



THE SAGAR SCHOOL

Write up

UNPARALLELED INFRASTRUCTURE – A GREEN OASIS

Founded by the late Dr. Vidya Sagar, an icon in the field of corporate & intellectual property law, The Sagar School is a CBSE affiliated, co-educational, boarding school for classes IV to XII. The safe and pollution free campus, nestled in the lap of the Aravalli hills, Rajasthan, provides the perfect environment for an all rounded, progressive education that is focused on bringing out the best in every student.

The 160+ acre campus, a two hour drive from Delhi airport, has been designed by Stein.Mani.Chowfla. The eco-friendly buildings using local quartz and sandstone blend into the undulating green landscape punctuated by over 2500 flowering trees, more than 10,000 shrubs and fruit orchards.

OBSERVATORY

In our campus observatory, astronomy expert, Mr. Ajay Talwar takes weekly classes using our research level 14 inch celestron schmidt cassegrain telescope.

ACADEMIC BLOCKS I & II

Our two academic blocks have spacious, naturally-lit and well ventilated classrooms including CAT rooms with projectors. An excellent student-teacher ratio of 8:1 and a maximum class size of 24 ensure that each child gets personalised support from the dedicated faculty.

SCIENCE BLOCK

The science block has 8 laboratories for each branch of science, mathematics and geography, 2 preparation rooms and 2 stepped seating lecture halls.

MEDIA CENTRE

This WIFI enabled building comprises 2 computer labs, a well-stocked library, offices of senior management team and meeting room.

ART & PERFORMING ARTS BLOCK

This department is housed in a spacious two-storey building with separate facilities for music, dance, art, craft, sculpture, photography, carpentry, cookery, gardening, jewellery designing, debating and astronomy. It has acoustically designed music rooms with wide range of instruments, three art studios are dedicated to help students explore the artist within them and experiment with a range of media and materials and a dance room with wooden floor and mirror walls for self-observation.

AMPHITHEATRE

For Performances and Entertainment the students use amphitheatre - an open-air venue with 550 seating.

AUDITORIUM

The students stage shows and plays in the auditorium of 300 seating with State-of-the-Art Audio, Video Equipment and Lighting.

MECHANISED KITCHEN, BAKERY & SPACIOUS DINING HALL

Students take their meals in the comfortable ambience of the spacious Dining Hall of 500 seating guided on meal etiquettes by the House Parents and teachers. The meals are prepared in a mechanized kitchen which has bakery and provision for 8 bain maries.

THE PLAZA

This facility houses the Tuck Shop, Salon and Tailor. The tuck shop/cafeteria located in the student plaza is a favourite haunt on Sundays for students to sit around, talk and spend some leisurely moments together with friends.

SPORTS COMPLEX

The Sagar School with its large campus has ample space for a multitude of sports. The state-of-the-art sports infrastructure include an indoor sports centre with basketball (1 wooden floored indoor court with a seating pavilion for more than 200 spectators), badminton (1 wooden floor indoor court), squash (3 indoor International standard courts with glass walls) and table tennis (1 indoor room with 4 stag tables and a robot for practice). The outdoor sports facilities includes cricket (1 full size field, 3 cemented & 3 turf pitches) for net practice, football (2 grass fields), hockey (1 full size grass field), basketball (2 cemented outdoor courts), volleyball (1 court with a seating capacity of more than 200), badminton (4 outdoor cemented courts for practice) and lawn tennis (2 synthetic courts and 2 grass courts, leverage tennis ball throwing machine for practice).

ATHLETICS AND FITNESS

There is an 8 lane 400m athletics track, a horse riding track — 1 (80 X 20) meters arena and 1 artificial climbing wall. A solar heated swimming pool (with pavilion for 400 spectators) allows laps practice for beginners and advanced swimmers through depth gradation. A fitness-culture is encouraged through a ten-station multi-gym.

HOSTELS

There are separate air conditioned hostels for girls and boys. Rooms are shared by 4-6 students. Each of them has dedicated private space, which includes a cupboard, and a work station besides of course their bed. Common-rooms are provided for leisure time activities.

The Boarding Houses also provide modern comforts with recreational facilities including indoor games in the Common Room where children are able to use their leisure time productively.

HEALTH CENTRE

In case students need medical attention, experienced male and female nurses look after them at our well-equipped campus health centre which has separate wards for boys and girls and two isolation wards

THE CLUB

It is a facility for staff for lunch parties and leisure activity.

Exposed to a plethora of opportunities and challenged intellectually and physically to excel in this stimulating environment, students leave school as responsible global citizens well equipped to face the future with confidence, enthusiasm and a lifelong appetite for learning. Some important decisions taken during the SMC meetings were to apply for Affiliation to Round Square, IPSC and enroll our students and teachers for IAYP. We have recently been granted a Round Square membership; this in itself is enough to vindicate our belief in ourselves. A few more laurels - we have been ranked amongst the top Co-educational Boarding Schools in the country and the No.1 Co-ed Boarding School in Rajasthan for seven consecutive years by Education World; ranked at 4th position in Campus Architecture & Design in India by Grand Jury Rankings 2019-20 by Education World; winner of the Green School of the year award (North) & the Best Infrastructure (jury choice) award at the Global Education Awards 2019 by Scoo News.

Learning in the Time of Pandemic - Powered by the GYANSAGAR (Learning Management System)

As the world was struck by novel coronavirus – the pandemic, whose panacea is yet unknown, a lockdown was the only way to safeguard the world; schools and colleges across the country were among the first things to be shut down to resist the spread and the chaos.

The team at The Sagar School is quick-witted to partake in the virtual-classroom phenomenon – “from blackboard to keyboard”, even before the lockdown days. Out of a surge of options, trials and pieces of training, the team prepared an online portal and equipped it with learning tools to create a reservoir of knowledge - GYANSAGAR. It provides a bird’s eye view to the Sagarian community – encompassing the needs of the students, teachers, parents and the management equally. It is a one-stop solution for all.

It’s 2020, and there is no dearth of methods to roll-out learning initiatives. If anything the pandemic has only helped is bolstering digital learning ecosystems and refining them for effectiveness; and also bringing self-learning in the forefront. Learning utilizing a learning management system (LMS) helps organizations make it successful. From optimizing processes to saving costs, it is breaking boundaries in providing benefits to the institution.

It is a known fact that e-Learning poses a technological challenge for both learners and educators; however, through our inhouse GYANSAGAR portal, with an organized timetable, it became relatively breezy. To continue the routine of a residential school, a daily schedule for all the students, including the morning conditioning, academic lessons, co-curricular classes and sports have been incorporated. All the classes have been linked to the portal, which makes it convenient to begin an online meeting.

As communication is limited to electronic media, it is made sure all the students can access their e-books, study materials prepared personally by the teachers and online assessments. It is keeping the tutors and their tutees engaged with worksheets, presentations, videos and assignments. The whole process, as our students and their parents say, made them realize the warmth, hard work and patience of the teachers. To normalize the scenario, exciting tasks and games are also added on a regular basis to make the learning process fun and enjoyable.

One of the top reasons behind the success of our GYANSAGAR portal has been its centralizing information. The best learning management systems provide a unified storehouse of educational data. Students and teachers can access study materials online anytime and anywhere, using any device. With this, everyone can time from administrative tasks and storage. It also expedites retrieval of materials. This quick access through laptops, smartphones and tablets also motivates students and learners to study more with the online courses' independence for time and space. Meanwhile, teachers get to have flexibility in teaching. It enables creativity and innovation through different pedagogical models. Techniques that can be used include flipped learning, gamification, blended learning and social learning. Offering an interactive online learning environment also encourages students to communicate and collaborate freely. Through engagement, learning becomes fun. It allows building connections and sharing opinions.

Apart from the online classes and study materials, a full-fledged Half Yearly examination and a Parent-Teacher interaction were supported by the GYANSAGAR portal. It is an integrated platform wherein the hobbies, global collaborations, ideas, circulars and all the learning needs are catered to.

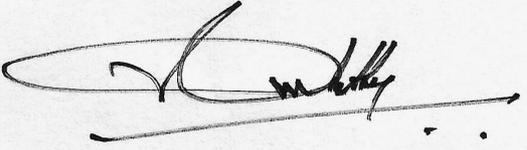
Not only the teachers and students the GYANSAGAR made things easy for the Academic Coordinators and Senior Management Team as well. It provided some of the best single click solutions to check massive problems like monitoring of lesson plan, timely completion of learning resources, monitoring of Objective and Descriptive assignments, to name a few. It also offers an easy way to compile and record teachers' achievements in an organized manner, apart from allowing building their knowledge using Resources available on the portal. A detailed analyses report of each class, and their performance in each assessment; this dramatically helps the teacher and the management to take remedial steps to fill the learning gaps which generally go unnoticed.

The GYANSAGAR learning portal brings the 'Sagarian' family under one umbrella and nourishes the growth of every individual. Parents are in integral part of teaching and learning process. A child learns as much from his family and friends as he learns from his teachers. During the PTA meeting some major decisions were taken to support the herculean task of grooming our children to make them shine in every field and in this direction some major steps were taken as a result we received outstanding Parental support during online teaching and to encourage our students Parents' enthusiastically participated during various school activities. Not only that we found our Parents' involvement in Career Talk which is conducted fortnightly and it is a big step towards providing future guidance to our young stars.

In the new age of digital evolution, more and more schools will have to adapt to the changing times and demands for comprehensive and effective schooling. We need to have student centered learning more than traditional teaching and learning. Teachers need to adopt the concept of inclusion that requires to create lesson plans and teaching strategies to ensure no student is left behind. We need to make learning in the classroom more participative and innovative. Student progress is a team effort that requires constant collaboration between students, teachers, parents and society at large. Each classroom is – 'No Anger Zone' and we need to teach our children to solve all problems with logic and a collaborative approach. It is our responsibility as teachers to make our students physically and emotionally fit to face the challenges of future. Education opens up the mind, stretches it and allows you to think positively to improve your life. Keep learning.

IMPORTANT SMC DECISIONS

- To go ahead with the CBSE Re-affiliation procedure as this is the best curriculum for our students.
- Introduction of Skill-based subjects as per CBSE curriculum – to be looked into.
- To explore the possibility of installation of Robotics Laboratory in School
- Increase of Internet bandwidth in School.
- Teachers to attend CBSE Training Sessions.
- Membership to Round Square to be taken forward.
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- Students to be encouraged for IAYP enrolment.
- Leadership Camp to be organized for Class XI students.
- Career Counselling sessions to be organized at regular intervals.
- Staff Members working in our School for more than ten years will be duly recognized during Founder's Ceremony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amlan K. Saha', with a long horizontal line extending to the right below the signature.

Dr. Amlan K. Saha
Principal