

REPORT
OF
BUXI JAGABANDHU
ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL
BHUBANESWAR-14
(1974 – 2023)

ON ITS



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

HELD ON
16TH, 17TH AND 18TH DECEMBER, 2023



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FIFTY YEARS OF BUXI JAGABANDHU ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

I have the unique privilege of presenting this report today, when we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of Buxi Jagabandhu English Medium School. 50 years ago, on an auspicious moment, the School took its birth in an out-house in B.J.B. Nagar. There was a noble lady to nurture it and a godly man to arrange nourishment for it. They were late Mrs. O. Littlewood and Late Radhamohan Mohanty. The idea of establishing an English Medium School flashed in the mind of Sri Kshirod Kumar Naik, an Advocate and resident of B.J.B. Nagar and was given a concrete form by Late Radhamohan Mohanty. They were assisted by the members of B.J.B. Nagar People's Association.

The Lions Club, Bhubaneswar played an important role in the management of the School at the beginning stage. There was no land, no building and no funds, and yet there was a strong and irresistible desire and determination to forge ahead. The School cannot forget the contribution of Lion N. R. C. Panikar in this regard. Money trickled down from the pockets of benevolent persons through personal donations and Lions Club, Bhubaneswar took active part in collecting donations and extended support in managing day-to-day affairs of the School. On being requested by the School it also succeeded in getting a piece of Land from Govt. of Odisha for establishing an English Medium School in Bhubaneswar. The selfless service of Lion N.R.C. Panikar, the then Secretary of the Club and Mr. Jagdish Budharaj, the then president of the Club in this regard has not been forgotten by the Management.



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In course of time, with the increasing demand for enrolment, the student strength swelled and new classes were opened every year.

The School was first affiliated to the Board of Secondary Education, Odisha and the first batch of students appeared in the Board Final Examination in the year 1983. It was a trying time for the teachers and students alike. No books were available in English Medium for teaching the subjects like History, Geography, General Science etc. The teachers used to translate the books prescribed by the Board which were written in Odia into English, Cyclostyle them and distribute among the students. To overcome this difficulty, the School was affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi in the year 1984. We gratefully remember the efforts made by Sri Kishore Chandra Das, the then Principal of the School to get the School affiliated to C.B.S.E. Similarly, we gratefully record our thanks to Sri U.N. Sahu, I.A.S. for his untiring efforts to get land allotted by the Govt. in the name of the School. In this regard we cannot forget the assistance of Sri S.M. Patnaik, the then Chief Secretary of Odisha. Late Radhamohan Mohanty was the 'Viswakarma' of the School. With an umbrella over his head, he supervised the setting of brick after brick to lay foundation for the massive School building which has now 87 Class Rooms equipped with digital Smart Boards, 13 well equipped Laboratories, 7 Staff Common Rooms, 3 well equipped Library with Audio-Video facility, 3 multipurpose Activity Hall, Art, Dance, Music Rooms and a spacious play-ground. During the last 50 years, the class-rooms have been made more spacious, new blocks have been added to the original building and I am happy to say that by now when we are



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celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the School, we have provided the required physical infrastructure that any good School can boast of.

On academic side, our Achievement has been very impressive during all these years. The school has seen a growth-rate, rarely achieved by any privately run English Medium School in Bhubaneswar. By now, it is the largest Higher Secondary School in the Capital City of the State. It has teaching facilities from Lower Nursery Class to Std-XII with 6 (six) sections in each class. The present student strength is 3300 with 135 well qualified, trained and dedicated teachers. There are Fourteen Office Staff, Fifteen Library, Laboratory Staff and Fifty Five Support Staff. It has fulfilled all the conditions of affiliation prescribed by the Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi. It may be relevant to mention that the school has achieved excellent results in the past decade, the highest scored is a whopping 99.8% i.e., 499 out of 500. The School has been able to maintain the track record of achieving 100% success in Class-X and XII CBSE Board Examinations over the years.

Within the span of 50 years, the School has produced many respectable citizens like eminent Educationists, Army Personnels, Bureaucrats of the State and the Central Cadre, Doctors, Engineers, Scientists, Bankers, Lawyers, Sports Persons, Entrepreneurs, Artist Persons in Media, Fashion Designers etc.

The performance of our students in Co-curricular activities has been remarkable.



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Our NCC Cadets (Army, Naval & Air Wing) Volunteers of Scouts & Guides & Red Cross have won many laurels. Almost every year, our School gets representation in the National and International level. Games & Sports activities are given due importance in the curriculum of our School and a Sports Club is functioning to promote sports.

I congratulate the students for their spectacular achievements in different fields of Co-curricular and curricular activities.

Every year, we have been conducting Inter-House Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi matches, Literary and Art competitions, competitions on Science & Technology among all the students of the school to encourage holistic development and equip them with the 21st Century Skills. .

The School Managing Committee has instituted 5 memorial prizes in the name of Late Radhamohan Mohanty, Late Somanath Mishra, Late Durgamadhab Mishra, Late Sukant Ch. Nayak who died during their tenure of Office. These awards are given to the best Debaters in English, Odia, Hindi and best English Essayist of the School (Std- IX to XII). Later two new Awards O. Little Wood and BJEM Blue were instituted to honour the All-rounder student of Std- III and Std-IX respectively. Besides these institutional prizes, many memorial prizes have been instituted by individuals which will be awarded in the Prize Giving Ceremony.



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Under student's welfare scheme, we have a Clinic with a permanent Pharmacist, Canteen, 24-hours water supply and a cycle stand. A Counsellor and a Special Educator have been appointed specially to cater to the mental health and well being of students. The School publishes Annually a magazine named "BINDUSHREE" and a Wall Magazine to develop creative writing among the students.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL:

The School is managed by a registered Society with the name "Buxi Jagabandhu Education Society" through a Managing Committee constituted as per CBSE guidelines. The School is a self-financing institution. It does not get any financial aid from Government (Central or State) or from any other agency. The teachers are paid salary at par with the State Govt. employees. All the expenditure on salary, development work, co-curricular activities, Workshops, Teachers Training etc. are met out of the fees collected from the students. All the employees are full-time and permanent. Employees Welfare Scheme like C.P.F., Gratuity, EL encashment, Maternity Leave etc. are in vogue for all the employees. In this context it is to be noted that all the parents deserve our commendation for their support and co-operation in running the School.

The School believes in transparency and accountability. All admissions are made purely on merit basis. Every rupee collected and spent is accounted for and



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monthly audits are conducted by qualified Chartered Accountants. Annual Report and Balance Sheet of accounts are presented every year in the Annual General Body Meeting of B.J. Education Society for approval. There is also transparency in the evaluation of the answer scripts in the examinations conducted by the School. Regular Parent – Teachers Meetings are conducted to apprise parents about their wards overall performance.

The mission statement of the School for all these years has been “To empower students to achieve not only academic excellence but also display their creative ingenuity and critical thinking skills, to imbibe in them the ‘Art of Living’ and help them contribute significantly to value-based global society”. It is a matter of satisfaction that there is not a single seat vacant in any class. This may be taken as an index of the reputation earned by the School during these 50 years. It required a lot of effort, self-less service and devotion to attain this level of achievement.

B.J.E.M. School’s completion of 50 years of meaningful existence itself speaks volumes about its contribution to education and community. In course of time, we have developed a formidable infrastructure to cater to the needs of the students and teachers. However, there is always a scope for improvement and up-gradation which we shall undertake from time to time.



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DEVELOPMENTAL WORK

We have successfully executed the following works as per details given below:

1. The Activity Centre over the existing 2nd floor of the Main Block has been completed, inaugurated and named as **Lata Mangeshkar Activity Hall** and is presently used for Yoga classes and other activities.
2. The School Management takes necessary steps to upgrade and implement latest technologies / systems to keep pace with fast changing world. So, the **ERP system** has been introduced in association with Edunext Technologies Pvt. Ltd. to update the parents with daily attendance, curricular transaction and extracurricular activities. The system is quite useful for all the stakeholders.
3. The School website has also been developed by AH Web Solutions.
4. To mark the celebration of Golden Jubilee year, a full bodied horse riding statue of Buxi Jagabandhu, has been installed in the School Campus to be unveiled by the Chief Guest on the Inauguration Ceremony Day i.e., 16th December, 2023.
5. Renovation of English Language Laboratory and set up of new Art / Music / Dance Room has been completed.
6. Set up of Atal Tinkering Laboratory (ATL) to promote Scientific Temperament and Innovative Skills of Students.
7. Six toilets have been renovated in the Main Block and 2 new toilets have been added.



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8. Spreading of paver block in the School Assembly Ground (Main Block) and approach road.
9. Construction of tin covered 2 class rooms by extending the roof of Lata Mangeshkar Activity Hall over the 2nd floor of the South Western side of the old block. The old roof being declared unsafe by the technical experts, we immediately demolished the old roof and the new roof casting was done over which these two rooms are constructed for running of FIIT-JEE integrated Classes of Std-XI and XII.
10. Renovation of Parent's Lobby near the Entrance of Primary Block and Main Block and SMC Room.
11. Erection of 250 KVA new Transformer.
12. Construction of Rain Water harvesting points inside the School Campus.
13. Renovation of Basketball Court.
14. Opening of Girls Hostel in the neighbourhood to accommodate Girls Students from outside Bhubaneswar who have taken admission in our School in +2 Section.

The task was not that easy and smooth as it might appear after a lapse of 50 years. There were periods of trials and tribulations and the school has thrived against all odds. It is now going through a period of consolidation and we have decided to shift our priority from quantitative expansion of the School to qualitative improvement in various fields of our academic as well as non-academic pursuits.



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As we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our School, we first pay our homage to those great souls who worked with single-minded devotion to bring the School to its present stature but have left us for their heavenly abode. We also express reverence and gratitude to those personalities and institutions like the BJB Nagar People's Association and Lions Club of Bhubaneswar who have substantially contributed for the sustained growth of the School in its initial years. We also record our sincere appreciation for the invaluable services rendered by our former Principals and Teachers.

We take this opportunity to record our deep sense of gratitude to all those members of the B.J. Education Society and members of the successive Managing Committees / Executive Body who have contributed to the alround growth of the School during the last 50 years.

At the end I thank all the parents, teachers, other supporting staff of the School whose continued support have been a great strength for us in managing the School.

Thank you all once again.

JAI HIND

Bhubaneswar,
Dated 16th December, 2023.

(P.K. Jena)
SECRETARY
B.J. EDUCATION SOCIETY &
MANAGER, BJEM SCHOOL.