



Empowering young minds towards a progressive and humane society



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Presented on the occasion of the Annual Day Celebrations

Distinguished Chief Guest of this evening, Prof. M H Dhananjaya, Mr. D Sudhanva, Secretary of Excel Education & E-Learning Trust, Mr. H M Prashanth, the School Correspondent, Col. Chetan, Administrative Officer, Members of the School Managing Committee, Invited Guests, Parents, Members of the Staff and Faculty of Excel Public School and my dear Students.

The Academic Year 2022-23 is drawing towards its close. The journey of Excel Public School over the past 14 years is a journey in pursuit of excellence, integrating classroom learning with experiential and extended learning opportunities. In this process, we have nurtured several thought leaders in the making. We have innovated and strengthened our programmes and practices, to keep pace with the needs of the 'Knowledge Economy' that we live in today. Recognised for its diverse and vibrant campus life, Excel Public School takes teaching-learning beyond classrooms, and this has contributed to the overall development of our student community. We aim to achieve the highest levels of distinction in the academic sphere, enabling students to have an enriching learning experience and empowering them to live a successful and fulfilling life.

As an institution, we envision the transformation of students into ethical, empathetic and responsible young adults. Our visionary endeavour is to empower young minds towards a progressive and humane society. By providing students with a safe and conducive environment, equipped with state-of-art facilities, we wish to be the forerunners of holistic education of students, in its true sense.

With a deep sense of gratitude to all those who stood by our side during these fourteen wonderful years, let me present before this enlightened gathering a brief report of the year 2022-23.

Currently we have 2300 students from Playschool to Class 12 on roll, both Excel Foundation School and Excel Public School put together. The strength of the staff stands at 312, which include 139 teaching, 23 administrative and 150 ancillary staff.

## ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS



145 students of the 10th batch of our Class 10, and 61 students of the 5th batch of Class 12, are going to appear for their Board Exam in a couple of weeks from now. I take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their forthcoming examinations and life thereafter. I wish and pray that these students live by all the values and principles that the school has inculcated in them.

The CBSE results of our 9th batch of Class 10 and 4th batch of Class 12 have been a matter of great pride and accomplishment for our students and teachers. Divija Arjun was the topper in Class 10, securing 98.2% and Manas Kudlapur Rakesh was the topper in Class 12, securing 97.8%. I congratulate both these students, their parents and all the teachers who mentored and guided them for this remarkable achievement. We also had 7 students securing centum, and 8 students securing 99 out of 100 in various subjects, at Class 10. In Class 12, there was 1 student securing centum in Biology and 4 students securing 99 out of 100 in other subjects. We, with great pride, commend the batch of 2021-22 for their impressive performance in the CBSE examinations.



The EPS family also lauds Manas Kudlapur Rakesh for his outstanding performance with an All India Rank of 226 in the NEET and securing a merit seat at the prestigious JIPMER, Pondicherry. Ankit Aneesh, scored an All India Rank of 83 in the CLAT Examination and procured a seat in the prestigious NLSU, Bangalore. Siddharth D secured an All India Rank 98 at the CLAT for the 2023 batch.



# PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



The new academic year began, just like every other year, with a two-week long training programme for the existing and newly recruited teachers. Empowering our teachers to equip themselves with the necessary skills and competencies, to impart the right kind of education, in the right manner, has always been a top priority at our school. The training was followed by diverse interventions and follow-up programmes at regular intervals. I must appreciate our teaching faculty for their constant efforts to learn and grow from these programmes and for keeping themselves abreast with the recent approaches to teaching and learning. Our teachers have also been attending seminars and workshops of educational relevance held outside the school at regular intervals, both virtually and physically.

I am also happy and proud to say that 27 teachers of Excel Public School have recently completed a year-long Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance and Counselling, conducted by the Institute of Counsellor Training Research and Consultancy, New Delhi. With this, I am confident that our teachers will meet the emotional and behavioural needs of our learners while also supporting their academic growth.

## EXCEL FOUNDATION SCHOOL

Excel Public School has achieved another milestone, by establishing an exclusive Foundational School campus, in adherence to the New Education Policy (NEP 2020) at our Hootagalli campus. Here, we have 698 students, from Pre-School to Class 2, 38 teachers and 54 non-teaching staff. I thank our Management for envisioning this new initiative and creating a unique campus for the holistic development and growth of our young learners.



# ACCOLADES & HONOURS

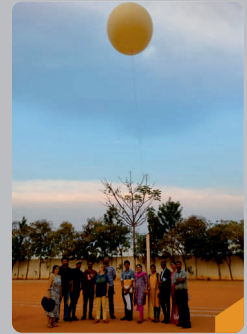


During the current academic year Excel Public School has been accorded the status of Registered Space Tutor of ISRO. The 'Space Tutor' programme aims at promoting space education by ensuring the dissemination of enriched knowledge in the space domain through its collaboration with institutions, start-ups, and NGOs involved in STEM activities. Out of 28 organisations selected to be a part of this initiative, Excel Public School is the only K-12 institution to be awarded this honour. Our Space Science and Astronomy Centre has been a pulsating place, with various events and programmes

conducted regularly for our students, parents, and general public.

Recently, we had the honour of collaborating with the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and COSMOS Mysore, to conduct a tethered helium balloon experiment. A high-altitude balloon was used to determine atmospheric conditions using sensors and radio transmissions.

Human Flight Expo was a series of competitions and events conducted by ISRO in July 2022 - at The Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bangalore, for students from grades 1 to 12. Excel Public School was selected from among 2000 institutions, to participate in this prestigious series of events. C B Swarna of Class 10, Lakshmi Hebbale Ram of Class 9, and Chinmay J of Class 7 won the first position in Sailplane Aeromodelling Competition, conducted as a part of this programme.



Kanva Udupa and Akash Savanur of Class 12 won the First Prize in the Quiz Competition and Vivek H P of Class 12 and Sohani M of Class 11 won the third prize in the inter-collegiate Astronomy Model-Making and Quiz Competition organised by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Science Foundation and Astronomy Club of Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering.



Excel Public School, has set up a Centre of Excellence for IoT (Internet of Things), AI, and Robotics, in collaboration with Factory Mind, a Norwegian company, to build a strong team of young leaders with extensive knowledge of future technologies. We have developed Tinkernest kits in the IoT Lab which consist of basic electronic kits that are used by all students in Classes 6 to 8. In addition to Arduino programming modules, our students also utilise Robotics Modules. IoT sensors are being used for R&D in this lab to create new products that align with our curriculum. This remarkable facility will give our students the much needed tech-advantage in the 4.0 world.

Our Innovation Centre and Atal Tinkering Lab have been giving our students unmatched experience and exposure to hands-on learning. We have been ranked among the top 25 out of the 12000 ATLS nationwide. The ATL Marathon is Atal Innovation Mission's flagship innovation challenge, where schools identify community problems of their choice and develop innovative solutions in the form of working prototypes. We had 21 teams selected among the top 350 teams from across 7000+ innovations for ATL Marathon-2022. This is the highest number of teams selected from any individual institution. The selected teams are currently undergoing internship opportunities with top companies and incubation centres of India. We have 60 teams preparing to participate in the current year's ATL Marathon.

Additionally, to strengthen the footprint of ATLS and to facilitate the performance of all ATLS to match with all other higher-performing ATLS, a collaboration of AIM, NITI Ayog and Excel Public School has started a pilot project known as ATL Cluster. We thank the authorities of the Atal Innovation Mission and the NITI Ayog for selecting Excel Public School to pioneer this ambitious initiative. As an initiative to make Mysore an exciting innovation ecosystem, EPS has laid a comprehensive plan to guide the ATLS in and around the district.

Excel Public School was invited to be a part of the prestigious event-DIDAC India, which is Asia's largest and the country's only educational fair. We presented our innovation in an exhibition planned for student innovator teams for the AIM ecosystem. Aryan Kini of Class 8 received a significant opportunity of presenting a model on a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine at the event. Aryan's model was one of the twelve models chosen from the ATL labs across the country.

Tanish Tejaswi and Bhuvan P M of Class 9 won the first prize for presenting their innovative solutions for a Carbon Neutral Campus Competition during the International Conclave on Globalising Indian Thoughts at the Indian Institute of Management, Calicut.

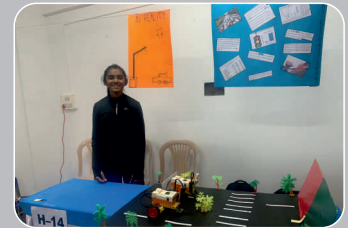




Tanish Tejaswi is one among the recipients of the INSPIRE MANAK Award, instituted by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, for the year 2022-23, for his project Smart Segregator, an automated system that can separate dry and moist waste without human assistance. He has won a cash prize of ₹ 10,000/-. He has been selected to participate in the next level of this competition.

In the same competition, Sainirnay Sanjeev of Class 8 received the INSPIRE MANAK for 2021 in recognition of his Smart Animal Food Dispenser. Sainirnay received a stipend of ₹ 10,000/- to develop his project further.

Sohani M of Class 11 is another budding innovator and researcher. She is currently participating in the CBSE National Science Exhibition, 2022-23 being held at the Lotus Valley International School, Gurugram.



Maker Mela is the premier event for grassroots innovations in India. C B Swarna of Class 10 was selected to represent her innovation at Maker's Mela in Mumbai for her project – Any Time Education. EPS was one among the eight schools selected across the country to be a part of this prestigious event.

With an objective to inspire, challenge, and empower students to become next-generation entrepreneurs Excel Public School started the Excel Young Entrepreneur programme in 2020. This programme is designed to hone 21st-century skills of researching, problem-solving, planning, critical thinking, and collaboration among the budding entrepreneurs, and is open to the students of Class 8-12. The participants learn various aspects of entrepreneurship and are provided the opportunity to pitch their idea in front of a jury, get feedback, and make course corrections. Selected teams then enter the incubation phase through the NEST (Nurturing Entrepreneurship among Students and Teachers). The Pitch-Fest of the current academic year will be held in April 2023.

Tanish Tejaswi of Class 9 has been ranked 3rd in the Indian Entrepreneurship Olympiad conducted by IIT Guwahati. With this rank, Tanish has advanced to the next level of the programme known as 'Pitching Battle' where the top 20 students from across India will present their innovative ideas to the industry leaders and have a chance to achieve their dreams.



Bhuvan P M of Class 9 won the SHARK Teens at Mysore Start-up Pavilion programme for his pitch idea. Naman Chopra of Class XI secured the fourth position in the 'E-Cell'-a student-run entrepreneurship-promoting body of the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai. Our school has received the honour of 'Hub of Innovation' for supporting and mentoring young entrepreneurs.



## NATIONAL CADET CORPS @ EPS



With the aims of developing character, comradeship, discipline, secular outlook, spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens, Excel Public School initiated the Junior and Senior Wings of National Cadet Corps (NCC) during the Academic Year 2021-22. We currently have 100 Cadets in the Jr. Wing and 50 Cadets in Sr. Wing. I am happy and proud to say that within a short span of its existence, the NCC Jr. wing of EPS has made history by being chosen as the Second Best Unit in the Directorate of Karnataka and Goa. Sergeant Samanvitha C B was

accorded the Chief Minister's Commendation, Sergeant Savi Kiran Holla and Sergeant Deeksha V received the Deputy Director General's Commendation in the recently held Awards Ceremony. Our Cadets have also participated in the All India Thal Sainik Camp, All India G. V. Mavalankar Shooting Championship and the All India Level NCC National Games, in addition to attending NCC Group Level Combined Annual Training Camps.



Cadet Disha Santosh Nair was awarded the second prize at the State Level in the 'National Level Online Lori Competition' conducted by the Ministry of Culture as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' and won a cash award of ₹ 75,000/-.

I thank the Commanding Officer and staff of 14 KAR BN NCC and congratulate the Associated NCC Officers (ANO's) and our entire team for this remarkable achievement they have reached in such a short span of time.

## ENHANCED LEARNING ENTERPRISES

In addition to the above mentioned special programmes, I would also like to complement the teachers and students who are involved in various other scholastic and co-scholastic programmes in the school, such as the EPS Eco-Club, Astronomy Club, the Excelerate Club, the EPS Readers' and Writers' Club, the Robotics Club, the EPS Cultural Canvas and the Social Outreach Club for taking up various programmes and initiatives, all through the academic year, to promote and foster the diverse skills and talents of our students.



I also appreciate and compliment the teachers and students who are actively involved in the Awakened Citizen Programme (ACP), an initiative of the Ramakrishna Mission, to enable our youngsters to develop faith in themselves, discover values and make responsible choices. On this occasion, I congratulate Ms. Vanishree for being chosen as the 'Teacher Value Ambassador, South Zone', and for successfully organising the first ever Inter-School Value Conference, involving around hundred students and ten teachers from various schools of Mysore. The Inter-Class Value Conferences that are being organised for the students of Classes 6 to 10 of Excel Public School, I am sure, will make notable changes in the way our students look at themselves and the society they live in.



# COMPETITIONS

EPS encourages our students' participation in various competitive exams conducted by reputed educational institutions and organisations. This year too, the school prides itself on the exemplary performance of our students in the National Olympiad Exams, the ASSET exams, the Silver Zone Olympiad, National Astronomy and Science Olympiad, to name a few. In these competitions, our students secured top positions at the District, State and National levels.

Under Literary and Cultural Competitions, we conducted a total of 66 events in 5 categories. These competitions provided our students, with opportunities to exhibit their talents in the chosen area and inspired a healthy spirit of competition. We organised 230 Sports and Games events as part of the Sports Days, involving students from Class 3 to Class 12. I appreciate the efforts taken by the CCA Committee and the Physical Education Department for successfully organising these competitions.



## ALCOVE OF PROWESS



A Writer's Tale



Symphonic Ensemble



Shining Moments...



Joyful Scholarship



Scholarly Speakers



Knowledge Champions!



EPS' Global Envoys



Football Mania



Bountiful Glories!



Dynamic Defender



Conquerors of the Court



Martial Art Warrior

Nurturing inherent talents and tapping the potential of a child through co-scholastic activities has been our hallmark. Our students have participated in various inter-school competitions within the district and a few at the State level and have won laurels for us.

- Malavika Padinhattiyal from Class XI has been awarded the first prize in the National Level Hindi Story Writing Competition (14-18 age group), organised by the National Mission for Clean Ganga, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India.
- Bhuvan P M of Class 9 and Adithya J of Class 10 were the winners of Lions Quest 2022, an Inter-School Quiz Competition.
- Our school won the Overall Third Prize in the Inter High School General Knowledge Competition 2022, organised by Ramakrishna Vidyashala, Mysore. Adithya J of Class 10 won the individual first prize and Sreenandini Das and Bhuvan P M of Class 9 received the special prize awards.

- Our students won the first prize in Group Dance in Talents 2022, an Inter-School Cultural Fest organised by Mysore Ladies Circle-9 and Mysore Round Table-21.
- Sharanya M C and Arnav Singavi of Class 9 won the Overall Championship in the Inter-School Debate Competition organised by Shri Sharada Public School, Mysore.



- In the Inter-School Science Carnival hosted by Jnanodaya PU College, Bhuvan P M of Class 9 won the first prize in the Science Talk, Adithya J and Gokul of Class 10 won the first prize in Science Quiz, and M Ritisha and Tajnashree secured the second place in Science Model Making.
- C B Swarna of Class 10 won the first prize in the Inter-School English Essay Writing Competition 2023, organised by the CFTRI School.



- EPS Senior Secondary students won the Best Delegation Trophy in DM-MUN 2022, organised by Delhi Public School-Mysore, along with winning a host of individual prizes.
- Our students won the first prize in Shark Tank and Mad Ads competitions exhibiting their entrepreneurial skills and advertising acumen at DE-IGNIT -PU Fest, organised by De Paul College Mysore.
- In Ultimatum 2022, a series of online competitions organised by NAFL, Bangalore, our students Harsh and Gaghaan Prem of Class 12 won 'The Grand IPL Auction' while Prem Thakur and Aswanth V of Class 12 were the runners up.
- Our Team won the Sir Abdul Salam Football Cup in the Football Tournament organised by Mysore Public School.
- EPS won the 'Overall Championship Trophy' at the Throwball & Volleyball Tournament organised by Lions Sevaniketan School, Mysore.
- The School Football team won the Runners Trophy in the 'Freedom Cup' football tournament organised by Delhi Public School.
- Excel Girls' Basketball Team won the High School League 2022, organised by the Mysore District Basketball Association.



## This year also witnessed the emergence of some promising individual performers from EPS in various sporting fields.

- Pavani Mutalik Desai of Class 6 set the world record in completing the highest number of 'Parivrutha Upavishtakonasana' twists in a minute and obtained distinction in the Golden Book of World Records.
- Shravani S became the only player from the Mysore district to be a part of the Karnataka State Under-13 Girls Basketball Team 2022. She shot the winning 2-pointer that made the Karnataka Team winners of the Tournament. Shravani has been selected to attend the India Camp under the banner of Khelo India Khelo, a national programme for the development of sports.



- Padmapriya Ramesh Kumar is a budding Tennis player. She won the Runner Up trophy in the All India Tennis Tournament for the Under 12 Girls Singles Category at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in addition to winning various other tournaments.



- Vibha P Ravindra of Class 5 represented India and won 3 silver medals in various events in the 2nd International Kickboxing Championship held in New Delhi.

- Riya Suresh of Class 6 represented Karnataka in the All India Sub-Junior Karate Championship held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.





- Varun Shasthry of Class 9 displayed superb horsemanship and riding techniques in the Junior National Equestrian Championship - 2021 (JNEC) at the Amateur Riders Club, Mumbai, organised under the aegis of the Equestrian Federation of India and won the Individual Gold and Silver medals and Gold medal in the Team Event. He also participated in Junior National Equestrian Championship held at Bhopal and won the Gold Medal in the Group event (Normal show jumping - Height 80cm), and in the Junior National Equestrian Championship held at Mumbai in 2021. He won the Gold medal in Individual and Group events (Normal show Jumping - Height 80 cm)



- Aneesh R of Class 8 is an emerging athlete, and he participated in Karnataka State level athletic event at Bangalore and secured Silver medal.
- Kyathi Shanmukha Sabbavarapu of Class 3 is a budding roller-skater and won gold medal at a state level event and also participated in a national level event.

## EXTENDED LEARNING



Field trips are also part of the extended learning activities. It is worth mentioning the 13 field trips across classes catering to learning opportunities in areas like Life sciences, Mathematics, English, Home Science and Languages. Students from Classes 3 to 12 went for on-site visits that included museums, historical places, agricultural farms, factories and industrial units.

Extended learning activities and inter-disciplinary projects were conducted throughout the year with the help and support of the K-12 division of Excelsoft. There were 67 class wise learning events and inter-disciplinary programmes conducted for Classes 3 to 10, kindling scientific temper and spirit of enquiry among the students. These activity-based learning sessions helped our students gain a deeper understanding in various subjects, ranging from material sciences to space science and geographical phenomena to archaeological excavations.



## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

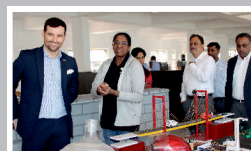
In addition to this we also had a series of special sessions for the benefit of our students, across grades, on varied themes and topics, by guests, alumni and parents from the Parent Resource Pool. I thank all of them.

A diverse group of academic and professional experts are beginning to take notice of Excel Public School's innovative teaching-learning methods and unmatched learning facilities, which combine contemporary pedagogical approaches with innovative teaching-learning methodologies.

Some of the eminent personalities who visited the campus and interacted with our students and teachers during the current academic year include:



- Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director for Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- Dr. George 'Gabe' Gabrielle, former Director of Engineering at the US Air Force Special Operations Command and an engineer at Kennedy Space Center NASA
- Dr. Ramanan, former Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission
- Mr. Collins Hughes, Former Managing Director of Collins Learning, presently the CEO of AQA, a qualification awarding body in England



- Dr. Margrita Safanova, Women Scientist at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- Dr. Niruj Mohan, Outreach Director at Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- Mr. Deepak Bharadwaj, former Vice President, SAMSUNG India
- Mr. James Llewellyn, Head of NPTC Group of Colleges, the United Kingdom
- Mr. Paul Lopez, President, TiE Global
- A team from UNESCO consisting of Mr. Anantha Duraiappah, Director, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, Ms. Archana Choudhary, EO, Resource Mobilisation & Partnerships, UNESCO, Dr. Nandini Singh Chatterjee, Programme Specialist - Science of Learning

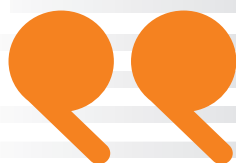
## SPECIAL SESSIONS & PROGRAMMES

Some of the special sessions and programmes organised by the school during the current year include:

- A session for the benefit of the students of the senior classes preparing for various exams like SAT, GRE, GMAT by Mrs. Baktawar Krishnan, an international education specialist from INSPIRUS, Mumbai.
- A special talk on 'Mental Health and Well-being for All' on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, by Mr. Freddy Antony, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology at AIISH, Mysore.
- A session on Career Options and Future of Global Markets for the senior students by Mr. Shankar Bellur, the CEO of Crossroads Solutions.
- Special staging of the Kannada play Leelavathi, based on the mathematician Bhaskaracharya-II's life and contributions, by the Mysore based theatre group Kalasuruchi.



- A session for the students of Class 8 by Dr. Anjana B Ram from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing on 'The World that Understands Stuttering' to help students empathise with their fellow mates who stutter.
- A programme for the students of Classes 9 and 10 on study tips and facing examination stress by Ms. Simran Soni, from All India Institute of Speech and Hearing.
- A motivational music programme by the band 'The Restored' for the students of Classes 8 to 12.



# CONCLUDING NOTE

Before I bring this report to a close, let me place on record my sincere gratitude to all those who have helped and supported us in bringing Excel Public School, its current stature and standing. An enlightened management is the biggest asset of any educational institution and we are fortunate to have progressive visionaries, who actively contribute to the growth of our institution. I would like to thank our beloved Chairman Prof. MH Dhananjaya who is the single most important factor behind the existence of this institution. My thanks to our honoured Secretary Mr. D Sudhanva, whose able guidance and support always remain the most compelling factor behind our success. I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to Mr. H M Prashanth, the School Correspondent, for his passion, zeal and ever willing support.

My thanks to all the members of the School Managing Committee, Heads, Managers and our colleagues at Excelsoft, especially the K-12 Team, Instructional Design Team and Activity Design Team for their support and timely assistance.

At EPS we enable and celebrate learning that is connected, real and engaging. A committed and dedicated faculty is the bedrock of any educational institution. We are blessed with a team of devoted and dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff who always keep the welfare and progress of the institution in mind and work diligently towards the realisation of the institution's goals. I appreciate and extend my deep-felt gratitude to all of them. I would like to make a special mention of the committed support extended by the Administrative Officer, Vice-Principal, Head Teachers, Academic Coordinators and Subject Coordinators.

Our ambassadors, during the past fourteen years, have been our parent community, who always stood by us, at all times, both good and bad. We are confident that we can always count on them and my sincere thanks to all of them for everything that they have been to us and we look forward to their continued support and guidance during the most exciting days ahead.

The smile on the face of our students is the secret of our success and to keep these faces ever smiling is our mission. I thank all our students for their unconditional love for their school, and for bearing testimony to the unique learning experiences and for upholding the values and principles imbibed at EPS, day in and day out.

In spite of the magnitude of the task before us, we are prepared to ensure that the students we teach receive a distinctive and unmatched learning experience. We will utilise our experience and expertise to ensure that EPS becomes a synonym for 'contemporary education in India'. The presence of an enlightened Management, the unwavering trust of our parents, and the commitment and dedication of our faculty, and not to forget the excitement - enthusiasm always found on the faces of our students, and their unconditional love for their school are our biggest strengths.

Let me conclude this brief report with a quote by John W Garner, "Much education today is monumentally ineffective. All too often we are giving young people cut flowers when we should be teaching them to grow their own plants." Yes, we at EPS believe it is the need of the hour that we take our students out of the conventional approach of learning by giving more importance to questions above answers, creativity above repetition of facts, individuality above uniformity and excellence above standardised performance. And, we are committed to this cause.

*Thank You*

**Mathew K G**  
(Principal)

February 2023