 -21 was a historical year that witnessed transformations in the teaching methodologies and the education fraternity worldwide. COVID -19 was there to rule but the silver lining was the overnight technological revolution that took place, and it was a proud moment to see our educators embrace the new norm and teach students with renewed vigor on the Digital Platform.

The School Annual Report is a summary of the happenings, results and prospective plans of the school across the academic session. It is a genuine account of the school’s achievements and areas for growth & development. It sets the path for greater accomplishments in the years to come.

The philosophy Mount Litera Zee School follows is that **every child is unique**, education should foster real understanding and real understanding comes from an integrated approach. Their aim is to establish social spaces in the country for providing quality educational experiences to improve human capital and create quality manpower for the society.

Litera Octave is the core belief of every Zee School. It integrates the various pillars that impact the children during their learning and development in school.

Emerging Student Profile (ESP) is the vision that Mount Litera Zee Schools promises. Everything we do in the school strives to achieve this profile for each child. While each child will take a different path to this profile, we run the school with the firm belief that this profile will enable our children to be leaders of the 21st Century.

At Mount Litera Zee Schools, we focus on co-scholastic activities for the all-round development of students. Our emerging student profile (ESP) put equal emphasis on knowledge, life skills and values. MLZS goes beyond academics to ensure that we provide students sufficient opportunities for achieving the ESP.

Mount Litera Zee School strongly believes in the philosophy **“Every Day, Every Child, and a Leader”**. We believe that our children are empowered so that they become confident leaders of this great country. Let us become a school which is not only child Centered but also Child Driven.

Vision and Mission:

Our Trustees had the desire to create a dynamic environment to bring out the best of every student in a holistic manner. With learning focused on the complete development of a child, Mount Litera School envisions to be the foundation for creating wise leaders rooted in their ethnicity and culture to create a better future for all.

Their mission is to achieve the holistic development of students through an excellent academic and physical environment that is conducive to learning, developing creativity, and exploration. To create healthy, strong, disciplined, bold, and competent citizens who will work for the betterment of the Nation.

Philosophy:

At Mount Litera Zee School, we follow an integrated approach towards Learner Centric Education (LCE). This means that all components of schooling- methodology, teacher competence, assessment, infrastructure, extra/co-curricular and parents- come together to deliver what is best for each child.

We have **significant accomplishments in A.Y 2020-21** under the dynamic, motivating and proactive leadership of our Principal and the entire management.

Mount Litera Zee School focuses not only on advanced academics but also on extra-curricular and Co-curricular activities. Students are trained at a very young age towards incorporating a sense of responsibility, loyalty, team spirit, and healthy competition to become graceful and dignified personalities.

Achievements

1. Year 2020 added a feather in our cap and the school became an integral part of CBSE family, the affiliation was granted vide **Affiliation number: 430445** on 18th March 2020, after an inspection on 13th March 2020. We were also granted **up gradation up to Senior Secondary Level** in the month of November after Virtual inspection of the school.
2. Mount Litera Zee School received certificate of recognition for declaring itself as **FIT INDIA SCHOOL** by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
3. The school was recognized by Ministry of Youth affairs and sports with a certificate for participating in '**Fit India Freedom Run**' following social distancing norms
4. Mount Litera Zee School received **certificate of recognition** for successfully organizing the **FIT INDIA SCHOOL WEEK** from 7 Dec'20 – 12 Dec'20 by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

We are happy to share the news that we achieved laurels in various spheres of academics:

5. Our students, **Ms. Shraddha Yadav (9th std.) and Mast. Devang Patel** participated in **NYC Green School Conference** and were felicitated in **Climate Presenter Award 2020 category** under the guidance of our Principal Mrs. Sunita Singh.

2. Our students, Jasht Garg (G 3) and Vatsal V. Pokar (G6) were placed in '**Achievement of Distinction**' category and in 'Merit plus level of **Spell Bee International**. Whereas 7 students Aarna Gohel (G2) , Rupani Jiyansh Devendrabhai (G4), Ansh Agrawal (G5), Namha Vyas(G6), Shivam B. Ahir (G6), Harsh V. Thadani (G7), Om Lalwani (G7) received the '**Certificate of Achievement**'. 2 of our students also bagged the '**Appreciation Certificate**'.

3. Three of our students represented our school and secured position in "**International Competition of UCMAS online open challenge**." Reet. R Dubey was declared 1st Runner up, Aditee R Dubey declared as 2nd runner up and Ridhima H Pandey as 3rd runner up.

4.18 of our students represented the school in an Essay Writing Competition conducted by CBSE, on the topic, '**Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Swatantra Bharat.**'

5. In an initiative to help our children know our Nation better, a special page, '**Bharat Ko jano**', is being shared on Octopod, where in quick and vital facts of our country are shared on daily basis.

6. Of all the paintings done by the students at school level com ,3 best entries from Primary, Middle and Secondary were submitted to '**CBSE Expression Series**' on '**Art and Culture**' for the academic year 2020-21.

8. Along with our students some of our Teachers too added feather in the cap of the institution. Three of our teachers, Ms. Madhu Rajawat, Ms. Manisha Wadhvani, and Ms. Sweta Singh were felicitated by COAE International for their exemplary teaching during the crisis of COVID.

Online Study during COVID 19

The nationwide lockdown following the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a burst of activity with online education. The COVID-19 has resulted in schools shut across the world. Globally, over 1.2 billion children are out of the classroom. As a result, education has changed dramatically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on digital platforms.

No doubt what started with initial hesitation, resistance, and inhibition, was soon replaced with confidence and the teachers were ready to accept the new challenge head on! And today, we are far more tech savvy than we ever imagined we would be in such a short time! Same goes with our students and parents.

It was not as easy as one would think. It is a challenge - planning and implementing lessons online to ensure learning outcome of students and actively involving students in non-threatening and conducive environment.

All this and more has been successfully done in the virtual space as best as possible. Our teachers prepared videos of the lessons, so that students could view and understand the content at their pace and convenient time, then during online live class they could clarify their doubts. The teachers also shared notes, assignments, worksheets through the educational app we opted for our school. Not only this they also checked the assignments and assessments online. Virtual orientation and regular PTM's were also conducted to bridge the communication gap along with the parents and to track children's overall progress.

At Mount Litera, teachers and coordinators were regularly in contact with the students and parents and taking the online classes regularly as we believe in strong partnership with our parents, the MLZSA managed to bridge the gap caused by this pandemic. And to ensure proper communication with its students and parents, all the possible means of communication like email, octopod , whatsapp message, telephonic calls etc. were used, wherein, timely and regular feed backs were given due importance.

Students studied through OCTOPOD online learning program. Apart from this, students are given various other extracurricular activities such as drawing, yoga, singing, and dance etc. on virtual yet, day to day basis which they can carry out at their home and to encourage them we put their videos on social media and websites. A systematic approach and regularity were maintained while sharing notes, videos, and assignments. To help students perform better in their exams mock tests were conducted before every exam.

To lessen the effect of pandemic, and to ensure all round development of the students a series of curricular and co-curricular activities were also organized.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular activities

Aristotle rightly said, **“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”**

Competitions and academic activities that go beyond the textbooks and the classrooms encourage and foster a healthy and competitive spirit and effective communication skills in the students. The activities are conducted at classroom level, school level and inter-house level. This year too these events were conducted through the virtual platform. Some of these events are CBSE Essay writing competition, Quiz competitions, Speech, dance, singing, drawing, slogan writing, and Poster making competition etc.

Art Integrated Learning has been a hallmark of a CBSE school and to put that into practice an elaborative Art integrated projects on Chhattisgarh state was conducted in school for the students of Grade 1-9.

These are an essential part of the life of an educational institution as they strengthen the classroom learning as well as develop the personality of the child and harness the in-depth potential of students. The activities are conducted throughout the year. This year these events were conducted virtually.

Events

1. **Virtual summer Camp** was organized from May 1, 2020-May 10 2020 to spread the joy and fun of vacation. And to make it enjoyable activities like

- Public speaking
- Cooking without fire
- Yoga
- Art and craft
- Dance
- Singing were organized.

2. On 18 June, 2020 the **3rd Foundation Day** of the School was celebrated with much zeal and enthusiasm as a reminder of our 'Mission'

3. **Photography Day** was celebrated on 19 August 2020 by organizing Photography competition for the students of Grade6 -9 on the theme: Nature.

Children were appreciated based on the quality of the photographs clicked by them.

4. As Shakespeare has said, "if music be the food of love play on". Entertainment is an integral part of human life; hence a movie show based on Lord Krishna's life was shown to children on **Janamashtmi**. This show acquainted our children with our rich mythological heritage.

5. **Garba Dance Workshop** was organized for teachers and Parents from 10th October 2020 till 15th October 2020 to promote State heritage and culture. As Garba dance is an inevitable part of Navratri Celebration.

6. 'A book is a man's best friend". Indeed, to put the habit of reading into practice and to help students learn the importance of Books and Reading a **Virtual Book Exhibition** was organized for the students from 1 November 2020-15 November 2020.

7. An online quiz on the theme '**Journey to space**' was organized, to help children know space and the mysteries of space.

8. 'A healthy soul lives in a healthy body', to foster the knowledge of a healthy body and sound mind, '**World Yoga Day**' was celebrated online on 21st June 2020 following the theme "Yoga at home and yoga with family'. Apart from performing yoga various activities like Slogan writing, drawing were organized. The celebration concluded with a sankalp to encourage students to practice regular yoga to remain fit and improve their concentration.

9. During this pandemic, digital platform has emerged as a ray of hope. Henceforth to educate children and parents on this, **Digital Literacy Week** was celebrated to create awareness and understanding of Digital Citizenship, digital health and wellness, Cyber bullying, social networking site , phishing, copyright etc.

10. Students, parents and teachers registered on CBSE portal and visited A virtual toy fair, **TOYCATHON 2020.**

11. **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**, was celebrated on 31st October, to promote 'Unity in Diversity'. The staff and students paid tribute to the Iron Man by taking the pledge. Various activities .movie on the life of Sardar Patel was shown to the students of Primary Section.

To promote Patriotism among the future citizens of the country, activities based on communal harmony were organized.

- Essay writing on 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat', for the students of G 7, 8.
- Portrait making on the theme of Freedom Fighters, for the students of G 8, 9.
- Poetry Writing or Recitation for the students of G 5, 6.
- Singing and Dance Competition, for the students of G 3, 4.
- Fancy Dress based on the theme of Tribal Costume, for the tiny tots of G 1,2.

12. **World Environment day** was celebrated on 5th June'20: Online drawing competition was held on 5th and 6th June on the given class wise topic as:

- G1 -2: My favorite bird /animal
- G3-4: Forest and natural scenery
- G5-6: Poster making on environment
- G7-9: Corona and environment.

Celebrations

To foster national integration, international understanding, religious and cultural awareness and tolerance, various national, religious and cultural festivals and occasions were celebrated with due pomp and grandeur.

National Festivals: Independence Day, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Jayanti, Swami Vivekananda Jayanti , Gandhi Jayanti, Independence day, Republic day were celebrated with due reverence for our motherland and its brave hearts, with patriotic songs and dances.

Religious Festivals: India is a land of festivals and we did not let COVID dampen the spirit of festivity, hence the joy and happiness of festivals; Rakshabandhan, Ganesh Chaturthi, Janmashtami, Navratri, Dusshera and Diwali were spread through the virtual celebration and through the activities apt for the occasion. All the festivals were celebrated with due respect to the religious sentiments of our students. Along with celebration some interesting activities were also conducted, as the Rakhi Making Competition was organized while celebrating Rakhi.

Other Celebrations: The school gives due recognition to significant global events and celebrate these days. Some of these events are – Mother and Munchkin day, Father’s Day, Daughter’s Day, and Grandparent’s Day Celebration. These celebrations were accompanied by apt and thematical activities.

Beyond everything comes health, which was and will always be a relevant factor governing our lives. A healthy surrounding and a healthy mind is the need of the hour, keeping this motto in mind Yoga Day, and Environment Week, were also celebrated to foster the importance of health and a healthy surrounding. These events were celebrated to sensitize our children with the emotion underlying the entire concept of celebration.

Staff Development: Training, Seminars, Orientation

*Each academic year, trainings, seminars/webinars and orientation programmes are conducted for teachers and students with a dual focus to improve and effectively implement innovative ideas in teaching-learning practices as well as to take the students beyond their current level of learning. Staying updated is the key to success in any field especially in the field of education. Our teachers including the Principal constantly strive to stay updated by attending workshops and various **Capacity Building Programs** conducted by CBSE and through various apps and virtual platforms, like:*

1. Diksha
2. Zigyasa, Teachers Training portal of Zee Learn limited.
3. Nishtha, an online Teachers Training portal.
4. Training through COE, CBSE.
5. Teachers Training organized by the management to adapt Digital Platform as the new mode of teaching.
6. Training through Sparsh (11 modules completed by 2 teachers)
7. Awakening Citizen Program to develop the social and emotional skills of teachers. 3 teachers and the principal attended it.
8. Self Defense Techniques were taught to strengthen women empowerment. 1 Nodal Teacher and girls of Grade 6 to 9 attended it online.
9. First Aid Training to combat injuries.
10. An **Orientation and Training Programme** for the teachers, by Regional School Director and the Principal MLZSA.

WEBINARS

MLZS Ahmedabad had organized a number of webinar to create awareness among the staff, parents and students on various topics of concern. Here goes the list of webinars conducted throughout the year.

- **‘Health and Hygiene during COVID-19 Era’** by Dr. Jitendra Kotadia MBBS, DTCD, DNB (Respiratory Medicine) Ahmedabad.
- **‘Visual implications of Digital device usage in School Children’** by Dr. Bhavik Jala, MS-Ophthalmology, and Ophthalmologist eye surgeon Ahmedabad.

- **'The wheel of life towards Contentment'** by Dr. Mallikarjun Karimungi, Senior Management Professional.
- **'Grow, nourish and sustain together'** by Ms. Shruti Bhardwaj, Certified Diabetes Educator, Senior Clinical Dietician, Ahmedabad Coordinator IDAGC on the occasion of World Food Day.
- **Bloom Taxonomy** for the teachers by the school Principal Dr. Sunita Singh.
- **'Cyber security & Cyber Psychology Awareness Programme'**, by Mr. Amit Vasava (IPS), DCP Cyber Crime Branch Ahmedabad and Dr. Rakesh Kriplani, India's pioneer Cyber Psychologist.
- **'Satellites improve life'** on National Science day by Dr. Narottam Sahoo, Advisor and Member Secretary, Gujarat Council on Science and Technology Gandhinagar and Dr. CM Nagrani, Sr. Scientist (Retd.) Space Application Center SAC-ISRO Ahmedabad.
- **'Yoga, Meditation and Balanced Diet'** by Mr. Vivek Sharma, Yoga and meditation trainer and Ms Shruti Bhardwaj, Dietician.
- **Awakened Citizen Program** by Ramakrishna Mission, Delhi and CBSE.
- **Webinar on Post Covid Awareness** for teachers and Parents by Dr. Mitesh Dave, a renowned pulmonologist.
- **Time Management** for the students of grade 8 and 9 by the school principal Dr. Sunita Singh.

Conclusion

Before concluding this report, I bow my head in reverence to the Almighty for the blessings he has showered upon this institution. Since inception we have been blessed with visionary leaders whose imagination, insight and courage called forth the best in teachers and students alike and united them around a shared sense of purpose. Our thanks are due in no small measures to them. May I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to our management, students, staff -teaching and non-teaching, parents, benefactors and well-wishers for their wholehearted cooperation and support.

Before I conclude, let me assure that even though our students engaged themselves in various co-curricular and life skill activities, top priority is given to academic performance. Remedial teaching, extra classes, revisions, unit tests, class tests, assignments, project work, end of term exams have kept them busy throughout the year.

I conclude, with a message for the students of Mount Litera...

"Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

Thank You.

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