

ESSAR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-14

A VERY GOOD EVENING TO ONE AND ALL PRESENT HERE.

Honorable chief guest Mr. Sandeep Pradhan, guest of honor Dr. Gautam Samantha, Mrs. Moumita Dutta respected Principal Madam and distinguished guests assembled here, a very warm welcome to you all on the occasion of the Annual Day celebrations of Essar International School.

Quoting Nelson Mandela-“ Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”.

To provide broad based education, moral, social, cultural and physical culminating in the attainment of the fullest natural growth of the individual, leading to a balanced and useful life, thus contributing to the noble cause of nation building, has been our long standing goal at Essar.

The school aims at giving comprehensive education to its pupils which leads to Academic proficiency for cognitive understanding and application thus preparing them to compete globally. Emotional stability leading to lateral thinking, decision making, stamina to face challenges as well as Spiritual and social development helping them to become better human beings who are conscious of their moral, social obligations. It is our endeavor to make children competent nation builders.

I Samarth Doshi, Head Boy and I Disha Panchal, Head Girl, feel honored to present before you, the school annual report for the session 2013-2014

In Academics we are proud to announce that EIS successfully achieved 100% result in the 10th and 12th Board Exams conducted by CBSE in the year 2013.

- In the class XII **Science** stream, Shruti Biyani topped with 96.2% closely followed by Shruti Desai with 96% and Vasudha Saraogi close at her heels with 95.6 %.
- In the class XII **Commerce** Stream: Prachi Morakhia topped with 95.2%, Neha Kedia secured the 2nd position with 95% and Shivani Mittal stood 3rd with 94.4%.
- Among those who scored above 90% are: Pragya Sahoo, Saumoy Banerjee, Swaraj Mohapatra, Ayushi Kapadia ,Nancy Chapparria , Shivani Bafna, Vismay Parmar and Karan Shah, Mili Upadhyay, Romanchi Khemka and Vasudha Kapadia, Anshul Sukheja, Anshul Sogani and Shivani Khaitan.
- **Coming to the Subject Toppers:**
 1. Vasudha Saraogi, Adda Harichandana, Saumoy Bannerjee, Shikha Sharma, Shruti Biyani, Shruti Desai, Swaraj Mohapatra, Neha Kedia, Mili Upadhyay, Vasudha Kapadia, Khushboo Sharma, Manisha Verma and Rajeshwari Kejriwal scored 95% in **English**.

2. In **Chemistry** the highest score of 99% was achieved by Vasudha Saraogi and Pragya Sahoo.
 3. In **Physics** Shruti Desai scored 96%.
 4. Prachi Morakhia, Karan Shah , Parth Patel, Vismay Parmar , Shubham Nayak, Soumoy Bannerjee, Anita Mohanty , Shruti Desai , Pragya Sahoo , Vasudha Saraogi, Shruti Biyani , Swaraj Mohapatra , Shivani Mittal , Romanchi Khemka , Shivani Khaitan , Nancy Chhaparia, Harshit Goyal and Mili Upadhyay scored 95% in **Maths**.
 5. Vasudha Saraogi secured a whopping 99% in **Economics**.
 6. Parth Patel and Karan Shah attained 96% in **Computer Science**
 7. Shruti Desai secured 96% in **Biology** while Shruti Biyani scored 98% in **Physical Education**.
 8. In Business Studies Prachi Morakhia secured 98%.
 9. Neha Kedia scored 98% in **Accountancy**.
 10. Vasudha Kapadia scored 95% in **Informatics Practices**.
- Vasudha Saraogi of class 12 was awarded the Certificate of Merit by CBSE. This is awarded to 0.1 % of successful candidates in each subject for outstanding achievement.
 - In the 10th Board Examination **21 students** secured 10 Grade Points in all 5 subjects.
 - The **0.1% Certificate** for outstanding performance was awarded to Samarth Doshi, Nishant Mantripragada, Prajal Jain, Raghav Agarwal, Shivangi Pandey, Abhishek Kumar, Disha Panchal, Harita Reddy, Keshav Jain, Sayanti Mukerjee, Sirsha Mukherjee, Siddharth Shah, Sadik Syed, Arpan Shukla, Parikshit Sinha, Rijuta Tayal and Siddharth Bhargava, Sneha Agarwal, Aarohi Bhatt Akshay Satare, Parth Doshi.

Academic Achievements - National Level Academic Competitions held at School:

Our students have been participating in various academic competitions at the national and international level including, AITSE, ASSET, NIMO, NISO& RMO.

- In the All India Talent Search Exam held in 2013 Siddharth Bhatt of Class 6, Shounak Sharma of class 7, Ashutosh Bhatt and Nividh Sista of class 9 received cash awards.
- Samarth Doshi of Class 11 and Urmila Singh of Class 8 secured the 6th and 44th International ranks in the science and maths Olympiad examinations respectively and were felicitated by Edu heal Foundation.
- 44 students of EIS appeared for the National Standard Examination conducted by the Indian Association of Physics Teachers, the results of which are awaited.

National Level Science Competition:

- ***Once again proving that the scope of science reaches far beyond the arena of textbooks into the realms of application and innovation-***
The school presented two exhibits – ‘e- health and telemedicine’ by Sadik Syed and Rakshit Shukla as well as ‘Desalination of sea water’ prepared by Siddharth Bhargava and

Disha Panchal at the Regional Level Science Exhibition 2013 organized by CBSE at Ahmedabad which celebrated the theme 'Science and Society'. While the former was designed under the category 'Community Health and Society', the latter was placed under the criterion 'Natural Resources and their Conservation'.

- The projects consisted of extensive research work, working models and informative demonstrations.
- We are proud to announce that the project 'e health and telemedicine' was selected for the national level exhibition 2013 where it was successfully presented.

PRL Ahmedabad:

- Physical research laboratory, Ahmedabad celebrates NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY every year. This year five students of class XII – Aditya Yadav, Sourav Debnath, Abhay Shah, Sujay Asukar and Surya Bhushan Tripathi cleared the screening test to participate in the celebrations which involved presentations and lectures by scientists. In the SCIENCE QUIZ held at PRL, Sourav Debnath was second runner up.
- In the INCA Map Quiz held at Baroda EIS students got selected for the National Level – Navneet Nair, Abhiram Nair and Rituraj Desai.

Achievements in Sports:

We at EIS believe in holistic development of the students to enable them to face life's challenges with panache and sports and games play an important role in this. This year a number of students were trained. Their talent honed and we are extremely proud to announce that a number of them were selected and participated at the **National Level**.

- Arth Patel, Kinnary Sonar, Shreya Bhavé and Nidhi Patel participated in Athletics at the **National Level** held at Varanasi this year.
- In Basketball Malaika Sarda, Nishita Purohit and Rahul Thakkar played at the **National Level**.
- Our young footballers, Rajveer Singh and Tanmay Shishodia in the Under 17 Category and Siddhant Pranay, Bhargav Patel and Mauli Bhatt in the Under 14 Category played at the **National Level** in Tripura and Calcutta respectively.
- Rajveer Singh got selected in the Nationals under 16 football category as well.
- Our students represented the school in athletics, basketball, football, lawn tennis, swimming, table tennis, gymnastics at the state and district levels as well as CBSE clusters.
- **Khel Mahakumbh** –The school hosted Khel mahakumbh games for lawn tennis, basketball & football, under 12, 16 and above 16. Gujarat govt has been encouraging sports in the state by felicitating achievers with cash awards & this year EIS has won close to 3 lacs worth of awards in all.
- The school conducts a self-defense training session for class 10 girls on a regular basis.

Cultural and Literary Achievements:

- At the Young Orators Debate Competition Souptik Chatterjee was awarded the best speaker and Shreshth Iyer got the notable speaker award. Together they were awarded the Best School Award in the final round. In the Junior Orators Competition organized by Paradigm Shift at LP Savani International School, Niyanta Desai secured the 1st position
- At the Zydus Ahmedabad
 - Mime Competition – Pranav Chaudhary, Sanjeet Gajjar, Mohammed Gazi and Soumya Paramguru bagged the 2nd prize.
 - In the Declamation Competition – Urmila Singh was adjudged 2nd.
 - Tamojeet Roy Choudhary and Vedansh Kokra bagged the 3rd prize in science quiz competition.
- In 'Fuschia' Fest at Lourdes Convent Surat
 - EIS got the First Prize in Enactment Competition - including Arka Rout, Oishik Roy, Urmila Singh, Akriti Sinha, Soumya Kaushik and Raghunath in the skit.
 - In Photography – Abhilasha Tripathi bagged the 1st Prize
 - In Power Point Presentation - Prateek Mangal and Gautam Bhandari bagged the 2nd prize– Mrunalini Desai and Rushabh Thakkar of class 7 bagged the 2nd position in the Paper Collage Competition.
 - Mrunalini Desai and Rushabh Thakkar of class 7 bagged the 2nd position in the Paper Collage Competition.
 - In the News Paper Modelling Competition – Mrunalini Desai and Rushabh Thakkar of class 7 secured the 3rd position.
- **Kathalaya:**
 - In the 'On the Spot' Story Writing conducted by CBSE – Jeevika Sahajwani (Class 10), Prateek Upadhyay (Class 9) and Samhita Patil (Class 5) got selected for the final round held at New Delhi.
 - At the Drawing and Painting Competition at Vanita Vishram – Angel of class 3 bagged the 1st position, Mrinal Yeolekar of class 5 and Preeti Reddy of class 8 bagged the 2nd Position.
 - NAVEENA SUNIL of class 5 was appreciated for her poem by the Children's magazine. 3 of her poems were also published by the magazine.
 - Art and Music – at EIS students are trained to appear and have successfully fared at the Elementary and Intermediate Level Art Examination conducted by Gujarat Government. They are also trained in vocal and instrumental music to appear for the Trinity Examination and have fared very well.
 - Soumay Gupta got 1st prize in picture recognition contest conducted by Dimdima Magazine.

- **Connecting Theory with Practical – Teaching Methods:**

It is said “the world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page”.

At EIS, learning is an enjoyable experience because class rooms are brought closer to the world out there and text books are related with practical life through field trips and excursions. **Educational** Trips and visits form an indispensable aspect of the learning methodology of exploration and discovery.

- **Trips and Visits:**

Students visited the Vegetable Farm at Mora village as part of Science Field Trip where they were taught identification of foods from plants, classification of Sources of Food and Identifying Edible Parts of a Plant.

- They visited the Science Center where they were familiarized with amazing facts of science.
- They visited Hazira Village for understanding the System of Governance in the village and problems faced by villagers.

Senior secondary Students of Commerce were familiarized with the world of business through the following trips.

- Business Process Outsourcing, Project Financing at ESSAR Mumbai.
- National Stock Exchange, Mumbai to learn about financial market operations and functioning of NSE.
- Safe Use of E Banking, Plastic Money, and Core Banking Services computerized through a visit to ICICI Bank.
- To Home Breads Surat and VR Mall to learn the latest Retail Technology.
- At the Management Fest at SVNIT Surat students of class 11 Commerce were familiarized with Management Games such as Bulls and Bears and Bid-wiser.
- A visit to the Manufacturing Unit at Saint Gobain Glasses, Ankleshwar to be familiarized with the manufacturing process.
- An Educational Tour to Saputara, Mahabaleshwar and Panchgani was organized for Classes 6 – 9 students.

- **Learning by Doing:**

- A constant effort is made to ensure that students learn by experimentation, observation, and using all their five senses
- Smart Board Technology – The institution continually upgrades itself by introducing State of the Art Technology. Teachers have been integrating regular teaching with the aid of technical knowhow available through Edu Comp Smart boards in the class rooms.
- Various science, Literary and Social science activities were conducted by the school to inculcate scientific temper, relevant literary skills and knowledge about the history, cultures and political sciences of the world

- Integrated Project Work – Students of class 9 and 10 put in their best efforts at a project on the themes Disaster Management and The changing role of the woman from medieval to modern times, respectively wherein they were required to integrate the disciplines of social science , mathematics , science and languages
- **Exhibitions:**
 - **Social Science:** An attempt to revisit various historical milestones of the Vedic age, medieval India and the modern era was made in the social science exhibition. The past was showcased through dramatization, model making, architectural displays, role play, Vedic chanting, declamation etc. Complementing the history section was the section dealing with the Geographical aspects of 'Incredible India'. Students of classes 6-9, guided by the social science faculty, prepared working models of rain water harvesting, water shed management, drip irrigation etc.
 - **Commerce Fest:** The students of classes 11th and 12th came up with thought provoking projects like - game theory, happynomics, sliding rupee, and forensic accounting, and fiscal budget, principles of management, Real estate and on entrepreneurs of India. Students of accountancy, business studies and economics explored the relevance of issues thereby reflecting an insight into the subjects that goes beyond mere text books.
 - **Literary Fest:** The school celebrated the genius of renowned authors, poets and dramatists by the Literary Fest.
 - **Music Fest:** dexterous young musicians tried a hand at fusion of western and oriental beats at the music fest and left the audiences mesmerized.
 - **Art and Craft Display:** Sketches, sculptures and Paintings made by students were displayed.
- **Activities for inculcating values and Life Skills:**
 - The ultimate goal of true education is not intelligence in isolation but the right blend of intelligence and character. As C.S Lewis said,“ education without values seems rather to make man a more clever devil”. It is pertinent in this age more than ever that the relevant values are imbibed by the children. This is done through a wide variety of activities and celebrations.
 - **Sadbhavana Diwas**
The students congregated for a solemn prayer session. The ganapati vandana set the auspicious note. An atmosphere of religious tolerance and harmony was set in by a rendition of prayers by the followers of Islam, Jainism, Christianity and Sikhism. This was followed by a discussion of the salient features of the different faiths. All faiths preach that humanity is the greatest religion of all. The event concluded on a harmonious note as the children sang “saare jahan se achcha”.

The Religious fervor was ushered in through celebration of Christmas, Navratri and Eid where in the conventional rituals were observed in the true festive spirit.

- **Independence Day Celebration:**

15th August is day of great significance in the history of the nation. Like every year, this year too the members of EIS, Hazira commemorated this momentous occasion in the true spirit of patriotism.

- **Circle time:**

Quality circle time is an integral part of EIS as the school believes in empowering individuals and the group related to the individuals to have mutual respect for each other. Through circle time, the school continually strives to make them positive individuals with the following qualities –Caring and respectful ethos, Self-esteem and self-confidence, It further lays emphasis on Promoting positive relationships ,Nurturing the creativity in all the students, Promoting the social and emotional development of the child.

- **Teachers' Day:**

It is a convention of the school to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. RadhaKrishnan every year by observing the teachers' day celebrations. Each and every teacher was felicitated with a token of love and gratitude by class11 and 12. They were also treated to a mesmerizing cultural show in which students across classes participated enthusiastically.

- **Sports Day:**

Essar International School (EIS) celebrated its Sports Day at Nand Stadium on the eve of Republic Day in a gala fashion. The crowning glory of the day were the displays that ensured coordinated and synchronized mass participation which included activities like ball and disk exercises, Ariel and double bar exercises, terrific troopers, gymnastics, karate and skipping drill other than athletics. As a mark of respect and gratitude to our legendary leaders who gave us Independent India, we dedicate our Sports Day to them with a promise that we will work persistently to shape the young minds and contribute towards the nation building.

- **Community Service:**

EIS facilitates computer literacy as part of its social responsibility towards the community. The courses offered are C++, M.S Office, auto cad and visual basic for 3 months to candidates who have passed class XII, through the Chandrakala Institute of computer education.

- **Student's Enrichment Program:**

In a rapidly evolving world, the students need to develop right attitudes and values, emotional strength, and their ability to handle pressure, to manage their time and inculcate self-discipline, and to frame a roadmap to reach their goals in life.

Accordingly, the students attended various workshops and leadership training camps.

- **Teachers Enrichment:**

Robert Frost said, “I am not a teacher but an awakener”

Since the teaching profession involves nurturing the green minds of society, enrichment of teachers becomes an indispensable aspect of the institution. This year many of our teachers attended training programs for enhancement of their teaching skills.

- Principal Madam attended a workshop on International Pedagogy and Assessment Practice at IIT Delhi.
- Teachers updated themselves on the latest assessment procedure for Life Skills, Attitude, Values, Health and Wellbeing Education of students and Behavior Problems of students.
- Teachers were inducted on “Master Teacher: From Teacher to Teacher Coach”.
- Other workshops were as follows:
 - Teaching Social Studies Through Innovative Techniques
 - CCE Mentoring and Experience Sharing
 - Heritage Education
 - Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills.
 - CCE based Effective Teaching of English
 - Effectiveness of Hindi Language
 - And, Technology and Education.
- As an NCC Incharge of our school, Mr. Subrato Dutta attended a 3 months officers’ training at the Academy at Kamptee where he was selected for Director General Baton and achieved the rank of Lieutenant.
- We take pride in announcing that Essar International has been selected to be the Mentor for Surat Schools by CBSE. Principal Madam along with Mrs. Razia Sultana and Mrs. Rashmi Dewan has been mentoring schools through visits and inspections.
- We have also been assigned the responsibility of standardizing and moderating assessments under the CCE system.
- Mrs. Soma Ghoshal who has been appointed Master Trainer by CBSE for Assessment of Speaking and Listening (ASL) has trained English teachers of some of the reputed schools of Surat regarding ASL (Assessment of Speaking and Listening).

The famous philosopher Plutarch said ‘the mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled.’ So here’s looking forward to the challenges of another new session. It shall be our incessant endeavor to kindle the fire of our own potentials and create a fire of knowledge, understanding, and skills leading to their execution in the world out there. We pledge to evolve as citizens who will not only set an example of integrity and intellect but also be great nation builders of the future.

