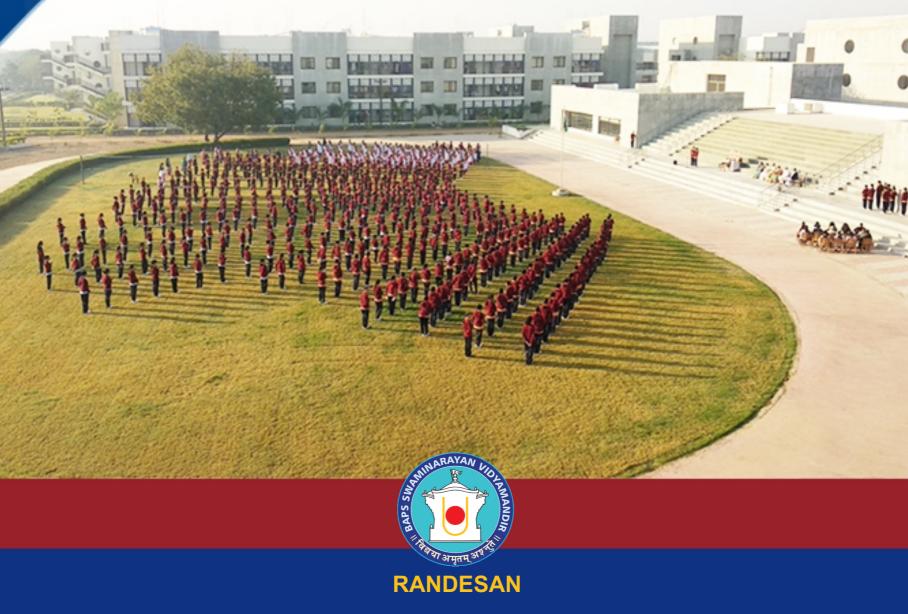


## Annual Report 2017-18





CAMPUS BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED BY BRAHMSWARUP PRAMUKHSWAMI MAHARAJ & PRAGAT BRAHMSWARUP MAHANTSWAMI MAHARAJ



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### BAPS SWAMINARAYAN VIDYAMANDIR, RANDESAN

# INTRODUCTION

**BODY** 



Each child is like a bird in the wind. Each one flies the best it can. Every year at BAPS Swaminarayan Vidyamandir, Randesan, is a journey to reveal the child's unique, special and beautiful abilities. And for this purpose, the child is enlightened through knowledge, shown a path through values, given courage through spirituality and provided a pedestal to shine through opportunities.



# BODY MIND SOUL

#### **MEDICAL CHECK-UP CAMP**

The body is the primary instrument to achieve everything possible in life. Medical Checkup Camp was held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017. A team comprising 12 specialist doctors and staff examined all the 540 students on more than 24 different parameters. All the students were counseled and assured of their physical and mental well-being.





#### **CLEANLINESS AWARD**

To encourage students towards cleanliness and inculcate sense of responsibility, the rooms of students are evaluated where they were given a Trophy every month for cleanliness of their room, team work, punctuality and hygiene. This was constantly observed by Gruh Sanchalikas.

#### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

We celebrated World Environment Day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. In presence of Shri Soni Saheb (Registrar of Lokyukt, Gujarat.) Students, educators, officials and guest participated in group plantation in school premises, Where we initiated plantation of more than 500 trees.



#### INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY









International yoga day was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 at the central lawn by performing mass yoga. Few students displayed difficult yogic postures while their importance and benefits were explained. Sh. Pankaj Gupta (Sr. V. P. - IL&FS) presided over the event.

#### WORKSHOP ON SAFETY 2017

Students had an hands-on workshop on Safety and Defence for Women on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 by Sh Ruzan Khambatta, a social entrepreneur who works for safety of women. She explained and made students practice alertness, reflex and techniques for self-defence. The students also practiced these techniques during workshop under supervision.





#### KHEL MAHAKUMBH

More than 120 students participated in this competition held by Government of Gujarat. Students trained hard for Athletics (Long jump, 100-200-400 meter race, high jump etc), Volleyball, Basket ball, badminton, football and yogasan under expert guidance of the Coach. Volley ball, Basket ball & Yogasan teams advanced up to state level.

#### SPORTS HOUR

Everyday, the students are provided an hour to play and train for the sport of their liking under supervision of coaches. Separate teams for games like Football, Basket ball, Volleyball, Badminton & Athletics are made to practice under supervision of lady coaches on campus.





## BODY MIND SOUL

#### **BRIDGE COURSE'17**

Students from vernacular language medium are prepared here for English language. Special Bridge course is held every year to immerse them into new set of language and environment with joint efforts of 4 educators & 10 mentors along with hostel staff.







#### INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Investiture ceremony was held on 21<sup>st</sup> June,2017. In presence of chief guest Sh. Pankaj Gupta (Sr. V.P. - IL & FS) 35 students were designated with badges and responsibilities to accomplish. Students also received certificates for performance in IMO, Hindi Balpothi, Adhiveshan, etc.. Mr. Gupta's inspiring words were a treat for everyone towards the end.

#### **BOOK FAIR**

A book fair is considered to be an occasion of great festivity for the book lovers. Books spread culture, education and knowledge. Book fair was arranged at Gunatitanand Library with more than 500 titles at display. Book reading activities were specially carried out to encourage the students to read more and more books.







#### SUMMER ADHIVESHAN 2017









Adhiveshan is student's exercise to improve memory. This year students competed into learning 300 Swamini Vato by heart. Adhiveshan was held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2017, Sunday. This exercise provides boost to confidence level of a students in today's competitive world.

#### WOMEN'S DAY 2018

International Women's Day was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> March,2018 with enthusiasm. The event was graced by the first lady IPS Officer from Gujarat, Ms. Nipuna Torwane. In her candid chat with girls she guided the students to aspire and achieve their potential. She personally met and interacted with several students during her visit 3 hour long visit.







#### NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY

National Science Day was observed on 28<sup>th</sup> February,2018. Students performed fun science experiments. On this day we hosted Shri Sanat Jethava (Site Operations Head, TCS), an IT expert with experience of over 27 years who spoke on uses and misuses of science and how to best utilize science in life.

#### **OLYMPIAD EXAMS**

The Science Olympiad foundation exams were held in 2017 between October to December. The students participated in NCO [National Cyber Olympiad], NSO [National Science Olympiad], IEO [International English Olympiad], and IMO[International Mathematics Olympiad]. The winners were awarded with medals and promoted to the 2<sup>nd</sup> level too.



#### ENGLISH FEST 2017-2018





With the theme of 'Language, Property of Imagination' students enjoyed English Fest in December. There were in contests like spell bee, sentence race, characters pictionary, chain spellings, debates etc.. Through English fest Students were inspired to cultivate a habit of Listening-Speaking-Reading and Writing in english.

#### INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY 2018

International Mother Language Day was celebrated on 21 February 2018 as a proud moment for the Gujarati Language. The students performed a small skit which explained the importance of Mother Language in the era of English dominance.



#### **VISIT BY SH. DEVEN PATEL**

Students need information outside of textbook which is constant endevour at SVM Randesan. Stem cell therapy is a fairly new technology with lot of developments. Students were informed about this through an expert Sh. Deven Patel (Founder and CEO – Gio Star Research Center, San Diago, USA) in fascinating way through presentation.

#### **VISIT BY UMESH RAJA & TEAM**

In a delightful experience every year for all students. Mr. Umesh Raja team of teachers visit us. This year they interacted with students in general & std 9 in particular. He guided, inspired and motivated them to succeed while keeping values at forefront.



#### **VISIT OF MS. RUPA MEHTA**





4 events - Rakshabandhan, Independence Day, Janmashtami and Sanskrit Day were celebrated in presence of Dr. Rupa Mehta (Inc. Director Doordarshan, A'bad). Ms. Rupa Mehta addressed the students and shared memories of her school days. Colorful programs followed during event.

#### VISIT BY SH. UDAY DESAI

First inter house competition was held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Students displayed their talents in respective fields. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the results were announced and the students received certificate from chief guest Shri Udaybhai & Hetalben Desai (V.P. - e-Infochips) for their performance in various competitions.







#### HINDI DIVAS CELEBRATION

Hindi divas was celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017. in the presence of Smt. Ranjana Argade, (`the best teacher' awardee, Director & HOD - Hindi dept. Gujarat University.) There were wonderful performances and certificate distribution for the students who had excelled in Hindi exams.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

It was the pleasure of everyone at SVM Randesan to host Jordan Patel to deliver a seminar on Climate Change on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. Through series of statistics, images, videos he conveyed the message of climate change. He sensitized the students regarding what they as an individual could do about making a positive change to fight the adverse impact on climate.



#### VISIT TO INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION





What is beyond eyes, is always a mystery. And to unravel this secret, std 8 & 9 visited ISRO - Space Exhibition Center. Text book came alive with life size models, 3D movies etc & students comprehended what was unseen till date.

#### **VISIT TO AMUL FED DAIRY**

Students of std 5,6,7,8 visited Amul Fed dairy located at Bhat, Gnadhinagar which is the largest milk processing unit in Asia. Students were amazed to see the large scale manufacturing process of cheese, butter etc-LIVE.







History moved outside books when students visited Sardar Patel Memorial. The students museum which housed historical artifacts from the pre and post independence era, explained work, life and aura of Sardar Patel was interesting for all students. Students also enjoyed historical light & sound show towards the end.

#### VISIT TO SOLAR POWER GENERATION PLANT

On the occasion of National Science Day on 28<sup>th</sup> February, the students were taken to Solar Power Generation Plant installed on campus. The science teachers explained the entire process of the Solar power generation, how it conserves electricity and also how does it send back to the power grid. It was novel and inspiring experience for all students alike.



#### TEACHER'S DAY









On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, students celebrated Teacher's day with enthusiasm. Students dressed up as teachers and took up their role. The chief guest Dr. Urmilaben Asher, a principal from Amreli (Best Teacher Awardee) blessed the students and addressed the teachers to be best in their profession. Later students went to classes and taught lectures as assigned with a sense of duty and responsibility.

#### SOFT BOARD DECORATION

A soft board decoration competition was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October exams. The students decorated their soft boards on the theme of Diwali and New Year which inspired the students to work with unity, brought out creativity and inspired leadership.





### NATIONAL MILK DAY

We celebrated National Milk day on 25 Nov, 2017 with Essay writing, Slogan writing & Drawing competition. Officials from Amul Fed. Dairy (Bhat) were present to distribute prizes to students who won competitions as well as consolation prize.

### **TEACHER'S TRAINING**

Teachers are the mainstay of education to students. Several In House Teacher Training programs are organized throughout the year for updating & upgradation of the teaching staff.

#### (inset: Dr. Mayur Patadia & Smt. Charu Mathur)

(Director & Principal, CBSE Master Trainer) (Founder, Socrates Foundation)









# BODY MIND SOUL

#### HOLI

Holi, the festival of colors. was celebrated on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. Students and officials of hostel showered each other with flower petals and then 'Gullal' was sprayed on the students in Yogi Prayer Hall.





#### **REPUBLIC DAY**

With an energetic and cooperative spirit the students celebrated Republic day and Sport's day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Motivating speeches, flag hosting and national anthem filled everyone's heart with pride and patriotism. For the rest of the day the students indulged in games. Day ended with a high sportsmanship & Patriotism.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> STHAPANA DIN

BAPS SVM Randesan was inaugurated by HDH Mahant Swami Maharaj on 11th March 2016. Along with him the campus was blessed with more than 200 sadhus.

On this day, entire campus was elated for celebration. Cultural program, Bhajan Sandhya & garba were only small part of this highly charged day.



#### CHILDREN'S DAY









Children's Day is an occasion to support, celebrate and enjoy childhood. An assembly was performed by the Teachers on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. Prayer, news, games, etc. were performed by teachers. Director Neeta Ma'am shared her views on this occasion. In the evening all students also enjoyed garba on Bhakti marg.

#### **GARBA EVENING**

Garba is a Guajarati tradition that clubs bhakti with dance form. During the days of Navratri, students performed garba and offered devotion towards Bhagwan Shri Swaminarayan. It is most colorful and joyous time for students.









#### VISIT TO SWAMINARAYAN AKSHARDHAM

Students participated in 'Padyatra' to Swaminarayan Akshardham, Gandhinagar on occassion of its Silver Jubilee. Students attended to spiritual discources, performed darshan & abhishek, visited exhibition and even enjoyed lunch at Premvati.

#### SHRI HARI JAYANTI CELEBRATION

The grand Shri Hari Jayanti & Ram Navami were celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 with great pomp and splendor. The program had spiritual discourses explaining grace of Lord Swaminarayan. There were colorful dance performances and melodious kirtan too.







#### PRAMUKH SWAMI MAHARAJ JANMA JAYANTI









On 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, the birth anniversary of our guru was celebrated with highest reverence and devotion. Inspiring prasangs of Swami were narrated while kirtans energized everybody on the day. The objective was to focus on and inculcate values of Pramukh Swami Maharaj in our lives.

### MAHANT SWAMI MAHARAJ JAYANTI

The grand janmajayanti of Mahant Swami Maharaj was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. Assembly gathered for live webcasting of program being held in presence of his holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj.





#### FIRST PATOTSAV CELEBRATION 2017

The first patotsav of the consecrated murtis at Yogi Prayer Hall was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017. Dressed in their best clothes all the girls took part in the grand Mahapuja Vidhi. Towards the end students took group photos with the murtis.

#### GURU PURNIMA 2017

Guru Purnima was celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup>July, 2017, Sunday. Students presented their love and devotion towards Guru by a wonderful cultural program. At the end, students watched videos of Mahant Swami Maharaj and performed Guru pujan also.





#### **BALIKA PARAYAN**



A traditional annual discourse was conducted on July 14/15/16 by the students themselves. They delivered discourse, acted in one-act-plays and performed the dance. A grand, beautiful program encouraged them to study hard, focus on studies & lead a better Life.

#### RATHYATRA

Rathyatra marks the occasion when the Lord arises from the central shrine to grace the city. With same spirit, the divine murtis toured the campus in a special chariot on 25th June, 2018 and graced the campus of the students themselves.



#### **JALJHILNI EKADASHI**

Jaljhilni Ekadashi was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2017 on this year. At SVMR, the students also joined the celebrations where they enjoyed kirtan bhakti, bhajans and aarti. Yuvatis from USA, Swara and Rucha Modi sang kirtans in assembly and offered their bhakti. At the end, the students joined in 'Ganesh Visarjan'.









# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DAY

Colors, energy, celebration and joy dominated the second Annual Day. Students displayed their willingness and confidence to pull ahead a step in their life through a vivid, colourful, energetic yet touching presentation:

Hum Ek Kadam Aage!



Life changing experience – I cried a lot in the days at the hostel. I now realise it was a as of filtration in my life. Today, I am happy to say that after spending two years here, my stage fear is gone and I have successfully learnt to read, write and understand Gujarati and Sanskrit. This is a place where my old life is changing into special life. Here, I feel I am becoming exactly the person I want to be.

Drashti P. Ray Std- 8

## **STUDENTS' OPINION**

<u>Green campus</u> – Our open, airy and well-lit campus makes us feel like we are in continuous harmony with Mother Nature. Watching the majestic sunrise and beautiful sunset in the infinite, colourful sky above with the huge green patch of land beneath me is an exhilarating experience. Every day!



Better Living - Few schools impart discipline

and truthfulness to students as part of curriculum. My school teaches me 'Better Living', which moves beyond the mere study of values and ensure that we practice them as well. With discipline, selfreliance, hygiene, respect, punctuality, the foundation of the future is laid down. Our campus hosts celebrated personalities who prove to be inspirations as they lead by example. Std - 7

Krupa Sanghani



Hostel Life - We enjoy staying here with friends. We eat, play and study together. I will cherish this time forever! Thank you for fostering the kind of community that most children my age only dream about. Std-6 Keshwi Chodvadia



Studying at SVMR this year has been incredible.

The teachers at this school have really helped me in all of my classes and they have put in extra effort to make sure I did well in their class. I feel privileged to be part of this campus during school.



Education/Remedial classes – SVMR feels like an 'education ashram' instead of a mere school hostel. It provides positive vibrations, peace of mind and a stress-free environment. We are and made to focus on understanding concepts instead of fetching marks. Any other difficulties are sorted out in our regular remedial classes. Hetvi V. Patel Std - 9

Swashray – The staff at the campus taught me to care for others. I learned inter-personal interaction and the quality of empathy from them. I gained self-responsibility and personal empowerment here. I am glad to be part of this powerful and inspirational campus.



Std - 10 **Diya Patel** 



*Life at campus* - I think I am fortunate enough to be @ SVMR where I nourish my life with glowing virtues stability, coordination, forgiveness, balancing my personal life with study. This has shaped my personality.

Not only does our school prepare us for college but for the real world, and life as a whole.



**Providing platform** – Our school has provided me with a stage to participate in various competitions, exams, group activities, festivals, sports and much more. I can observe

the changes in me after my time here. I have developed a bolder personality, am more responsible, and I work hard to climb the ladder to success. With baby steps, I have understood the qualities of leadership and understanding the path of a Satpurush.















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